

Attempt all questions and show all your work. Due September 24, 2010.

1. Use Mathematical Induction to prove that for all $n \geq 1$,

$$n + (n + 1) + (n + 2) + \cdots + (2n) = \frac{3n(n + 1)}{2}.$$

Solution: For any integer $n \geq 1$, let P_n be the statement that

$$n + (n + 1) + (n + 2) + \cdots + (2n) = \frac{3n(n + 1)}{2}.$$

Base Case. The statement P_1 says that $1 + 2 = 3 = \frac{3(1+1)}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$, which is true.

Inductive Step. Fix $k \geq 1$, and suppose that P_k holds, that is,

$$k + (k + 1) + (k + 2) + \cdots + (2k) = \frac{3k(k + 1)}{2}$$

It remains to show that P_{k+1} holds, that is, $(k + 1) + (k + 2) + (k + 3) + \cdots + (2k + 2) = \frac{3(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (k + 1) + (k + 2) + (k + 3) + \cdots + (2(k + 1)) &= \frac{3(k + 1)(k + 2)}{2} \\ &= k + (k + 1) + (k + 2) + \cdots + (2k) - k + (2k + 1) + (2k + 2) \\ &= \frac{3k(k + 1)}{2} - k + 2k + 1 + 2k + 2 \\ &= \frac{3k(k + 1)}{2} + 3k + 3 \\ &= 3(k + 1) \left(\frac{k}{2} + 1 \right) \\ &= 3(k + 1) \left(\frac{k + 2}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{3(k + 1)(k + 2)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore P_{k+1} holds.

Thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, for all $n \geq 1$, P_n holds. \square

2. Use Mathematical Induction to prove that for all $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (i + 3)^2 = \frac{n(2n^2 + 21n + 73)}{6}$$

Solution: For any integer $n \geq 1$, let P_n be the statement that $\sum_{i=1}^n (i+3)^2 = \frac{n(2n^2+21n+73)}{6}$.

Base Case. The statement P_1 says that $\sum_{i=1}^1 (i+3)^2 = (1+3)^2 = 16 = \frac{1(2(1)^2+21(1)+73)}{6} = \frac{2+21+73}{6} = \frac{96}{6} = 16$, which is true.

Inductive Step. Fix $k \geq 1$, and suppose that P_k holds, that is,

$$\sum_{i=1}^k (i+3)^2 = \frac{k(2k^2 + 21k + 73)}{6}.$$

It remains to show that P_{k+1} holds, that is, $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (i+3)^2 = \frac{(k+1)(2(k+1)^2+21(k+1)+73)}{6} = \frac{(k+1)(2(k+1)^2+21k+94)}{6} = \frac{(k+1)(2k^2+25k+96)}{6}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (i+3)^2 &= (k+1+3)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k (i+3)^2 \\ &= (k+4)^2 + \frac{k(2k^2 + 21k + 73)}{6} \\ &= \frac{6(k+4)^2 + k(2k^2 + 21k + 73)}{6} \\ &= \frac{6(k^2 + 8k + 16) + k(2k^2 + 21k + 73)}{6} \\ &= \frac{6k^2 + 48k + 96 + k(2k^2 + 21k + 73)}{6} \\ &= \frac{6k^2 + 48k + 96 + 2k^3 + 21k^2 + 73k}{6} \\ &= \frac{2k^3 + 27k^2 + 121k + 96}{6} \\ &= \frac{(2k^3 + 25k^2 + 96k) + (2k^2 + 25k + 96)}{6} \\ &= \frac{k(2k^2 + 25k + 96) + (2k^2 + 25k + 96)}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(2k^2 + 25k + 96)}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore P_{k+1} holds.

Thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, for all $n \geq 1$, P_n holds. \square

3. Use Mathematical Induction to prove that for all $n \geq 1$,

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{3^{2n}} = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{2n+1} \right).$$

Solution: For any integer $n \geq 1$, let P_n be the statement that $1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{3^{2n}} = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2n+1}\right)$.

Base Case. The statement P_1 says that $1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{9}{9} + \frac{3}{9} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{13}{9} = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3\right) = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{27}\right) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{26}{27} = \frac{13}{9}$, which is true.

Inductive Step. Fix $k \geq 1$, and suppose that P_k holds, that is,

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{3^{2k}} = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+1}\right).$$

It remains to show that P_{k+1} holds, that is,

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{3^{2(k+1)}} = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2(k+1)+1}\right),$$

or in other words,

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{3^{2k+2}} = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+3}\right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{3^{2k+2}} &= 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{3^{2k}} + \frac{1}{3^{2k+1}} + \frac{1}{3^{2k+2}} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+1}\right) + \frac{1}{3^{2k+1}} + \frac{1}{3^{2k+2}} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+1}\right) + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 3^{2k}} + \frac{1}{3^2 \cdot 3^{2k}} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+1}\right) + \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3^2 \cdot 3^{2k}} + \frac{2}{3^3 \cdot 3^{2k}}\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+1} + \frac{2}{3^2 \cdot 3^{2k}} + \frac{2}{3^3 \cdot 3^{2k}}\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+1} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+1} + \left(\frac{2}{3^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+1}\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+1} \left(-1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3^2}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+1} \left(\frac{-1}{9}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2k+3}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore P_{k+1} holds.

Thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, for all $n \geq 1$, P_n holds. \square

4. (a) Write the sum $1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4n - 1)$ using sigma notation.

Solution:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n} (2i - 1)$$

- (b) Use Mathematical Induction to prove that for all $n \geq 1$, the above expression is equal to $(2n)^2$.

