

# Sequences & Mathematical Induction

## 5.1 Sequences

## 5.2&3 Mathematical Induction (الاستقراء الرياضي)



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In this lecture:



#### □ Part 1: What is Mathematical Induction

- Part 2: Induction as a Method of Proof/Thinking
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# What is Mathematical Induction

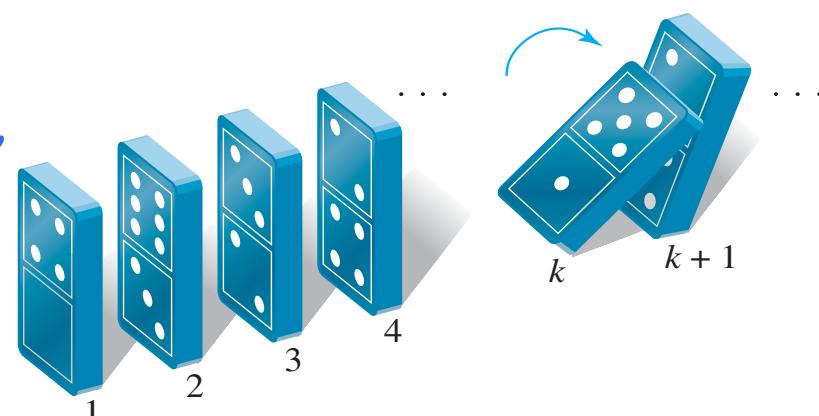
Mathematical induction is one of the most **recently developed methods of proof** in mathematics.

## History:

The first use of mathematical induction was by الكرجي/Al-Kraji (1000AD) in his book الفخري / Al-Fakhri to prove math sequences. In 1883 Augustus De Morgan described it carefully and named mathematical induction.

## The idea:

If the  $k^{\text{th}}$  domino falls backward,  
it pushes the  $(k+1)^{\text{st}}$  domino  
backward.



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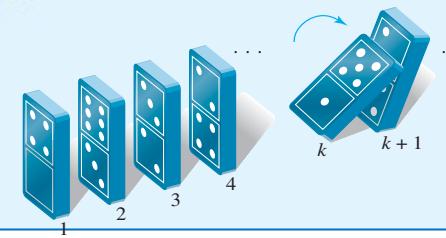
## Principle of Mathematical Induction

Let  $P(n)$  be a property that is defined for integers  $n$ , and let  $a$  be a fixed integer. Suppose the following two statements are true:

1.  $P(a)$  is true.
2. For all integers  $k \geq a$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Then the statement

for all integers  $n \geq a$ ,  $P(n)$   
is true.



## Example:

**how to know whether this  $P(n)$  can be true?**

$P(n)$ : For all integers  $n \geq 8$ ,  $n$  cents can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.

→ Moves from specific cases to create a general rule (conjecture/  
حدس), this is why it is called **Principle, not a theorem**

# What is Mathematical Induction

## Example

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For all integers  $n \geq 8$ ,  $n$  cents can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.

For all integers  $n \geq 8$ ,  $P(n)$  is true,  
where  $P(n)$  is the sentence “ $n$  cents  
can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢  
coins.”

Then we need to prove that  $P(n+1)$  is  
also true

Number of Cents	How to Obtain It
8¢	3¢ + 5¢
9¢	3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢
10¢	5¢ + 5¢
11¢	3¢ + 3¢ + 5¢
12¢	3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢
13¢	3¢ + 5¢ + 5¢
14¢	3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢ + 5¢
15¢	5¢ + 5¢ + 5¢
16¢	3¢ + 3¢ + 5¢ + 5¢
17¢	3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢ + 5¢

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# Mathematical Induction as a Method of Proof

Proving a statement by mathematical induction is a two-step process. The first step is called the *basis step*, and the second step is called the *inductive step*.

## Method of Proof by Mathematical Induction

Consider a statement of the form, “For all integers  $n \geq a$ , a property  $P(n)$  is true.” To prove such a statement, perform the following two steps:

**Step 1 (basis step):** Show that  $P(a)$  is true.

**Step 2 (inductive step):** Show that for all integers  $k \geq a$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is true. To perform this step,

**suppose** that  $P(k)$  is true, where  $k$  is any particular but arbitrarily chosen integer with  $k \geq a$ .

*[This supposition is called the **inductive hypothesis**.]*

Then

**show** that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

# Mathematical Induction as a Method of Proof

## Example

**How to know whether this statement can be true?**

For all integers  $n \geq 8$ ,  $n$  cents can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.

