

Exercise 1.4.71

Prove by induction on n that

$$\sum_{i=0}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n + \frac{1}{2})(n + 1)}{3}$$

Proof by Induction:

Base:

$$i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^0 i^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n(n + \frac{1}{2})(n + 1)}{3} &= \frac{0(0 + \frac{1}{2})(0 + 1)}{3} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Step:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} i^2 &= \frac{(n+1)((n+1) + \frac{1}{2})(n+1 + 1)}{3} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+1 + \frac{1}{2})(n+1 + 1)}{3} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n + \frac{3}{2})(n+2)}{3} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n^2 + 2n + \frac{3}{2}n + \frac{6}{2})}{3} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n^2 + 2n + \frac{3}{2}n + 3)}{3} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n^2 + 2n + \frac{3}{2}n + 3) - 3(n+1)^2}{3} + (n+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n^2 + 2n + \frac{3}{2}n + 3) - 3(n+1)(n+1)}{3} + (n+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{(n+1)[(n^2 + 2n + \frac{3}{2}n + 3) - 3(n+1)]}{3} + (n+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{(n+1)[n^2 + 2n + \frac{3}{2}n + 3 - 3n - 3]}{3} + (n+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(n+1)[n^2 + \frac{4}{2}n + \frac{3}{2}n + 3 - \frac{6}{2}n - 3]}{3} + (n+1)^2 \\
&= \frac{(n+1)[n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n + 3 - 3]}{3} + (n+1)^2 \\
&= \frac{(n+1)[n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n]}{3} + (n+1)^2 \\
&= \frac{(n+1)[n(n + \frac{1}{2})]}{3} + (n+1)^2 \\
&= \frac{(n+1)n(n + \frac{1}{2})}{3} + (n+1)^2 \\
&= \frac{n(n + \frac{1}{2})(n+1)}{3} + (n+1)^2 \\
&= \left[\sum_{i=0}^n i^2 \right] + (n+1)^2
\end{aligned}$$

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