

# MATH 1210 Assignment #1

## Solutions

1. Use mathematical induction to prove

$$1 + 5 + 9 + 13 + \cdots + (4n + 1) = (n + 1)(2n + 1) \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

**Solution:**

Let  $P_n$  be the statement  $1 + 5 + 9 + 13 + \cdots + (4n + 1) = (n + 1)(2n + 1)$ .

If  $n = 1$  then, since  $4(1) + 1 = 5$  we have

$$1 + 5 = 6 \text{ and}$$

$$((1) + 1)(2(1) + 1) = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$$

Hence  $P_1$  is true.

Suppose that for some integer  $k \geq 1$   $P_k$  were true. IE suppose

$$1 + 5 + 9 + 13 + \cdots + (4k + 1) = (k + 1)(2k + 1) \text{ is true}$$

(We now want to show that  $P_{k+1}$  is also true. IE we want to show

$$1 + 5 + 9 + 13 + \cdots + (4(k + 1) + 1) = ((k + 1) + 1)(2(k + 1) + 1)).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 + 5 + 9 + 13 + \cdots + (4(k + 1) + 1) \\ &= 1 + 5 + 9 + 13 + \cdots + (4k + 5) \\ &= 1 + 5 + 9 + 13 + \cdots + (4k + 1) + (4k + 5) \\ &= (k + 1)(2k + 1) + (4k + 5) \\ &= 2k^2 + 3k + 1 + (4k + 5) \\ &= 2k^2 + 7k + 6 \\ &= (k + 2)(2k + 3) \\ &= ((k + 1) + 1)(2(k + 1) + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Showing that  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$ .

2. Use mathematical induction to prove

$$2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \cdots + (9n - 1) = \frac{3n(9n + 1)}{2} \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

**Solution:**

Let  $P_n$  be the statement  $2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \cdots + (9n - 1) = \frac{3n(9n + 1)}{2}$ .

If  $n = 1$  then, since  $9(1) - 1 = 8$  we have

$$2 + 5 + 8 = 15 \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{3(1)(9(1)+1)}{2} = \frac{30}{2} = 15$$

Hence  $P_1$  is true.

Suppose that for some integer  $k \geq 1$   $P_k$  were true. IE suppose

$$2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \cdots + (9k - 1) = \frac{3k(9k+1)}{2} \text{ is true}$$

(We now want to show that  $P_{k+1}$  is also true. IE we want to show

$$2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \cdots + (9(k + 1) - 1) = \frac{3(k+1)(9(k+1)+1)}{2}.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \cdots + (9(k + 1) - 1) \\ &= 2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \cdots + (9k + 8) \\ &= 2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \cdots + (9k - 1) + (9k + 2) + (9k + 5) + (9k + 8) \\ &= \frac{3k(9k + 1)}{2} + (9k + 2) + (9k + 5) + (9k + 8) \\ &= \frac{3k(9k + 1)}{2} + 27k + 15 \\ &= \frac{27k^2 + 3k}{2} + \frac{54k + 30}{2} \\ &= \frac{27k^2 + 57k + 30}{2} \\ &= \frac{(3k + 3)(9k + 10)}{2} \\ &= \frac{3(k + 1)(9(k + 1) + 1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Showing that  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$ .

3. Use mathematical induction to prove

$$n + (n + 1) + (n + 2) + (n + 3) + \cdots + (5n) = 3n(4n + 1) \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

**Solution:**

Let  $P_n$  be the statement  $n + (n + 1) + (n + 2) + (n + 3) + \cdots + (5n) = 3n(4n + 1)$ .

If  $n = 1$  then, since  $5(1) = 5$  we have

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15 \text{ and}$$

$$3(1)(4(1) + 1) = 3 \cdot 5 = 15$$

Hence  $P_1$  is true.

Suppose that for some integer  $k \geq 1$   $P_k$  were true. IE suppose

$$k + (k + 1) + (k + 2) + (k + 3) + \cdots + (5k) = 3k(4k + 1) \text{ is true}$$

(We now want to show that  $P_{k+1}$  is also true. IE we want to show

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

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & (k + 1) + ((k + 1) + 1) + ((k + 1) + 2) + ((k + 1) + 3) + \cdots + (5(k + 1)) \\ &= (k + 1) + (k + 2) + (k + 3) + (k + 4) + \cdots + (5k + 5) \\ &= (k + 1) + (k + 2) + (k + 3) + (k + 4) + \cdots + (5k) \\ & \quad + (5k + 1) + (5k + 2) + (5k + 3) + (5k + 4) + (5k + 5) \\ &= k + (k + 1) + (k + 2) + (k + 3) + (k + 4) + \cdots + (5k) \\ & \quad + (5k + 1) + (5k + 2) + (5k + 3) + (5k + 4) + (5k + 5) - k \\ &= 3k(4k + 1) + (5k + 1) + (5k + 2) + (5k + 3) + (5k + 4) + (5k + 5) - k \\ &= 12k^2 + 3k + 24k + 15 \\ &= 12k^2 + 27k + 15 \\ &= (3k + 3)(4k + 5) \\ &= 3(k + 1)(4(k + 1) + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Showing that  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$ .

