

# Matdis B - Homework 04: Induction

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4) Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that  $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = (n(n+1)/2)^2$  for positive integer  $n$ .

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

a) What is the statement  $P(1)$

$$P(1): 1^3 = 1 = (1(1+1)/2)^2$$

b) Show that  $P(1)$  is true, completing the base step of the proof of  $P(n)$  for all positive integers  $n$

$$\text{Base Steps: } P(1): 1 = (1(1+1)/2)^2 = \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

c) What is the inductive hypothesis of a proof that  $P(n)$  is true for all positive integers  $n$ ?

Inductive Steps:

$$P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$$

Inductive Hypothesis (IH)

$$P(k): 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 = (k(k+1)/2)^2$$

d) We need to proof if  $P(k)$  is true, then  $P(k+1)$  should be true to all the statement.

$$\text{e) IH: } P(k): 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 = (k(k+1)/2)^2$$

Show  $P(k+1)$

$$P(k+1): 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = ((k+1)(k+1+1)/2)^2$$

$$(k(k+1)/2)^2 + (k+1)^3 = ((k+1)(k+2)/2)^2$$

$$\underbrace{(k(k+1))^2}_{\sim} + (k+1)^3 = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)^2}{2}$$

$$\cancel{(k+1)^2} \left( \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)^2 + k+1 \right) = \frac{\cancel{(k+1)}(k+2)^2}{4}$$

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

$$(k+2)^2 = (k+2)^2$$

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f) To explain this formula is true, we can assume that all the positive integer numbers are represented as blocks of domino. When block number 1 is true, then block will falls and hits the second block and continue the dominoes effect until it reaches  $k^{\text{th}}$  block. If the block hits  $k^{\text{th}}$  block, then it should also hit  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  block. These will indicate that all the formula of hitting the first domino block will also work when we hit the  $k^{\text{th}}$  or  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  block to start the dominoes effect.

III

a) Find a formula for

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$* n=1 ; P(1) : \frac{1}{2^1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$* n=2 ; P(2) : \frac{1}{2^1} + \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2+1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$* n=3 ; P(3) : \frac{1}{2^1} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{4+2+1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$* n=4 ; P(4) : \frac{1}{2^1} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^4} = \frac{8+4+2+1}{16} = \frac{15}{16}$$

So from the experiment, the formula is

$$P(n) : \frac{1}{2^1} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n}$$

b) Prove that for every positive integer  $n$  is true!

\* Basic Step

$$P(1) : \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2^1 - 1}{2^1} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

\* Inductive Steps

Inductive Hypothesis:

$$P(k) : \frac{1}{2^1} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k} = \frac{2^k - 1}{2^k}$$

Show that  $P(k+1)$  is true!

$$P(k+1) : \frac{1}{2^1} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} = \frac{2^{k+1} - 1}{2^{k+1}}$$

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

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

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

$$\frac{1}{2^k} \left( 2^k - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{2 \cdot 2^k - 1}{2 \cdot 2^k}$$

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

$$2^{k+1} - 1 = 2^{k+1} - 1 \quad \square \text{ therefore}$$

So,  $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$  is also true for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

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$$1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > 2(\sqrt{n+1} - 1)$$

\* Basic steps :

$$P(1) : 1 > 2(\sqrt{2} - 1) \quad \checkmark \text{ true!}$$

\* Inductive Steps

∴ Inductive Hypothesis

$$P(k) : 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} > 2(\sqrt{k+1} - 1)$$

Shows that  $P(k+1)$  is also true!

$$P(k+1) : 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 2(\sqrt{k+2} - 1)$$

$$P(k) : P(k) > 2(\sqrt{k+1} - 1)$$

$$P(k) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 2(\sqrt{k+1} - 1) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 2(\sqrt{k+2} - 1)$$

We want to prove that the left hand side is greater than the right hand side!

$$\begin{aligned} P(k) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} &> \frac{2(\sqrt{k+1} - 1)(\sqrt{k+1}) + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 2(\sqrt{k+2} - 1) \\ \frac{2(k+1 - \sqrt{k+1}) + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} &> 2(\sqrt{k+2} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

\* multiply both side by " $\frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$ "

$$2k+2 - 2\sqrt{k+1} + 1 > 2(\sqrt{k+2} - 1)(\sqrt{k+1})$$

$$2k - 2\sqrt{k+1} + 3 > 2(\sqrt{k+2}\sqrt{k+1} - \sqrt{k+1})$$

$$2k - 2\sqrt{k+1} + 3 > 2\sqrt{k+2}\sqrt{k+1} - 2\sqrt{k+1}$$

$$2k + 3 > 2\sqrt{k+2}\sqrt{k+1}$$


\* square both side

$$(2k + 3)^2 > (2\sqrt{k+2}\sqrt{k+1})^2$$

\* we know that the left side is greater than the right side

$$4k^2 + 12k + 9 > 4k^2 + 12k + 8 \quad \checkmark$$

$$P(k+1) : \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 2(\sqrt{k+2} - 1)$$

This prove us that if  $P(k)$  then  $P(k+1)$  is true for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$   bomb store