Let the property  $P(n)$  be the sentence:  $n$ ¢ can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.  $\leftarrow P(n)$

**Step 1 (basis step): Show  $P(8)$  is true:**  $P(8)$  is true as 8¢ obtained by one 3¢ and one 5¢

**Step 2(inductive step): Show for all integers  $k \geq 8$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k+1)$  is true:**

[Suppose that  $P(k)$  is true for a particular but arbitrarily chosen integer  $k \geq 8$ . That is:]

Suppose  $k$  is any integer  $k \geq 8$ ,  $k$ ¢ obtained by 3¢ and 5¢.  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

[We must show that  $P(k + 1)$  is true. That is:] We must show that

$(k + 1)$ ¢ / can be obtained using 3¢ / and 5¢ / coins.  $\leftarrow P(k + 1)$

**Case 1 (There is a 5¢ coin among those used to make up the  $k$ ¢):**

replace the 5¢/ coin by two 3¢/ coins; the result will be  $(k + 1)$ ¢/.

**Case 2 (There is not a 5¢ coin among those used to make up the  $k$ ¢):**

because  $k \geq 8$ , at least three 3¢ must have been used. So remove three 3¢ and replace them by two 5¢; the result will be  $(k + 1)$ ¢.

Thus in either case  $(k + 1)$ ¢ can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ [as was to be shown].

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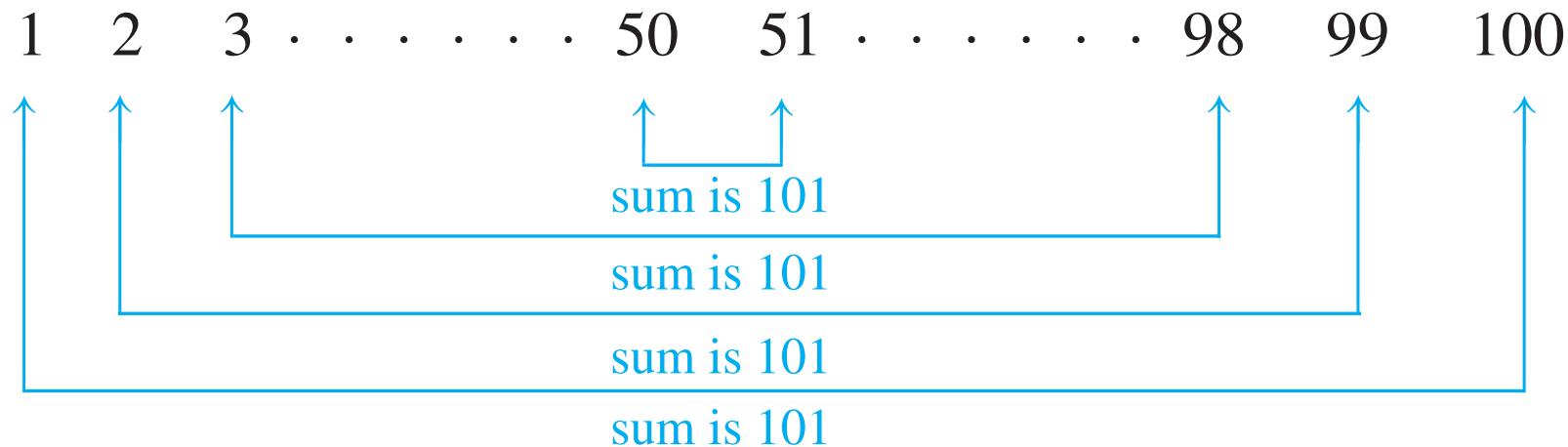
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# Sum of the First $n$ Integers

Who can sum all numbers from 1 to 100?



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

### Theorem 5.2.2 Sum of the First $n$ Integers

For all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

**Same Question:** Prove that these programs prints the same results in case  $n \geq 1$

For (i=1, i≤n; i++)	S=(n(n+1))/2
S=S+i;	
Print ("%d", S);	Print ("%d", S);

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:

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$S=(n(n+1))/2$

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Proving that both programs produce the same results is like proving that:

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad \leftarrow P(n)$$

**Basis Step:** Show that  $P(1)$  is true.  $P(1): 1 = 1(1+1)/2 =$  Thus  $P(1)$  is true

**Inductive Step:** Show that for all integers  $k \geq 1$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k+1)$  is also true:

Suppose:  $1+2+3+\dots+k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$  is true  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$\begin{aligned} P(k+1) &= 1+2+\dots+k + (k+1) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad \leftarrow P(k+1) \\ &= P(k) + (k+1) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

Same

# Examples of Sums

**Evaluate  $2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 500$ .**

$$\begin{aligned}2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 500 &= 2 \cdot (1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + 250) \\&= 2 \cdot \left( \frac{250 \cdot 251}{2} \right) \\&= 62,750.\end{aligned}$$

