

3. Induction

1-10. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$, prove that $S_n : \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$.

Proof. Suppose $n = 0$. Observe that $\sum_{i=1}^n i = 0 = \frac{(0)(n+1)}{2}$, thus S_0 .

Now suppose S_k for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k \geq 0$. We now show $S_k \implies S_{k+1}$. Observe that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i = (k+1) + \sum_{i=1}^k i \quad (1)$$

$$= (k+1) + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \quad (\text{Inductive hypothesis}) \quad (2)$$

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

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)}{2}. \quad (5)$$

Thus S_{k+1} . It follows by induction that S_n for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$. ■

1-11. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$, prove that $S_n : \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$.

Proof. Suppose $n = 0$. Observe that $\sum_{i=1}^0 i^2 = 0 = \frac{(0)(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$, thus S_0 .

Now suppose S_k for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k \geq 0$. We now show $S_k \implies S_{k+1}$. Observe that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^2 = (k+1)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k i^2 \quad (6)$$

$$= (k+1)^2 + \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} \quad (\text{Inductive hypothesis}) \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{6(k+1)^2 + k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(6(k+1) + k(2k+1))}{6} \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(2k^2 + 4k + 3k + 6)}{6} \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6} \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)(2(k+1)+1)}{6}. \quad (12)$$

Thus S_{k+1} . It follows by induction that S_n for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$. ■

1-12. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$, prove that $S_n : \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$.

Proof. Suppose $n = 0$. Observe that $\sum_{i=1}^0 i^3 = 0 = \frac{(0)^2(n+1)^2}{4}$, thus S_0 .
Now suppose S_k for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k \geq 0$. We now show $S_k \implies S_{k+1}$. Observe that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^3 = (k+1)^3 + \sum_{i=1}^k i^3 \quad (13)$$

$$= (k+1)^3 + \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} \quad (\text{Inductive hypothesis}) \quad (14)$$

$$= \frac{4(k+1)^3 + k^2(k+1)^2}{4} \quad (15)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2(4(k+1) + k^2)}{4} \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2(k^2 + 4k + 4)}{4} \quad (17)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4} \quad (18)$$

$$= \frac{\left((k+1)((k+1)+1)\right)^2}{4}. \quad (19)$$

Thus S_{k+1} . It follows by induction that S_n for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$. ■

1-13. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, prove that $S_n : \sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1)(i+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$.

Proof. Suppose $n = 1$. Observe that $\sum_{i=1}^1 i(i+1)(i+2) = (1)(1+1)(1+2) = 6 = \frac{24}{4} = \frac{(1)(1+1)(1+2)(1+3)}{4}$, thus S_1 .
Now suppose S_k for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We now show $S_k \implies S_{k+1}$. Observe that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i(i+1)(i+2) = (k+1)(k+2)(k+3) + \sum_{i=1}^k i(i+1)(i+2) \quad (20)$$

$$= (k+1)(k+2)(k+3) + \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} \quad (\text{Inductive hypothesis}) \quad (21)$$

$$= \frac{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3) + k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} \quad (22)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)(k+4)}{4} \quad (23)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)((k+1)+2)((k+1)+3)}{4}. \quad (24)$$

Thus S_{k+1} . It follows by induction that S_n for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. ■

1-14. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 1$, prove that $S_n : \sum_{i=0}^n a^i = \frac{a^{n+1} - 1}{a - 1}$.

Proof. Suppose $n = 1$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Observe that $\sum_{i=0}^1 a^i = a^0 + a^1 = a + 1 = \frac{(a+1)(a-1)}{a-1} = \frac{a^{(1)+1} - 1}{a-1}$, thus S_1 .

Now suppose S_k for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$. We now show $S_k \implies S_{k+1}$. Observe that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} a^i = a^{k+1} + \sum_{i=0}^k a^i \quad (25)$$

$$= a^{k+1} + \frac{a^{k+1} - 1}{a - 1} \quad (\text{Inductive hypothesis}) \quad (26)$$

$$= \frac{a^{k+1}(a-1) + a^{k+1} - 1}{a-1} \quad (27)$$

$$= \frac{a^{(k+1)+1} - a^{k+1} + a^{k+1} - 1}{a-1} \quad (28)$$

$$= \frac{a^{(k+1)+1} - 1}{a-1}. \quad (29)$$

Thus S_{k+1} . It follows by induction that S_n for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$. ■

1-15. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, prove that $S_n : \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$.

Proof. Suppose $n = 1$. Observe that $\sum_{i=1}^1 \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{1}{1+1}$, thus S_1 .

Now suppose S_k for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We now show $S_k \implies S_{k+1}$. Observe that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{i(i+1)} \quad (30)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{k}{k+1} \quad (\text{Inductive hypothesis}) \quad (31)$$

$$= \frac{1 + k(k+2)}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad (32)$$

$$= \frac{k^2 + 2k + 1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad (33)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad (34)$$

$$= \frac{k+1}{((k+1)+1)}. \quad (35)$$

Thus S_{k+1} . It follows by induction that S_n for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. ■

1-16. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$, prove that $3|n^3 + 2n$.

Proof. Suppose $n = 0$. Observe that $3|3(0) \iff 3|0 \iff 3|(0)^3 + 2(0)$, thus S_0 .

Now suppose S_k for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k \geq 0$. Note $k^3 + 2k = 3x$ for some $x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \geq 0$ by def. of divisibility.

We now show $S_k \implies S_{k+1}$. Observe that

$$(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1) = (k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) + (2k + 2) \quad (36)$$

$$= (k^3 + 2k) + 3k^2 + 3k + 3 \quad (37)$$

$$= 3x + 3k^2 + 2k + 3 \quad (\text{Inductive hypothesis}) \quad (38)$$

$$= 3(x + k^2 + k + 1). \quad (39)$$

Since $3|3(x + k^2 + k + 1)$, we have that S_{k+1} . It follows by induction that S_n for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$. ■

1-17. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, prove that S_n : a tree with n vertices has exactly $n - 1$ edges.

Proof. Suppose $n = 1$. Observe that 1 vertex has 0 edges, thus S_1 .

Now suppose S_k for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Connecting a leaf node to a tree with k vertices and $k - 1$ edges produces a tree with $k + 1$ vertices and k edges. Thus $S_k \implies S_{k+1}$. It follows by induction that S_n for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. ■

1-18. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, prove that $S_n : \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n i\right)^2$.

Proof. Suppose $n = 1$. Observe that $\sum_{i=1}^1 i^3 = 1^3 = 1^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^1 i\right)^2$, thus S_1 .

Now suppose S_k for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We now show $S_k \implies S_{k+1}$. Observe that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^3 = (k+1)^3 + \sum_{i=1}^k i^3 \quad (40)$$

$$= (k+1)^3 + \left(\sum_{i=1}^k i\right)^2 \quad (\text{Inductive hypothesis}) \quad (41)$$

$$= (k+1)^3 + \frac{(k(k+1))^2}{2^2} \quad (\text{Def. of triangular number}) \quad (42)$$

$$= \frac{4(k+1)^3 + k^2(k+1)^2}{4} \quad (43)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2(4(k+1) + k^2)}{4} \quad (44)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4} \quad (45)$$

$$= \frac{\left((k+1)((k+1)+1)\right)^2}{2^2} \quad (46)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i\right)^2. \quad (\text{Def. of triangular number}) \quad (47)$$

Thus S_{k+1} . It follows by mathematical induction that S_n for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. ■