

# Lista 1

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## 1. Prove that $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{(n+1)}$ , for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement  $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{(n+1)}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
 If  $n=1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1(1+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow P(1)$  is true.

Suppose  $P(k)$  is true. For  $P(k+1)$ , we have:

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

**PMI**  
 $\Rightarrow P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## 2. Prove that $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[ \frac{1}{2} n(n+1) \right]^2$ , for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Let  $P(n) = 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[ \frac{1}{2} n(n+1) \right]^2$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For  $n=1 \Rightarrow P(1) = 1^3 = \left[ \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot (1+1) \right]^2 = 1 \Rightarrow P(1)$  is true.

Suppose  $P(k)$  is true for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $P(k+1)$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} P(k+1) &= 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \left[ \frac{1}{2} k(k+1) \right]^2 + (k+1)^3 & \left[ \frac{1}{2} (k+1)(k+2) \right]^2 \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{2} (k^2+k) \right]^2 + (k+1)^3 & = \left[ \frac{1}{2} (k^2+2k+k+2) \right]^2 \\ & & = \left[ \frac{1}{2} (k^2+3k+2) \right]^2 \\ P(k+1) &= 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \left[ \frac{1}{2} k(k+1) \right]^2 + (k+1)^3 & = \left( \frac{1}{2} k^2 + \frac{3}{2} k + 1 \right)^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} k^2 (k+1)^2 + (k+1)^3 = (k+1)^2 \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} k^2 + k+1 \right)^2 \right] = \right. \end{aligned}$$

## 3. Prove that $3+11+\dots+(8n-5) = 4n^2-n$ , for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(k+1) &= 3+11+\dots+(8k-5) + [8(k+1)-5] = 4k^2-k + [8(k+1)-5] \\ &= 4k^2-k+8k+8-5 = 4k^2-k+8k+3 = \left[ 4(k+1)^2 - (k+1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

**PMI**  
 $\Rightarrow P(n)$  true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

## 4. Prove that $1^2+3^2+\dots+(2n-1)^2 = \frac{(4n^2-n)}{3}$ , for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(k+1) &= 1^2+3^2+\dots+(2k-1)^2 + [2(k+1)-1]^2 = 4\frac{k^3-k}{3} + [2(k+1)-1]^2 \\ &= \frac{4k^3-k}{3} + 3[2k+2-1]^2 = \frac{4k^3-k+3(2k+1)^2}{3} \\ &= \frac{4k^3-k+3(4k^2+4k+1)}{3} = \frac{4k^3-k+12k^2+12k+3}{3} \\ &= \frac{4(k^2+2k+1)(k+1)}{3} = \frac{4(k^3+8k^2+24k+16)}{3} = \frac{4k^3+12k^2+12k+4}{3} \\ &= \frac{4k^3+12k^2+12k+4-k-1}{3} = \frac{4(k+1)^3-(k+1)}{3} \end{aligned}$$

**PMI**  
 $\Rightarrow P(n)$  is true, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

## 5. Prove that $1^2-2^2+3^2+\dots+(-1)^{n+1} n^2 = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} n(n+1)}{2}$ , for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(k+1) &= 1^2-2^2+3^2+\dots+(-1)^{k+1} k^2 + (-1)^{(k+1)+1} (k+1)^2 = \frac{(-1)^{k+1} k(k+1)}{2} + (-1)^{(k+1)+1} (k+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{k+1} (k+1)[(k+1)+1]}{2} = \frac{(-1)^{(k+1)+1} ((-1)^k k + 2(k+1))}{2} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{(k+1)+1} (k+1)[-k+2k+2]}{2} = \frac{(-1)^{(k+1)+1} (k+1)[(k+1)+1]}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**PMI**  
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## 6. Prove that $n^3+5n$ is divisible by 6 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Let  $P(n) = n^3+5n = 3j$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Given  $n=1 \Rightarrow [1+5(1)] \frac{1}{3} = 2$ , which is divisible by 6  $\Rightarrow P(1)$  is true for  $n=1$ .