**Evaluate  $5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + \cdots + 50$ .**

$$\begin{aligned}5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + \cdots + 50 &= (1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + 50) - (1 + 2 + 3 + 4) \\&= \frac{50 \cdot 51}{2} - 10 \\&= 1,265\end{aligned}$$

**For an integer  $h \geq 2$ , write  $1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + (h-1)$  in closed form.**

$$\begin{aligned}1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + (h-1) &= \frac{(h-1) \cdot [(h-1) + 1]}{2} \\&= \frac{(h-1) \cdot h}{2}\end{aligned}$$

### Theorem 5.2.3 Sum of a Geometric Sequence

For any real number  $r$  except 1, and any integer  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n r^i = \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1}.$$

**Proof (by mathematical induction):**

$$\sum_{i=0}^0 r^i = \frac{r^{0+1} - 1}{r - 1} \quad \leftarrow P(0) \quad = \frac{r - 1}{r - 1} = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^k r^i = \frac{r^{k+1} - 1}{r - 1} \quad \leftarrow P(k)$$

inductive hypothesis

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} r^i &= \frac{r^{k+2} - 1}{r - 1}. \quad \leftarrow P(k+1) \\&= \sum_{i=0}^k r^i + r^{k+1} \\&= \frac{r^{k+1} - 1}{r - 1} + r^{k+1} \\&= \frac{r^{k+1} - 1}{r - 1} + \frac{r^{k+1}(r - 1)}{r - 1} \\&= \frac{(r^{k+1} - 1) + r^{k+1}(r - 1)}{r - 1} \\&= \frac{r^{k+1} - 1 + r^{k+2} - r^{k+1}}{r - 1} \\&= \frac{r^{k+2} - 1}{r - 1}\end{aligned}$$

# Mathematics in Programming

Example : Finding the sum of a geometric series

Prove that these codes will return the same output.

n.

```
int n, r, sum=0;
int i;
scanf("%d",&n);
scanf("%d",&r);

if(r != 1) {
    for(i=0 ; i<=n ; i++) {
        sum = sum + pow(r,i);
    }
    printf("%d\n", sum);
}
```

```
int n, r, sum=0;
scanf("%d",&n);
scanf("%d",&r);

if(r != 1) {
    sum=((pow(r,n+1))-1)/(r-1);
    printf("%d\n", sum);
}
```

This code is proposed by a student/Zaina!

# Examples of Sums of a Geometric Sequence

In each of (a) and (b) below, assume that  $m$  is an integer that is greater than or equal to 3. Write each of the sums in closed form.

(a)  $1+3+3^2+\cdots+3^{m-2}$

$$\begin{aligned}1 + 3 + 3^2 + \cdots + 3^{m-2} &= \frac{3^{(m-2)+1} - 1}{3 - 1} \\&= \frac{3^{m-1} - 1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $3^2 + 3^3 + 3^4 + \cdots + 3^m$

$$\begin{aligned}3^2 + 3^3 + 3^4 + \cdots + 3^m &= 3^2 \cdot (1 + 3 + 3^2 + \cdots + 3^{m-2}) \\&= 9 \cdot \left( \frac{3^{m-1} - 1}{2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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### Proposition 5.3.1

### Proving a Divisibility Property

For all integers  $n \geq 0$ ,  $2^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 3.

**Proof (by mathematical induction):**

$$3 \mid 2^{2n} - 1 \quad \leftarrow P(n)$$

**Basis Step:** *Show that  $P(0)$  is true.*

$$P(0): 2^{2 \cdot 0} - 1 = 2^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0 \quad \text{As } 3 \mid 0, \text{ thus } P(0) \text{ is true.}$$

**Inductive Step:** *Show that for all integers  $k \geq 0$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is also true:*

Suppose:  $2^{2k} - 1$  is divisible by 3.  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$2^{2k} - 1 = 3r \text{ for some integer } r.$$

$$2^{2(k+1)} - 1 \text{ is divisible by 3. } \leftarrow P(k+1)$$

$$2^{2(k+1)} - 1 = 2^{2k+2} - 1 \quad \text{by the laws of exponents}$$

$$= 2^{2k} \cdot 2^2 - 1 = 2^{2k} \cdot 4 - 1$$

$$= 2^{2k} (3 + 1) - 1 = 2^{2k} \cdot 3 + (2^{2k} - 1) = 2^{2k} \cdot 3 + 3r$$

$$= 3(2^{2k} + r) \quad \text{Which is integer}$$

so, by definition of divisibility,  $2^{2(k+1)} - 1$  is divisible by 3

# Mathematics in Programming

## Example : Proving Property of a Sequence

What will the output of this program be for any input n?

```
int n;
scanf("%d",&n);

if(n >= 0) {
    if( (pow(2,(2*n)) - 1) %3 == 0)      \\ does 2^2n -1 | 3?? \\
        printf("this property is true");
    else
        printf("this property isn't true");
}
```

## Proposition 5.3.2

## Proving Inequality

For all integers  $n \geq 3$ ,  $2n + 1 < 2^n$ .

