



# W11 Pre-Lecture

## Reading

## Mathematical Induction

### 2 Steps:

- 1) Show it is true for the base case, usually  $n=1$ .
- 2) Show that if  $n=k$  is true then  $n=k+1$  is also true.

### Examples:

1. Is  $3^n - 1$  a multiple of 2?

Step 1: Show it is true for  $n=1$

$$3^1 - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2 \Rightarrow 3^1 - 1 \text{ is true for } n=1$$

Step 2: Assume it is true for  $n=k$

Assume  $3^k - 1$  is true

Now, prove that  $3^{k+1} - 1$  is a multiple of 2

$$\begin{aligned} 3^{k+1} - 1 &\Rightarrow 3 \times 3^k - 1 \\ &\Rightarrow 2 \times 3^k + 3^k - 1 \end{aligned}$$

multiple of 2      we assumed  $n=k$  is true (multiple of 2)

So:

$$3^{k+1} - 1 \text{ is true}$$

2.  $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$

Step 1: Show it is true for  $n=1$

$$1 = 1^2 \text{ is true}$$

Step 2: Assume it is true for  $n=k$

$$\text{Assume } 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = k^2 \text{ is true}$$

Now, prove it is true for  $K+1$

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2K-1) + (2(K+1)-1) = (K+1)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow K^2 + (2(K+1)-1) = (K+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow K^2 + 2K + 2 - 1 = K^2 + 2K + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow K^2 + 2K + 1 = K^2 + 2K + 1$$

So:

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2(K+1)-1) = (K+1)^2 \text{ is true}$$

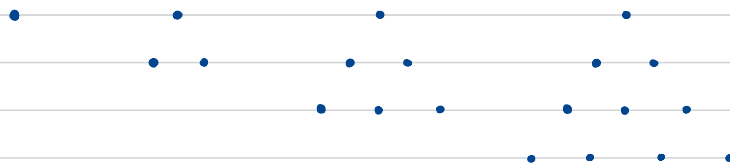
3. Triangular numbers are numbers that can make a triangular dot pattern.

1 dot

3 dots

6 dots

10 dots



Prove that the  $n$ th triangular number is:

$$T_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Step 1: Show that it is true for  $n=1$

$$T_1 = 1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$$

Step 2: Assume it is true for  $n=k$ .

$$T_k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

Prove it is true for  $K+1$

$$T_{K+1} = \frac{K+1(K+2)}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow T_k + (K+1) = \frac{(K+1)(K+2)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K(K+1)}{2} + (K+1) = \frac{(K+1)(K+2)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K(K+1) + 2(K+1)}{2} = \frac{K^2 + K + 2K + 2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K^2 + 3K + 2}{2} = \frac{K^2 + 3K + 2}{2}$$

So:

$$T_{K+1} = \frac{(K+1)(K+2)}{2} \text{ is true}$$

4. Prove that:

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

Step 1: Show that  $n=1$  is true

$$\begin{aligned} 1^3 &= \frac{1^2(1+1)^2}{4} \\ 1 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Assume  $n=k$  is true

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

Prove that  $k+1$  is true:

$$\begin{aligned} 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 &= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3 &= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{k^2(k+1)^2 + 4(k+1)^3}{4} &= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4} \\ \Rightarrow k^2 + 4(k+1) &= (k+2)^2 \\ \Rightarrow k^2 + 4k + 4 &= k^2 + 4k + 4 \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4} \text{ is true}$$

1. Let  $S(n)$  be:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i = 2^n - 1$$

Prove  $S(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$  by answering the follow subquestions.

a) Base Case. Prove  $S(1)$ .

$$\sum_{i=0}^{1-1} 2^i = 2^1 - 1$$

$$2^0 = 2^1 - 1$$

$$1 = 1$$

b) Induction Hypothesis. State your induction hypothesis  $S(k)$ .

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i = 2^k - 1 \quad \text{is true}$$

c) Prove  $S(k) \rightarrow S(k+1)$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{(k+1)-1} 2^i = 2^{k+1} - 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^k - 1 + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot 2^k - 1 = 2^{k+1} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{k+1} - 1 = 2^{k+1} - 1$$