
15-151 EXCEL

Topic: **Exam reflection. Integer properties. Induction.**
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Agenda

- 1) Exam reflection
- 2) Properties of integers
 - Parity and divisions
 - Naturals
 - The Fibonacci numbers
- 3) The concept of induction
 - The principle
 - Examples

Principle of mathematical induction (weak)

Let $p(n)$ be logical formula with free variable $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$. If

- i) $p(n_0)$ is true; and
- ii) For all $n \geq n_0$, if $p(n)$ is true, then $p(n + 1)$ is true;

then $p(n)$ is true for all $n \geq n_0$.

[Instruction] Identify the following concepts in the principle.

Base case _____

Induction step _____

Induction hypothesis _____

Induction goal _____

Prove the following formula on $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1$.

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