

CSE 015: Discrete Mathematics
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Homework #5
Solution

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1. Mathematical Induction 1:

(a) $P(n) : 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = (\frac{n(n+1)}{2})^2$

(b) Basis Step:

$$P(1) : \sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1 = (\frac{1(1+1)}{2})^2 = 1$$

(c) Induction Hypothesis:

Let $n = k$:

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

Let $n = k + 1$:

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

(d) Inductive Step:

$$P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i &= 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k + k + 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i + (k+1) &= (\frac{k(k+1)}{2})^2 + (k+1) \\ &= (\frac{k(k+1)2(k+1)}{2})^2 \\ &= (\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i + (k+1)^3 &= \left(\frac{k(k+1)}{2}\right)^2 + (k+1)^3 \\
&= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3 \\
&= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2 + 4(k+1)^3}{4} \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2(k^2 + 4k + 4)}{4} \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2(k(k+2) + 2(k+2))}{4} \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4} \\
&= \left(\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}\right)^2
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P(n)$ is true since $P(k)$ is $\left(\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}\right)^2$ and $P(k+1)$ also equates to $\left(\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}\right)^2$.

2. Mathematical Induction 2:

(a) $P(n) : 0 + 2 + 4 + \dots + (2n - 2) = n^2 - n$

Let $n = 4$:

$$P(4) : 0 + 2 + (2(4) - 2) = 4^2 - 4$$

$$P(4) : 0 + 2 + (8 - 2) = 16 - 4$$

$$P(4) : 0 + 2 + (8 - 2) = 12$$

(b) Basis Step:

$$P(n) : 0 + 2 + 4 + \dots + (2n - 2) = n^2 - n$$

$$P(2) : 0 + 2 = 2^2 - 2$$

$$P(2) : 2 = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Induction Step: } 0 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2(k-1) + 2((k+1) - 1) &= 2k \\
k^2 - k + 2k &= k^2 + k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{This is the same as } P(k+1) = ((k+1)^2 - (k+1) = k^2 - k$$

3. Mathematical Induction 3:

(a) The statement $P(2)$ is 2 factorial is less than 2 squared.

(b) Basis Step:

$$P(2) : 2! < 2^2$$

$$P(2) : 2 < 4$$

(c) Induction Hypothesis:

Let $n = k$:

$$P(k) : k! < k^k$$

Let $n = k + 1$:

$$P(k+1) : (k+1)! < (k+1)^{k+1}$$