

Prove factorial of  $n$  is  $n!$

$$f(n) = n! \quad \forall n \geq 0$$

by using recursive formula and Induction.  
 $f(n+1) = n \times f(n).$

Base case:

$$f(0) = 1$$

Inductive step:

$f(n) = n!$  is the Inductive hypothesis

to prove  $f(n+1) = (n+1)!$

$$\text{we know } f(n+1) = (n+1) \times f(n)$$

$$= (n+1) \times n!$$

$$= (n+1)! \quad - \text{QED}$$

Prove  $a^n$  by Induction using  
recursion formula  $P(a, n) = a \cdot P(a, n-1)$

I  $P(a, n) = a^n$  is

Base case  
 $P(a, 0) = a^0 = 1$

Inductive hypothesis  
 $P(a, n) = a^n$

Prove  $P(a, n+1) = a^{n+1}$

we can express  
 $P(a, n+1) = a \cdot P(a, n) \quad - \textcircled{1}$

by IH,  $P(a, n) = a^n$ , apply it above in  $\textcircled{1}$

$P(a, n+1) = a \cdot a^n = a^{n+1} \quad - \text{QED}$

Prove  $\text{Sum}(n) = \frac{(n+1)n}{2}$  by recursion  
and Induction.

$$\text{Sum}(n+1) = \text{Sum}(n) + (n+1)$$

Base case:  $\text{Sum}(1) = \text{Sum}(0) + 1 = 1$

Inductive step:

Hypothesis :  $\text{Sum}(n) = \frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2}$

Prove:  $\text{Sum}(n+1) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$

By Recursion formula we have

$$\text{Sum}(n+1) = \text{Sum}(n) + (n+1)$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Prove: The number of nodes in a perfect binary tree of height  $h$  is  $2^{h+1} - 1$ .

$$n(h) = 2^{h+1} - 1$$

Base case

$$n(0) = 2^{0+1} - 1 = 2^1 - 1 = 1$$

Inductive step:  $n(h) = 2^{h+1} - 1$

$$\text{Prove } n(h+1) = 2^{(h+1)+1} - 1 = 2^{h+2} - 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

we know by recursion

$$n(h+1) = 1 + n(h^L) + n(h^R)$$

$h^L$  = on the left

$h^R$  = on the right

$$= 1 + (2^{h+1} - 1) + (2^{h+1} - 1)$$

$$= 1 + 2(2^{h+1} - 1)$$

$$= 1 + 2 \cdot 2^{h+1} - 2$$

$$= \underline{2^{h+2} - 1}$$

QED

Proof: TOH - consider  $N$  disks. Total moves needed is  $2^N - 1$ .

we have a recursion formula

$$M(n) = 2M(n-1) + 1$$

Base case:  $M(1) = 1$  because  $M(0) = 0$

Inductive step: we have

$$M(N) = 2^N - 1$$

$$\text{Prove: } M(N+1) = 2^{N+1} - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } M(N+1) &= 2 \cdot M(N) + 1 \\ &= 2(2^N - 1) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2^{N+1} - 2 + 1$$

$$= 2^{N+1} - 1 \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Prove: Sum of the first  $n$  cubes is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[ \frac{(n+1)n}{2} \right]^2$$

by recursion and Induction

Base case  $K=1$   $\left[ \frac{(K+1)K}{2} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{(1+1)1}{2} \right]^2 = 1^2 = 1$

Inductive step.

Assume it's true that for any  $K$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + K^3 = \left[ \frac{(K+1)K}{2} \right]^2$$

Prove  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + K^3 + (K+1)^3$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \frac{K^2(K+1)^2}{2^2} \right] + (K+1)^3 &= \frac{(K+1)^2}{2^2} \left[ K^2 + 2^2(K+1) \right] \\ &= \frac{(K+1)^2}{2^2} \left[ K^2 + 4K + 2 \right] \\ &= \frac{(K+1)^2}{2^2} (K+2)^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{(K+1)(K+2)}{2} \right)^2 \quad \text{--- QED} \end{aligned}$$

Prove the sum of first  $n$  squares is  $\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  by Induction

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

$$\text{ie } = 0^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2$$

Base case:  $n=0$

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

Induction step.

Assume the property holds for  $k$ .

$$\sum_{i=0}^k i^2 = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}, \text{ ie}$$

Inductive hypothesis.

we need to prove this IH holds for  $k+1$

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

$$= \frac{(k+1)}{6} \left[ (k)(2k+1) + (k+1) \cdot 6 \right] = \frac{(k+1)}{6} \left[ 2k^2 + 7k + 6 \right]$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)}{6} \left[ (k+2)(2k+3) \right] = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2(k+1)+1)}{6}$$

which is of the form

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

QED