### Proof (by mathematical induction):

Let  $P(n)$  be  $2n+1 < 2^n$

**Basis Step:** *Show that  $P(3)$  is true.*  $P(3): 2 \cdot 3 + 1 < 2^3$  which is true.

**Inductive Step:** *Show that for all integers  $k \geq 3$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is also true:*

Suppose:  $2k + 1 < 2^k$  is true  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$2(k+1) + 1 < 2^{k+1} \quad \leftarrow P(k+1)$$

Now  $2(k+1)+1 = 2k+3 = (2k+1) + 2$  by multiplying out and regrouping

and by substitution from the inductive hypothesis

$(2k+1)+2 < 2^k + 2^k$  because  $2k + 1 < 2^k$  by the inductive hypothesis  
and because  $2 < 2^k$  for all integers  $k \geq 2$

$$\therefore 2k + 3 < 2 \cdot 2^k = 2^{k+1}$$

[This is what we needed to show.]

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# Proving a Property of a Sequence

## Example

Define a sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l} \boxed{a_1 = 2} \\ \rightarrow \boxed{a_k = 5a_{k-1}} \end{array} \quad \text{for all integers } k \geq 2.$$

Write the first four terms of the sequence.

$$a_1 = 2 \rightarrow 2 \cdot 5^{1-1} = 2 \cdot 5^0 = 2 \cdot 1 = \boxed{2}$$

$$a_2 = 5a_{2-1} = 5a_1 = 5 \cdot 2 = 10$$

$$a_3 = 5a_{3-1} = 5a_2 = 5 \cdot 10 = 50$$

$$a_4 = 5a_{4-1} = 5a_3 = 5 \cdot 50 = 250$$

→ The terms of the sequence satisfy the equation  $a_n = 2 \cdot 5^{n-1}$

# Proving a Property of a Sequence

## Example

Prove this property:

$$a_n = 2 \cdot 5^{n-1} \text{ for all integers } n \geq 1$$

**Basis Step:** *Show that  $P(1)$  is true.*

$$a_1 = 2 \cdot 5^{1-1} - 1 = 2 \cdot 5^0 - 1 = 2$$

**Inductive Step:** *Show that for all integers  $k \geq 1$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is also true:*

Suppose:  $\underline{\underline{a_k}} = 2 \cdot 5^{k-1}$  ←  $P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{a_{k+1}}} &= 2 \cdot 5^k \\ &= 5a_{(k+1)-1} \\ &= 5a_k \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} &\leftarrow P(k+1) \\ &\text{by definition of } a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$= 5 \cdot (2 \cdot 5^{k-1}) \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{by the hypothesis} \\ &= 2 \cdot (5 \cdot 5^{k-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 5^k$$

[This is what we needed to show.]

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# Induction Versus Deduction Reasoning

## Deduction Reasoning

If Every man is person and  
Sami is Man,  
then Sami is Person

If my highest mark this  
semester is 82%, then my  
average will not be more than  
82%

## Induction Reasoning

For all integers  $n \geq 8$ ,  $n$   
cents can be obtained  
using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.

We had a quiz each lecture  
in the past months, so we  
will have a quiz next lecture

# Induction Versus Deduction Reasoning

## Deduction Reasoning

Based on facts, definitions, ,  
theorems, laws

Moves from general  
observation to specific results

Provides proofs

## Induction Reasoning

Based on observation,  
past experience, patterns

Moves from specific cases  
to create a general rule

Provides conjecture/حدس

# More slides

# **More slides from students**

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# Example<sup>1</sup>

prove the following property:

for all integers  $n \geq 1$   $1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + (n)(n+1) = \frac{(n)(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$

**basis step :** show  $p(1)$  is true.

left-hand side is  $1 \times 2 = 2$

right-hand side is  $\frac{(1)(2)(3)}{3} = 2$

$P(1): 1 \times 2 = \underline{(1)(2)(3)}$

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thus  $p(1)$  is true

**inductive step :** Show that for all integers  $k \geq 1$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is also true:

suppose that  $p(k)$  is true

$$p(k) = 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + (k)(k+1) = \frac{(k)(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \quad \leftarrow P(k) \text{ inductive hypothesis}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(k+1) &= 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + (k)(k+1) + (k+1)((k+1)+1) \\ &= [1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + (k)(k+1)] + (k+1)((k+1)+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(k)(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2) \times 3 \\ &= (k)(k+1)(k+2) + 3(k+1)(k+2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(k)(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + \frac{3(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3} = \text{right side} \quad [\text{This is what we needed to show.}] \end{aligned}$$

Then  $p(k)$  works for all  $n \geq 1$ .