4. Use mathematical induction to prove

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \cdots + (2n)^2 = \frac{n(2n+1)(4n+1)}{3}.$$

**Solution:**

Let  $P_n$  be the statement  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \cdots + (2n)^2 = \frac{n(2n+1)(4n+1)}{3}$ .

If  $n = 1$  then, since  $2(1) = 2$  we have

$$1^2 + 2^2 = 1 + 4 = 5 \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{(1)(2(1)+1)(4(1)+1)}{3} = \frac{(3)(5)}{3} = 5$$

Hence  $P_1$  is true.

Suppose that for some integer  $k \geq 1$   $P_k$  were true. IE suppose

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \cdots + (2k)^2 = \frac{k(2k+1)(4k+1)}{3} \text{ is true}$$

(We now want to show that  $P_{k+1}$  is also true. IE we want to show

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \cdots + (2(k+1))^2 = \frac{(k+1)(2(k+1)+1)(4(k+1)+1)}{3}.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \cdots + (2(k+1))^2 \\ &= 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \cdots + (2k+2)^2 \\ &= 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \cdots + (2k)^2 + (2k+1)^2 + (2k+2)^2 \\ &= \frac{k(2k+1)(4k+1)}{3} + (2k+1)^2 + (2k+2)^2 \\ &= \frac{8k^3 + 6k^2 + k}{3} + \frac{3(4k^2 + 4k + 1)}{3} + \frac{3(4k^2 + 8k + 4)}{3} \\ &= \frac{8k^3 + 30k^2 + 37k + 15}{3} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(8k^2 + 22k + 15)}{3} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(2k+3)(4k+5)}{3} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(2(k+1)+1)(4(k+1)+1)}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Showing that  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$ .

5. Use mathematical induction to prove  
 $3^{3n} - 1$  is divisible by 13 for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $P_n$  be the statement  $3^{3n} - 1$  is divisible by 13.

If  $n = 1$  then

$3^{3(1)} - 1 = 3^3 - 1 = 27 - 1 = 26$  and  
 $26 = (13)(2)$ , so 26 is divisible by 13.

Hence  $P_1$  is true.

Suppose that for some integer  $k \geq 1$   $P_k$  were true. IE suppose

$3^{3k} - 1$  is actually divisible by 13.

(We now want to show that  $P_{k+1}$  is also true. IE we want to show  
 $3^{3(k+1)} - 1$  is divisible by 13).

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & 3^{3(k+1)} - 1 \\ &= 3^{3k+3} - 1 \\ &= 3^3 \cdot 3^{3k} - 1 \\ &= 3^3 \cdot 3^{3k} - 3^3 + 3^3 - 1 \\ &= 3^3(3^{3k} - 1) + 3^3 - 1 \\ &= 3^3(3^{3k} - 1) + 26 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $3^{3k} - 1$  is divisible by 13 (by assumption), and 26 is divisible by 13 (base case) we know that  $3^3(3^{3k} - 1) + 26$  is divisible by 13. This shows that  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$ .

6. Write each of the following using sigma notation:

(a)  $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \cdots + 111$

**Solution:**

$$1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \cdots + 111 = \sum_{j=1}^{56} (2j - 1)$$

(b)  $\frac{5}{12} + \frac{6}{14} + \frac{7}{16} + \frac{8}{18} + \cdots + \frac{49}{100}$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{5}{12} + \frac{6}{14} + \frac{7}{16} + \frac{8}{18} + \cdots + \frac{49}{100} = \sum_{j=1}^{45} \frac{j+4}{2j+10} = \sum_{k=5}^{49} \frac{k}{2k+2}$$

(c)  $2 + 6 + 10 + 14 + \cdots + (8n + 6)$

**Solution:**

$$2 + 6 + 10 + 14 + \cdots + (8n + 6) = \sum_{j=1}^{2n+2} (4j - 2)$$

7. Using the known formulas, evaluate each of the following:

(a)  $\sum_{j=1}^{12} (j + 1)^2$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^{12} (j + 1)^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{12} (j^2 + 2j + 1) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{12} j^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{12} j + \sum_{j=1}^{12} 1 \\ &= \frac{(12)(13)(25)}{6} + 2 \frac{(12)(13)}{2} + (12) \\ &= 650 + 156 + 12 = 818 \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\sum_{j=6}^{20} 4j - 7$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=6}^{20} 4j - 7 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{15} 4(k + 5) - 7 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{15} 4k + 20 - 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 4 \sum_{k=1}^{15} k + 20 \sum_{k=1}^{15} 1 - 7 \\
&= 4 \frac{(15)(16)}{2} + (20)(15) - 7 \\
&= 480 + 300 - 7 = 773
\end{aligned}$$

This was the intended (but incorrect) solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{j=6}^{20} (4j - 7) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{15} (4k + 13) \\
&= 4 \sum_{k=1}^{15} k + 13 \sum_{k=1}^{15} 1 \\
&= 4 \frac{(15)(16)}{2} + (13)(15) \\
&= 480 + 195 = 675
\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $\sum_{j=6}^{20} (j - 5)(j + 3)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{j=6}^{20} (j - 5)(j + 3) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{15} (k)(k + 8) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{15} k^2 + 8 \sum_{k=1}^{15} k \\
&= \frac{(15)(16)(31)}{6} + 8 \frac{(15)(16)}{2} \\
&= 1240 + 960 = 2200
\end{aligned}$$