

6c) Prove that $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$ for all $n \geq 1$

Base case $n=1$:

$$(2(1)-1)^2 = 1^2 = \frac{1(2(1)-1)(2(1)+1)}{3} = \frac{1(1)(3)}{3} = \frac{3}{3}$$

$$1^2 = \frac{3}{3} \Rightarrow 1=1 \leftarrow \text{Base case is true}$$

Induction step:

• Suppose it is true for some integer k

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 = \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3}$$

• we want to prove:

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2[k+1]-1)^2 = \frac{(k+1)(2[k+1]-1)(2[k+1]+1)}{3}$$

$$> 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k+2-1)^2 =$$

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 + (2k+1)^2 = (\text{by induction hypothesis})$$

$$\frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{(k+1)(2[k+1]-1)(2[k+1]+1)}{3}$$

$$\frac{k}{3} [(2k-1)(2k+1) + (2k+1)^2] = \frac{(k+1)(2k+1)(2k+3)}{3}$$

$$\frac{k}{3} (4k^2 - 1) + (4k^2 + 4k + 1) = \frac{2k^2 + k + 2k + 1(2k+3)}{3}$$

$$\frac{4k^3}{3} - \frac{k}{3} + \frac{12k^2 + 12k + 3}{3} = \frac{4k^3 + 6k^2 + 2k^2 + 3k + 4k^2 + 6k + 2k + 3}{3}$$

$$\frac{4k^3 - k + 12k^2 + 12k + 3}{3} = \frac{4k^3 + 12k^2 + 11k + 3}{3}$$

it is true!