

Prove:

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

Basically same as:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n n^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$$

**Base Case: n=1**

$$0^2 + 1^2 = \frac{1}{6}(1)(1+1)(2(1)+1)$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 1 \checkmark$$

**Hypothesis:**

$$\sum_{i=0}^n n^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1) \text{ is TRUE for } n \geq 1$$

**Proof:**

$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^n n^2 \right) + (n+1)^2 = \frac{1}{6}(n+1)(n+1+1)(2(n+1)+1)$$

Substituting base case in for  $\left( \sum_{i=0}^n n^2 \right)$

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

$$\frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{3n^2}{2} + \frac{13n}{6} + 1 = \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{3n^2}{2} + \frac{13n}{6} + 1 \checkmark$$

Polynomial expansion from wolframalpha.com

**Prove:**

$$n < 2^n \text{ for } n > 0$$

**Base Case: n=1**

$$1 < 2^1 \checkmark$$

**Hypothesis:**

$$n < 2^n \text{ is true for } n \geq 1$$

**Proof**

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

Substitute base case for  $n$

$$2^n + 1 < 2(2^n) \checkmark$$

**Conclusion**

Adding one will always be less than multiplying by 2 for  $2^n$  if  $n \geq 1$

**Prove:**

$3^n > 2^n$  for  $n > 0$

**Base Case:  $n=1$**

$$3^1 > 2^1 \quad 3 > 2 \quad \checkmark$$

**Hypothesis:**

$3^n > 2^n$  is true for  $n \geq 1$

**Proof**

$$3^{n+1} > 2^{n+1}$$

$$3^n \cdot 3^1 > 2 \cdot 2^n$$

Substitute hypothesis in for  $3^n$

$$3(2^n) > 2(2^n) \quad \checkmark$$

**Prove:**

$9^n - 1$  is a multiple of 8 for all positive integers  $n > 0$

**Base Case: n=1**

$$9^1 - 1$$

$$8$$

$$8/8 = 1 \checkmark$$

**Hypothesis**

$9^n - 1$  is a multiple of 8 for all positive integers  $n \geq 1$

**Proof**

$$9^{n+1} - 1$$

$$9^n \cdot 9 - 1$$

$$8(9^n) + 9^n - 1 \checkmark$$

**Conclusion**

Anything times 8 is a multiple of 8, so  $8(9^n)$  is a multiple of 8. In the base case, we already proved  $9^n - 1$  is a multiple of 8

**Prove**

$4^n - 1$  is a multiple of 3 for all positive integers  $n > 0$

**Base Case: n=1**

$$4^1 - 1$$

$$3$$

$$3/3 = 1 \checkmark$$

**Hypothesis**

$4^n - 1$  is a multiple of 3 for all positive integers  $n \geq 1$

**Proof**

$$4^{n+1} - 1$$

$$4n \cdot 4^1 - 1$$

$$3(4n) + 4n - 1 \checkmark$$

**Conclusion:**

Since  $4n$  is being multiplied by 3, that term has to be a multiple of 3. We already proved that  $4n - 1$  is a multiple of 3 in the base case.

**Prove:**

```
def func(n):  
    i = 0  
    if (n > 1):  
        func(n - 1)  
    for i in range(n):  
        print(" * ", end=" ")
```

**Base Case: n=1**

```
func(1):  
    i = 0  
    if (1 > 1) # False:  
  
    for i in range(1):  
        print(" * ", end=" ")
```

**Assume**

`func(n)` is true for  $n \geq 1$

**Proof**

```
func(n+1):  
    i = 0  
    if (n+1 > 1): #True  
        func(n + 1 - 1) # Goes back to assumption
```

**Conclusion**

$n + 1 - 1 = n$ , so it just goes back to our assumption

**Prove:**

```
def func(array, n):  
    if (n==1):  
        return array[0]  
    else:  
        x = func(a, n-1)  
        if (x > a[n-1]):  
            return x  
        else:  
            return a[n-1]
```

**Base Case: n=1**

```
func(array, 1):  
    if (1 == 1): # True  
        return array[0]
```

**Assumption:**

`func(n)` is true for  $n \geq 1$

**Proof:**

```
func(array, n+1):  
    if (n + 1 == 1): # False  
    else:  
        x = func(a, n + 1 - 1) # Goes back to assumption
```