

Practice Problems: Proof by induction

1. Prove: $1+2+3+4+5+\dots+n = (1+n)n/2$
2. Show that for all integers greater than zero: $2^n \geq n+1$
3. Prove by induction that $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$
4. Prove by induction that $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = (1/6) n(n+1)(2n+1)$
5. Prove that for any positive integer number n , $n^3 + 2n$ is divisible by 3

Practice Problems: Proof by Counter Example

Prove that the following statements are false by Counter Example:

1. "If n is an integer and n^2 is divisible by 4, then n is divisible by 4."
2. "If n is prime, then $2^n - 1$ is prime."
3. " $x^2 - x + 5$ is prime for every x , where x is an integer."