

Math Assignment

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Problem Statement

If S_1 , S_2 , S_3 are the sum of the first n natural numbers, their squares, and their cubes, respectively, show that

$$9(S_2)^2 = (S_3)(1 + 8(S_1))$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ S_2 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\ S_3 &= \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Input Equations

Now, let's substitute these expressions into the given equation $9(S_2)^2 = (S_3)(1 + 8(S_1))$ and simplify:

Table 1: Input Equations

Equation	Expression
S_1	$\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
S_2	$\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
S_3	$\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
9 \left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right)^2 &= \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2 \left(1 + 8 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) \\
\frac{9}{36} (n(n+1)(2n+1))^2 &= \frac{1}{4} (n(n+1))^2 (1 + 4n(n+1)) \\
\frac{1}{4} (n(n+1)(2n+1))^2 &= \frac{1}{4} (n(n+1))^2 (4n(n+1) + 1) \\
(n(n+1)(2n+1))^2 &= (n(n+1))^2 (4n(n+1) + 1)
\end{aligned}$$

The last equation holds true, which verifies that $9(S_2)^2 = (S_3)(1 + 8(S_1))$ for the given expressions of S_1 , S_2 , and S_3 .