

# HW1

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1. Use mathematical induction to prove the following statements

(a)

$$\forall_n \geq 1, \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = (\sum_{i=1}^n i)^2$$

lemma:  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Base Case:  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1 = \frac{1^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

Inductive Hypothesis:  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2}$

Inductive Steps:

Using induction on  $n$

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

So therefore the lemma is true for all natural numbers  $n$  greater than 1.

With the lemma we can solve the proof easier

Base Case: For  $n = 1$  would be  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i^3 = 1^3 = 1$ .  $(\sum_{i=1}^1 i)^2 = 1$ .

Inductive Hypothesis: From the base  $n$  is true for  $\forall_n \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = (\sum_{i=1}^n i)^2$

Inductive Step: Using lemma we can re-write this to  $(\frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n i^3$

We will first add  $n+1$ ,  $(\frac{(n+1)^2}{2} + \frac{(n+1)}{2})^2 = \frac{n^4}{4} + \frac{3n^3}{2} + \frac{13n^2}{4} + 3n + 1$ . Now we will do  $(\frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2})^2 + (n+1)^3 = \frac{n^4}{4} + \frac{3n^3}{2} + \frac{13n^2}{4} + 3n + 1$ . So therefore  $\forall_n \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = (\sum_{i=1}^n i)^2$  is true for all natural numbers for  $n$  greater than or equal to 1.

(b)  $\forall_n \geq 4, 2^n < n!$

