

# CH 4 - Mathematical Induction

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## Notations

$$\sum_{i=m}^n x_i = x_m^2 + x_{m+1} = x_{m+2} + \dots + x_{n-1} + x_n$$

$$\prod_{i=m}^n x_i = x_m \cdot x_{m+1} \cdot x_{m+2} \cdot \dots \cdot x_{n-1} \cdot x_n$$

## Properties

Constant multiplication

$$\sum_{i=m}^k cx_i = c \cdot \sum_{i=m}^k x_i$$

Addition/Subtraction

$$\sum_{i=m}^k x_i \pm \sum_{i=m}^k y_i = \sum_{i=m}^k x_i \pm \sum_{i=m}^k y_i$$

Index Shift

$$\sum_{i=m}^k x_i = \sum_{m \pm n}^{k \pm n} x_{i \mp n}$$

Breaking Sum

$$\sum_{i=m}^k x_i = \sum_{i=m}^r x_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^k x_i$$

## Recurrence Relation

A sequence of values by giving one or more initial terms, together with an equation expressing each subsequent term in terms of earlier ones. (i.e.  $s_1 = 1, s_n = s_{n-1} + n$  is the same as  $\sum_{i=1}^n i$ )

## Proof by Induction

An **axiom** of a mathematical system is a statement that is assumed to be true. No proof is given. From axioms we derive proposition and theorems.

**Info – Principle of Mathematical Induction**

Let  $P(n)$  be an open sentence that depends on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

If statements 1 and 2 are both true:

1.  $P(1)$
2.  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $P(k)$ , then  $P(k + 1)$

Then statement 3 is true:

3.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$