Solution: For any integer $n \geq 1$, let P_n be the statement that $1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4n - 1) = (2n)^2$.

Base Case. The statement P_1 says that $1 + 3 = 2^2 = 4$, which is true.

Inductive Step. Fix $k \geq 1$, and suppose that P_k holds, that is,

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4k - 1) = (2k)^2.$$

It remains to show that P_{k+1} holds, that is, $1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4(k + 1) - 1) = (2(k + 1))^2$, or in other words, $1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4k + 3) = (2k + 2)^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4k - 1) + (4k + 1) + (4k + 3) &= (2k)^2 + (4k + 1) + (4k + 3) \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 4k + 3 \\ &= 4k^2 + 8k + 4 \\ &= (2k + 2)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore P_{k+1} holds.

Thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, for all $n \geq 1$, P_n holds. \square

5. Use Mathematical Induction to prove that for all $n \geq 1$, $3^n > n^2$.

Solution: For any integer $n \geq 1$, let P_n be the statement that $3^n > n^2$.

Base Case. The statement P_1 says that $3^1 = 3 > 1^2 = 1$, which is true.

Inductive Step. Fix $k \geq 1$, and suppose that P_k holds, that is,

$$3^k > k^2.$$

It remains to show that P_{k+1} holds, that is, $3^{k+1} > (k + 1)^2 = k^2 + 2k + 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} 3^{k+1} &= 3 \cdot 3^k \\ &= 3^k + 3^k + 3^k \\ &> k^2 + 2k + 1 \\ &\geq k^2 + 2k + 1 \\ &= (k + 1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore P_{k+1} holds.

Thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, for all $n \geq 1$, P_n holds. \square

6. Consider the sequence of real numbers defined by the relations $x_1 = 1$ and $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{1 + 2x_n}$ for $n \geq 1$. Use the Principle of Mathematical Induction to show that $x_n < 4$ for all $n \geq 1$.

Solution: For any $n \geq 1$, let P_n be the statement that $x_n < 4$.

Base Case. The statement P_1 says that $x_1 = 1 < 4$, which is true.

Inductive Step. Fix $k \geq 1$, and suppose that P_k holds, that is, $x_k < 4$.

It remains to show that P_{k+1} holds, that is, that $x_{k+1} < 4$.

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= \sqrt{1 + 2x_k} \\ &< \sqrt{1 + 2(4)} \\ &= \sqrt{9} \\ &= 3 \\ &< 4.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore P_{k+1} holds.

Thus by the principle of mathematical induction, for all $n \geq 1$, P_n holds.

7. Let a and d be fixed real numbers. Prove using Mathematical Induction that for each $n \geq 1$,

$$a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \cdots + (a + (n - 1)d) = \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n - 1)d).$$

Solution: For any integer $n \geq 1$, let P_n be the statement that $a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \cdots + (a + (n - 1)d) = \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n - 1)d)$.

Base Case. The statement P_1 says that $a = \frac{1}{2}(2a) = a$, which is true.

Inductive Step. Fix $k \geq 1$, and suppose that P_k holds, that is,

$$a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \cdots + (a + (k - 1)d) = \frac{k}{2}(2a + (k - 1)d)$$

It remains to show that P_{k+1} holds, that is, $a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \cdots + (a + kd) = \frac{k+1}{2}(2a + kd)$.

$$\begin{aligned}a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \cdots + (a + (k - 1)d) + (a + kd) \\ = \frac{k}{2}(2a + (k - 1)d) + (a + kd)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2ak + k(k-1)d + 2a + 2kd}{2} \\
&= \frac{2ak + k^2d - kd + 2a + 2kd}{2} \\
&= \frac{2ak + k^2d + 2a + kd}{2} \\
&= \frac{(k+1)(2a + kd)}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore P_{k+1} holds.

Thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, for all $n \geq 1$, P_n holds. \square

8. (a) Express the sum $\sum_{k=1}^m (2 + 3k)^2$ in terms of three simpler sums in sigma notation by expanding. Do not calculate the value.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^m (2 + 3k)^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^m 4 + 12k + 9k^2 \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^m 4 + \sum_{k=1}^m 12k + \sum_{k=1}^m 9k^2 \\
&= 4 \sum_{k=1}^m 1 + 12 \sum_{k=1}^m k + 9 \sum_{k=1}^m k^2.
\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find the value of the sum

$$\sum_{p=1}^{100} (2 - 10p + 3p^2).$$

HINT: Make use of the formulas

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}.$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{p=1}^{100} (2 - 10p + 3p^2) &= \sum_{p=1}^{100} 2 - \sum_{p=1}^{100} 10p + \sum_{p=1}^{100} 3p^2 \\
&= 2 \sum_{p=1}^{100} 1 - 10 \sum_{p=1}^{100} p + 3 \sum_{p=1}^{100} p^2 \\
&= 2(100) - 10 \frac{100(100+1)}{2} + 3 \frac{100(100+1)(200+1)}{6}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 200 - 500(100 + 1) + 50(100 + 1)(200 + 1) \\ &= 200 - 50500 + 1015050 \\ &= 964750. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Rewrite the sum

$$\sum_{r=12}^{122} \frac{r-6}{r+9}$$

using an index whose initial and terminal values are 1 and 111 (HINT: use a change of variables).

Solution: Let $i = r - 11$. Then, $r - 6 = i + 5$ and $r + 9 = i + 20$, and so,

$$\sum_{r=12}^{122} \frac{r-6}{r+9} = \sum_{i=1}^{111} \frac{i+5}{i+20}.$$