# Example<sup>1</sup>

Show that For any integer  $n \geq 5$ ,  $4n < 2^n$ .

**basis step :** show  $P(n = 5)$  is true.

$$4n = 4 \times 5 = 20, \text{ and } 2^n = 2^5 = 32.$$

Since  $20 < 32$ , thus  $p(n=5)$  is true

**inductive step :** Show that for all integers  $k > 0$ , if  $p(k)$  is true then  $p(pk+1)$  is true:

suppose  $p(k)$  is true for  $k \geq 5 \leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$p(k+1): 4(k + 1) = 4k + 4$ , and, by assumption  $[4k] + 4 < [2^k] + 4$

Since  $k \geq 5$ , then  $4 < 32 \leq 2^k$ . Then we get

$$2^k + 4 < 2^k + 2^k =$$

$$= 2 \times 2^k$$

$$= 2^1 \times 2^k$$

$$= 2^{k+1}$$

Then  $4(k+1) < 2^{k+1}$ , hence  $p(k+1)$  is true. [This part is needed to show.]

<sup>1</sup> question taken from this book: CALCULUS with Analytic Geometry, Earl W.Swokowski

# Example<sup>1</sup>

show that For all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $8^n - 3^n$  is divisible by 5.

**basis step :** show that  $p(1)$  is true

$$8^1 - 3^1 =$$

$$= 8 - 3$$

= 5 which is clearly divisible by 5.

**inductive step :** Show that for all integers  $k > 0$ , if  $p(k)$  is true then  $p(pk+1)$  is true:

Suppose  $p(k)$  is true ( $8^k - 3^k$  is divisible by 5)  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$8^{k+1} - 3^{k+1} =$$

$$= 8^{k+1} - 3 \times 8^k + 3 \times 8^k - 3^{k+1}$$

$$= 8^k(8 - 3) + 3(8^k - 3^k)$$

$$= 8^k(5) + 3(8^k - 3^k)$$

The first term in  $8^k(5) + 3(8^k - 3^k)$  has 5 as a factor (explicitly), and the second term is divisible by 5 (by assumption). Since we can factor a 5 out of both terms, then the entire expression,

$$8^k(5) + 3(8^k - 3^k) = 8^{k+1} - 3^{k+1},$$
 must be divisible by 5.

*[This is what we needed to show.]*

# Example<sup>1</sup>

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} \text{. show that this equation is true for all integers } n \geq 1.$$

**Basis step:** show that  $p(1)$  is true.

$$\text{Left Side} = 1^3 = 1$$

$$\text{Right Side} = \frac{1^2(1+1)^2}{4} = 1$$

hence  $p(1)$  is true.

**Inductive step:** Show that for all integers  $k > 0$ , if  $p(k)$  is true then  $p(k+1)$  is true:

suppose that  $p(k)$  is true  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

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

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

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

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2 [k^2 + 4k + 4]}{4}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2 [(k+2)^2]}{4}$$

= right side      *[This is what we needed to show.]*

<sup>1</sup> question taken from this book: CALCULUS with Analytic Geometry, Earl W.Swokowski

# Example<sup>1</sup>

Prove that for any integer number  $n \geq 1$ ,  $n^3 + 2n$  is divisible by 3

**Basis Step:** show that  $p(1)$  is true.

Let  $n = 1$  and calculate  $n^3 + 2n$

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

3 is divisible by 3, hence  $p(1)$  is true.

**Inductive Step:** Show that for all integers  $k > 0$ , if  $p(k)$  is true then  $p(k+1)$  is true:

suppose that  $p(k)$  is true  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$\begin{aligned} & (k+1)^3 + 2(k+1) \\ &= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 2(k+1) \\ &= [k^3 + 2k] + [3k^2 + 3k + 3] \\ &= 3[k^3 + 2k] + 3[k^2 + k + 1] \\ &= 3[[k^3 + 2k] + k^2 + k + 1] \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1)$  is also divisible by 3 and therefore statement  $P(k+1)$  is true.

[This is what we needed to show.]