

## Induction Exercises

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

Base Case:  $1^2 = 1^2 = 1$

$$\frac{1(1+1)(2 \cdot 1+1)}{6} = \frac{2 \cdot 3}{6} = 1$$

Inductive Step: Let's assume that  $p(k) = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}$  holds true.

Is it true for  $p(k+1)$ ?

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

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

$$= \frac{2k^3 + k^2 + 2k^2 + k}{6} + k^2 + 2k + 1$$

$$= \frac{2k^3 + k^2 + 2k^2 + k + 6k^2 + 12k + 6}{6}$$

$$= \frac{2k^3 + 9k^2 + 13k + 6}{6}$$

$\stackrel{6}{=}$

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

$$= \frac{2k^3 + 3k^2 + 6k^2 + 9k + 4k + 6}{6}$$

$$= \frac{2k^3 + 9k^2 + 13k + 6}{6}$$

$\stackrel{6}{=}$

$\therefore$  So we know  $p(n)$  holds true for  $n \geq 1$ .