

Proof By Induction

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for all $n \in N_0$.

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- ▶ **Step 3** : Conclude that the proposition is true for all natural numbers greater than or equal to one.

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Right-hand side

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} &= \frac{1(1+1)(2 \cdot 1 + 1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{1 \times 2 \times 3}{6} = \frac{6}{6} = \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ **Step 1** : Is the proposition true for $n = 1$?

Yes: The left-hand side and right-hand side of the equation yield the same value.

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- **Step 2** : Show that if the proposition is true for $n = k$, then it is also true for $n = k + 1$.

Given:

$$\sum_{r=1}^{r=k} r^2 = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}$$

To Prove:

$$\sum_{r=1}^{r=k+1} r^2 = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6}$$

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