Claim (example 4.12) Let n be any int. Then $n \cdot (n+1)^2$ is even.

terms: integer ✓

even → divisible by 2
→ $x/2$ is an integer
→ $x = 2c$ for an integer c
→ $x \bmod 2 = 0$

examples:

n	$n(n+1)^2$	$n(n+1)^2$ even?
0	$0(1) = 0$	T
3	$3 \cdot (3+1)^2 = 48$	T
-2	$-2(-2+1)^2 = -2$	T

easy special cases:

n is even. so n times anything is even!
n is odd. so $n+1$ is even.

wait! that covers everything.

Proof consider 2 cases.

Case 1: n is even.

Statement	reasoning
$n = 2c$ for int. c	by def. of even
$n(n+1)^2 = 2c(n+1)^2$	by substitution
$c(n+1)^2$ is an int.	sum, product of ints is int
$n(n+1)^2$ is even	we gave a way to write it as $2k$ for integer k ($k = c(n+1)^2$)

case 2: n is odd.

statement	reasoning
$n+1$ is even	n is odd
$n+1 = 2c$ for integer c	def. of even
$n(n+1)^2 = n(2c)^2 = 2n2c^2$	substitution, algebra
$n2c^2$ is integer	product of ints is int
$n(n+1)^2$ is even	by def. of even

Since n is either even or odd, and in either case $n(n+1)^2$ is even, $n(n+1)^2$ even. ☒

Proof by cases: if it is useful, split your claim into cases.

- prove claim in each case
- ensure that cases are exhaustive (cover all possibilities in original claim)

<u>claim</u> (example 4.13) Let x be a real number. Then $-|x| \le x \le |x|$.

terms: absolute value $|x| = \begin{cases} -x & \text{if } x<0 \\ x & \text{if } x \ge 0 \end{cases}$

examples:

x	$\lvert x\rvert$	$-\lvert x\rvert$	$-\lvert x\rvert \le x \le \lvert x\rvert$?	
2	2	-2	$-2 \le 2 \le 2$	T
-2	2	-2	$-2 \le -2 \le 2$	T

<u>Proof</u> There are two cases.

Case 1: $x \ge 0$.

statement	reasoning
$-x \le 0 \le x$	because $x \ge 0$
$-\lvert x\rvert = -x \le 0 \le x = \lvert x\rvert$	because $\lvert x\rvert = x$ when $x \ge 0$
$-\lvert x\rvert \le x \le \lvert x\rvert$	by algebra

Case 2: $x < 0$.

$x \le 0 \le -x$	because $x \le 0$
$-\lvert x\rvert = x \le 0 \le -x = \lvert x\rvert$	because $\lvert x\rvert = -x$ when $x<0$
$-\lvert x\rvert \le x \le \lvert x\rvert$	by algebra

Since every real number is either ≥ 0 or <0, the claim holds. $\boxtimes$