

# Homework 3

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**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = (\frac{n(n+1)}{2})^2$

*Proof.* Let  $P(n)$  be the function that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $P(n)$  satisfies the conditions in the theorem above

Consider  $P(1)$

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

Assume  $P(n)$  holds true for all  $n \leq k$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$   
Now consider the case for  $P(k+1)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^3 &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^k i^3 \right) + (k+1)^3 \\ &= \left( \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right)^2 + (k+1)^3 && \text{(by inductive hypothesis)} \\ &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3 \\ &= \frac{k^4 + 2k^3 + k^2}{4} + k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 \\ &= \frac{k^4 + 2k^3 + k^2}{4} + \frac{4k^3 + 12k^2 + 12k + 4}{4} \\ &= \frac{k^4 + 6k^3 + 13k^2 + 12k + 4}{4} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4} \\ &= \left( \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

Thus it holds for  $k+1$  and the inductive hypothesis holds true.  
By induction it is true that for all  $n \geq 1$ . QED

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**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1) = \left(\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}\right)$

*Proof.* Let  $n = 1$

$$1(1+1) = \left(\frac{(1(1+1)(1+2))}{3}\right)$$

$$2 = 2$$

Assume  $\forall n \leq k$  the theorem holds true

Now let  $n = k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i(i+1) &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^k i(i+1)\right) + (k+1)(k+2) \\ &= \left(\frac{(k)(k+1)(k+2)}{3}\right) + (k+1)(k+2) && \text{(by our IH)} \\ &= \left(\frac{k^3 + 6k^2 + 11k + 6}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{3k^2 + 9k + 6}{3}\right) && \text{(expand)} \\ &= \left(\frac{k^3 + 9k^2 + 21k + 12}{3}\right) && \text{(combine like terms)} \\ &= \left(\frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3}\right) && \text{(factor)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus it holds for  $k + 1$  and the inductive hypothesis holds true.

By induction it is true that for all  $n \geq 1$ . QED □

**Theorem 3.19.**  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, x < y \implies x^{2k-1} < y^{2k-1}$

*Proof.*  $x < y \implies x^{2-1} < y^{2-1}$

$$x < y \implies x < y$$

Assume  $\forall k \leq n + 1$  the inequality holds true

Let  $k = n + 1$

$$x < y \implies x^{2k+1-1} < y^{2k+2-1}$$

$$x < y \implies x^{2k+1} < y^{2k+1}$$

$$x < y \implies x * x^{2k} < y * y^{2k}$$

By our inductive hypothesis  $x^{2k} < y^{2k}$  holds true. Since this is true, and  $x < y$  is also true, in our conditional it must be true that  $x^{2k-1} < y^{2k-1}$

Thus it holds for  $k + 1$  and the inductive hypothesis is true.

By induction it is true that for all  $n \geq 1$ . QED □

**Theorem 3.28.** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  find a prove a formula for  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)}$

*Proof.*  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$

let  $i = 1$

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

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Now assume it holds true for all  $i \leq k$

Let  $i = k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{i(i+1)} &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{i(i+1)} \right) + \frac{k+1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= \frac{k}{k+1} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad (\text{by IH}) \\ &= \frac{(k)(k+2)}{(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= \frac{k^2 + 2k + 1}{(k+2)(k+1)} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)^2}{(k+2)(k+1)} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)}{(k+2)} \end{aligned}$$

let  $p = k + 1$

$$= \frac{p}{p+1}$$

Thus it holds for  $k + 1$  and the inductive hypothesis holds true.

By induction it is true that for all  $n \geq 1$ . QED □

**Theorem 3.29.** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  find a prove a formula for  $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1)$

*Proof.*  $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) = n^2$

Let  $n = 1$

$$2n - 1 = n^2$$

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

$$1 = 1$$

Assume this holds true  $\forall n \geq k$  Consider the case where  $n = k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (2i - 1) &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^k (2i - 1) \right) + (2(k+1) - 1) \\ &= (k^2) + (2k + 1) \quad (\text{by our inductive hypothesis}) \end{aligned}$$

By our inductive hypothesis, the  $k + 1^{th}$  term is equivalent to the sum of the first  $k$  terms in the series, plus the  $k + 1$  term

Thus it holds for  $k + 1$  and the inductive hypothesis holds true.

By induction it is true that for all  $n \geq 1$ . QED □