

Lab 1: Proof by Induction

Equation 1:

Equation:

$$1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}, \text{ where } n \text{ is a positive integer}$$

Base Case: Let $n = 1$. Thereby,

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

Assumption: If $n = k$, then

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

Prove: If $n = k + 1$, then

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

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2 &= \\ \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + \frac{6k^2 + 12k + 6}{6} &= \text{by assumption} \\ \frac{2k^3 + 3k^2 + k + 6k^2 + 12k + 6}{6} &= \\ \frac{2k^3 + 9k^2 + 13k + 6}{6} &= \\ \frac{(k^2 + 3k + 2)(2k + 3)}{6} &= \\ \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+1)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Equation 2:

Equation:

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2, \text{ where } n \text{ is any positive integer}$$

Base Case: If $n = 1$, then

$$1^3 = \left[\frac{1(1+1)}{2} \right]^2 = 1$$

Assumption: If $n = k$, then

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 = \left[\frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right]^2$$

Prove: If $n = k + 1$, then

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \left[\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \right]^2$$

Proof:

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right]^2 + (k+1)^3 = \quad \text{by assumption} \\
& \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + \frac{4(k+1)^3}{4} = \\
& \frac{k^2(k+1)^3 + (4k+4)(k+1)^2}{4} = \\
& \frac{(k^2 + 4k + 4)(k+1)^2}{4} = \\
& \frac{(k+2)^2(k+1)^2}{4} = \\
& \left[\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \right]^2
\end{aligned}$$

Equation 3:

Equation:

$$1 * 1! + 2 * 2! + \dots + n * n! = (n+1)! - 1, \text{ where } n \text{ is a positive integer}$$

Base Case: If $n = 1$, then

$$1 * 1! = (1+1)! - 1 = 1$$

Assumption: If $n = k$, then

$$1 * 1! + 2 * 2! + \dots + k * k! = (k+1)! - 1$$

Prove: If $n = k+1$, then

$$1 * 1! + 2 * 2! + \dots + k * k! + (k+1) * (k+1)! = (k+2)! - 1$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
& 1 * 1! + 2 * 2! + \dots + k * k! + (k+1) * (k+1)! = \\
& (k+1)! - 1 + (k+1) * (k+1)! = \quad \text{by assumption} \\
& 1(k+1)! + (k+1)(k+1)! - 1 = \\
& (k+1+1)(k+1)! - 1 = \\
& (k+2)! - 1
\end{aligned}$$

Equation 4:

PART 1:

Equation:

$$2^n > n^2 \text{ when } n > 4$$

Base Case: If $n > 5$, then

$$2^5 > 5^2, \text{ or } 32 > 25, \text{ which is true}$$

Assumption: If $n = k$, then

$$2^k > k^2 \text{ when } k > 4$$

Prove: If $n = k+1$, then

$$2^{k+1} > (k+1)^2 \text{ when } k+1 > 4$$

Proof:

$$(k+1)^2 = k^2 + 2k + 1 < 2^k + 2k + 1 \text{ (by assumption)} < 2^k + 2^k \text{ (see second proof)} = 2^{k+1}$$

PART 2:

Equation:

$$2n + 1 < 2^n \text{ when } n > 4$$

Base Case: If $n = 5$, then

$$2(5) + 1 < 5^2 \text{ or } 11 < 25, \text{ which is true}$$

Assumption: If $n = k$, then

$$2k + 1 < 2^k$$

Prove: If $n = k + 1$, then

$$2(k + 1) + 1 < 2^{k+1}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} 2(k + 1) + 1 &= (2k + 1) + 2 < 2^k + 2 \text{ (by assumption)} < \\ 2^k + 2^k \text{ (because base case } 2^5 > 2) &= 2^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Equation 5:

Equation:

$$1^3 + 3^3 + \dots + (2n - 1)^3 = n^2(2n^2 - 1), \text{ where } n \text{ is a positive integer}$$

Base Case: If $n=1$, then

$$1^3 = 1^2(2(1)^2 - 1)$$

Assumption: If $n=k$, then

$$1^3 + 3^3 + \dots + (2k - 1)^3 = k^2(2k^2 - 1)$$

Prove: If $n=k+1$, then

$$1^3 + 3^3 + \dots + (2k - 1)^3 + (2k + 1)^3 = (k + 1)^2(2(k + 1)^2 - 1)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} 1^3 + 3^3 + \dots + (2k - 1)^3 + (2k + 1)^3 &= \\ k^2(2k^2 - 1) + (2k + 1)^3 &= \text{by assumption} \\ 2k^4 - k^2 + 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 1 &= \\ 2k^4 + 8k^3 + 11k^2 + 6k + 1 &= \\ (k^2 + 2k + 1)(2k^2 + 4k + 1) &= \\ (k + 1)^2(2(K^2 + 2k + 1) - 1) &= \\ (k + 1)^2(2(k + 1)^2 - 1) &= \end{aligned}$$

Equation 6:

Equation:

$$\frac{1}{1 * 2} + \frac{1}{2 * 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n + 1)} = \frac{n}{n + 1}, \text{ where } n \text{ is a positive integer}$$

Base Case: If $n=1$, then

$$\frac{1}{1 * 2} = \frac{1}{1 + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Assumption: If $n=k$, then

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

Prove: If $n=k+1$, then

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

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{1 * 2} + \frac{1}{2 * 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} = \\
 & \frac{k}{k+1} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} = \text{by assumption} \\
 & \frac{k(k+2) + 1}{(k+1)(k+2)} = \\
 & \frac{(k+1)^2}{(k+1)(k+2)} = \\
 & \frac{k+1}{k+2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equation 7:

Equation:

$$\sum_{j=0}^n ar^j = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r - 1}, \text{ where } a, r, \text{ and } n \text{ are a positive integer}$$

Base Case: If $n=1$, $a=2$, $r=3$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{j=0}^1 2 * 3^j &= \frac{2 * 3^{1+1} - 2}{3 - 1} \\
 2 + 6 &= 8
 \end{aligned}$$

Assumption: If $n=k$, then

$$\sum_{j=0}^k ar^j = \frac{ar^{k+1} - a}{r - 1}$$

Prove: If $n=k+1$, then

$$\sum_{j=0}^{k+1} ar^j = \frac{ar^{k+2} - a}{r - 1}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{j=0}^{k+1} ar^j = \\
 & \sum_{j=0}^k ar^j + ar^{k+1} = \\
 & \frac{ar^{k+1} - a}{r - 1} + \frac{(r - 1)ar^{k+1}}{r - 1} = \\
 & \frac{ar^{k+1} - a}{r - 1} + \frac{ar^{k+2} - ar^{k+1}}{r - 1} = \\
 & \frac{ar^{k+2} - a}{r - 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equation 8:

Equation:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i * 2^i = n * 2^{n+2} + 2 \text{ when } n \geq 0$$

Base Case: If $n = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{1+1} i * 2^i &= 1 * 2^{1+2} + 2 \\ 2 + 2 * 2^2 &= 2^3 + 2 = 10 \end{aligned}$$

Assumption: If $n = k$, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i * 2^i = k * 2^{k+2} + 2 \text{ when } k \geq 0$$

Prove: If $n = k + 1$, then

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

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+2} i * 2^i &= \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i * 2^i + (k + 2) * 2^{k+2} &= \\ k * 2^{k+2} + (k + 2) * 2^{k+2} + 2 &= \quad \text{by assumption} \\ (2k + 2)2^{k+2} + 2 &= \\ (k + 1)(2)2^{k+2} + 2 &= \\ (k + 1)2^{k+3} + 2 &= \end{aligned}$$