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Problem 0-1.

- (a) 6,12
- **(b)** 7
- **(c)** 3

Problem 0-2.

- (a) 1.5
- **(b)** 12.25
- **(c)** 13.75

Problem 0-3.

- (a) True
- (b) False
- (c) False

Problem 0-4.

Base Case: For n = 1, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{1} i^3 = 1^3 = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{1(1+1)}{2}\right)^2 = 1.$$

Thus, the formula holds for n = 1.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that the formula holds for some n = k:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} i^3 = \left(\frac{k(k+1)}{2}\right)^2.$$

Inductive Step: We must show that the formula also holds for n = k + 1:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^3 = \left(\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}\right)^2.$$

Starting from the left-hand side:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^3 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^k i^3\right) + (k+1)^3.$$

Apply the inductive hypothesis:

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

Factor out $(k+1)^2$:

$$= (k+1)^2 \left(\frac{k^2}{4} + (k+1)\right) = (k+1)^2 \left(\frac{k^2 + 4k + 4}{4}\right) = (k+1)^2 \left(\frac{(k+2)^2}{4}\right).$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^3 = \left(\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}\right)^2.$$

Conclusion: By the principle of mathematical induction, the formula

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

holds for all positive integers n.

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Problem 0-5. Base Case: For |V| = 1, the graph is trivially acyclic.

Assuming the claim is true for all graphs with $|V| \le k$, we will show it holds for |V| = k + 1.

G is connected,so the aveerage degree of vertices is $\frac{2k}{k+1} < 2$.so there exists a vertex v with degree 1 connected to u. removing v and the edge (u,v), we get a graph G' with |V|=k,which is acyclic by the inductive hypothesis. Vertex v cannot be part of any cycle in G because it has degree 1, so G is acyclic.

Problem 0-6. Submit your implementation to alg.mit.edu.