Suppose  $P(k)$  is true, for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Given  $P(k+1)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} P(k+1) &= (k+1)^3+5(k+1) = (k^2+2k+1)(k+1)+5k+5 = k^3+4k^2+3k+4k+5+5k+5 \\ &= k^3+8k^2+8k+6 = k^3+6k+8k^2+3k+6 = 6k+3k^2+8k+6 \\ P(k) &= k^3+5k = 3m, \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3(2m+k^2+k+2) = 3j, \text{ for all } j \in \mathbb{N}$$

**PMI**  
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## 7. Prove that $5^{2^n}-1$ is divisible by 8 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Let  $P(n) = 5^{2^n}-1 = 8m$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$P(k+1) = 5^{2^{k+1}}-1 = 5^{2^k} \cdot 5^2-1 = 5^k(4+1)-4-1$$

$$= 4(5^k)+5^k-4k-4-1 = 16n+4(5^k)-4 = 4[5^k+4n-1]$$

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## 8. Prove that $n^3+(n+1)^3+(n+2)^3$ is divisible by 9 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$P(n) = n^3+(n+1)^3+(n+2)^3 = 9m$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$P(k+1) = (k+1)^3 + [(k+1)+1]^3 + [(k+1)+2]^3 =$$

## 9. Prove that $n < 2^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement  $n < 2^n$ . For  $n=1 \Rightarrow 1 < 2 \Rightarrow n < 2^n$  is true.

Suppose  $n < 2^n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $P(k+1)$  we have that  $n+1 < 2^{k+1}$ . We know that:

$$n < 2^k \Leftrightarrow 2n < 2^{k+1} \quad \text{and for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, 2n > n+1$$

$$\Rightarrow n+1 < 2^k < 2^{k+1} \Rightarrow n+1 < 2^{k+1}$$

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 $\Rightarrow P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## 10. Prove that $2^n < n!$ for all $n \geq 4$ , $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement  $2^n < n!$  for all  $n \geq 4$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Given  $n=4$

$\Rightarrow 2^4 < 4! \Leftrightarrow 16 < 24 \Rightarrow P(4)$  is true. Suppose  $P(k)$  is true for all  $k \geq 4$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Given  $P(k+1)$ , we have that  $2^{k+1} < (k+1)!$ . We know that:

$$2^k < k! \Leftrightarrow 2^{k+1} < k(k+1)! \quad \text{and for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, (k+1)! > 2^k$$

$$\Rightarrow (k+1)! > 2^k > 2^{k+1} \Rightarrow (k+1)! > 2^{k+1}$$

**PMI**  
 $\Rightarrow P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 4$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## 11. Prove that $5^m \cdot 4n-1$ is divisible by 16 for all $m \geq 4$ , $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$P(n) = 5^m \cdot 4n-1 = 16m$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$P(k+1) = 5^{k+1} \cdot 4(n+1)-1 = 5^k \cdot 5 \cdot 4n+5^k \cdot 4-1 = 5^k(4+1)-4-1$$

$$= 4(5^k)+5^k-4k-4-1 = 16n+4(5^k)-4 = 4[5^k+4n-1]$$

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## 12. Prove that $n < 2^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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Suppose  $n < 2^n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $P(k+1)$  we have that  $n+1 < 2^{k+1}$ . We know that:

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$$P(k+1) = 5^{k+1} \cdot 4(n+1)-1 = 5^k \cdot 5 \cdot 4n+5^k \cdot 4-1 = 5^k(4+1)-4-1$$

$$= 4(5^k)+5^k-4k-4-1 = 16n+4(5^k)-4 = 4[5^k+4n-1]$$

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## 14. Prove that $2^n < n!$ for all $n \geq 4$ , $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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$\Rightarrow 2^4 < 4! \Leftrightarrow 16 < 24 \Rightarrow P(4)$  is true. Suppose  $P(k)$  is true for all  $k \geq 4$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Given  $P(k+1)$ , we have that  $2^{k+1} < (k+1)!$ . We know that:

$$2^k < k! \Leftrightarrow 2^{k+1} < k(k+1)! \quad \text{and for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, (k+1)! > 2^k$$

$$\Rightarrow (k+1)! > 2^k > 2^{k+1} \Rightarrow (k+1)! > 2^{k+1}$$

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 $\Rightarrow P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 4$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .