

(1) For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $P(n)$ be the predicate $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k(k+1) = \frac{n(n-1)(n+1)}{3}$. Show for all $n \geq 2$:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= 1(1+1) = 2. \\ RHS &= \frac{2(2-1)(2+1)}{3} \\ &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P(1)$ is true.

Inductive Hypothesis

Assume for some arbitrary $n \geq 2$ that $P(n)$, that is $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k(k+1) = \frac{n(n-1)(n+1)}{3}$ holds.

Inductive Step:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n k(k+1) &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k(k+1) + n(n+1) \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)(n+1)}{3} + n(n+1) \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)(n+1) + 3(n+1)n}{3} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n)(n-1+3)}{3} \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)(n+1)}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $P(n+1)$ is true and so we have proved the inductive step.

Therefore by the principle of Mathematical Induction, $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k(k+1) = \frac{n(n-1)(n+1)}{3}$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

(2)

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $P(n)$ be the predicate $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k \cdot 2^k = n \cdot 2^{n+2} + 2$.
Show for all $n \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= 1 * 2^1 = 2, \\ RHS &= 0 * 2^{0+2} + 2 = 2. \end{aligned}$$

Inductive Hypothesis

Assume for some arbitrary $n \geq 0$ that $P(n)$ that is $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k \cdot 2^k = n \cdot 2^{n+2} + 2$ holds.

Inductive Step:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot 2^k &= \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k \cdot 2^k + (n+2) \cdot 2^{n+2} \\ &= n \cdot 2^{n+2} + 2 + (n+2) \cdot 2^{n+2} \\ &= (2n+2) \cdot 2^{n+2} + 2 \\ &= 2(n+1) \cdot 2^{n+2} + 2 \\ &= (n+1) \cdot 2^{n+2} + 2\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $P(n+1)$ is true and so we have proved the inductive step.

Therefore by the principles of Mathematical Induction $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k \cdot 2^k = n \cdot 2^{n+2} + 2$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.