

1. Use mathematical induction on positive integer n to prove each of the following:

- (a) $1^2 + 4^2 + 7^2 + \dots + (3n-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}n(6n^2 - 3n - 1)$, for $n \geq 1$;
 (b) $3 + 7 + 11 + \dots + (8n-1) = 2n(4n+1)$, for $n \geq 1$;
 (c) $2^{4n} - 3^{2n}$ is divisible by 7 for $n \geq 1$.

Solution:

(a) Let $P(n)$ be the statement $1^2 + 4^2 + 7^2 + \dots + (3n-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}n(6n^2 - 3n - 1)$.

If $n = 1$, then $P(1)$ is true because $1^2 = 1$ and $\frac{1}{2}(1)[6(1)^2 - 3(1) - 1] = \frac{1}{2}(2) = 1$.

We assume that for $n = k$, $P(k)$ is valid that is

$$1^2 + 4^2 + 7^2 + \dots + (3k-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}k(6k^2 - 3k - 1) \quad (*)$$

We need to prove that for $n = k+1$, $P(k+1)$ is valid that is we must verify that

$$1^2 + 4^2 + 7^2 + \dots + (3k+1)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(6(k+1)^2 - 3(k+1) - 1).$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + 4^2 + 7^2 + \dots + (3k+1)^2 &= [1^2 + 4^2 + 7^2 + \dots + (3k-2)^2] + (3k+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}k(6k^2 - 3k - 1) + (3k+1)^2 \quad \text{by } (*) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[k(6k^2 - 3k - 1) + 2(3k+1)^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[8k^3 + 15k^2 + 11k + 2]. \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\frac{1}{2}(k+1)(6(k+1)^2 - 3(k+1) - 1) = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(6k^2 + 9k + 2) = \frac{1}{2}[8k^3 + 15k^2 + 11k + 2].$$

Hence $1^2 + 4^2 + 7^2 + \dots + (3k+1)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(6(k+1)^2 - 3(k+1) - 1)$.

Therefore by the principle of mathematical induction $P(n)$ is valid for all $n \geq 1$.

(b) Let $P(n)$ be the statement $3 + 7 + 11 + \dots + (8n-1) = 2n(4n+1)$.

If $n = 1$, then $P(1)$ is true because $3 + 7 = 10$ and $2(1)(4(1) + 1) = 2(5) = 10$. We assume that for $n = k$, $P(k)$ is valid that is

$$3 + 7 + 11 + \dots + (8k-1) = 2k(4k+1) \quad (*)$$

We need to prove that for $n = k+1$, $P(k+1)$ is valid that is we must verify that

$$3 + 7 + 11 + \dots + (8k+7) = 2(k+1)(4(k+1) + 1)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned}
 3 + 7 + 11 + \dots + (8k + 7) &= [3 + 7 + 11 + \dots + (8k - 1)] + (8k + 3) + (8k + 7) \\
 &= 2k(4k + 1) + (8k + 3) + (8k + 7) \quad \text{by } (*) \\
 &= 8k^2 + 18k + 10 \\
 &= 2(k^2 + 9k + 5) \\
 &= 2(k + 1)(4k + 5) \\
 &= 2(k + 1)(4(k + 1) + 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by the principle of mathematical induction $P(n)$ is valid for all $n \geq 1$.

(c) Let $P(n)$ be the statement “ $2^{4n} - 3^{2n}$ is divisible by 7”.

If $n = 1$, then $P(1)$ is true because $2^4 - 3^2 = 7$ which is divisible by 7. We assume that for $n = k$, $P(k)$ is valid that is $2^{4k} - 3^{2k}$ is divisible by 7. We need to prove that for $n = k + 1$, $P(k + 1)$ is valid that is we must prove that $2^{4(k+1)} - 3^{2(k+1)}$ is divisible by 7. But

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^{4(k+1)} - 3^{2(k+1)} &= 2^{4k+4} - 3^{2k+2} = 2^{4k+4} - 2^4 3^{2k} + 2^4 3^{2k} - 3^{2k+2} \\
 &= 2^4 (2^{4k} - 3^{2k}) + 3^{2k} (2^4 - 3^2) \\
 &= 16 (2^{4k} - 3^{2k}) + 7 (3^{2k}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now $7 (3^{2k})$ is divisible by 7 and by the induction assumption $2^{4k} - 3^{2k}$ is also divisible by 7; so $16 (2^{4k} - 3^{2k}) + 7 (3^{2k})$ is divisible by 7 which means $2^{4(k+1)} - 3^{2(k+1)}$ is divisible by 7.

Therefore by the principle of mathematical induction $2^{4n} - 3^{2n}$ is divisible by 7 for all $n \geq 1$.

2. Consider the sum $(5)^2 + (11)^2 + (17)^2 + \dots + (18n - 1)^2$:

(a) Write the sum in sigma notation.

Solution: Since $5 = 6(1) - 1$, $11 = 6(2) - 1$ and $(18n - 1) = [6(3n) - 1]$ so

$$(5)^2 + (11)^2 + (17)^2 + \dots + (18n - 1)^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{3n} (6j - 1)^2.$$

(b) Use identities $\sum_{k=1}^m k = \frac{1}{2} [m(m + 1)]$ and $\sum_{k=1}^m k^2 = \frac{1}{6} [m(m + 1)(2m + 1)]$ to prove that

$$(5)^2 + (11)^2 + (17)^2 + \dots + (18n - 1)^2 = 3n(108n^2 + 36n + 1).$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
(5)^2 + (11)^2 + (17)^2 + \cdots + (18n-1)^2 &= \sum_{j=1}^{3n} (6j-1)^2 \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{3n} (36j^2 - 12j + 1) \\
&= 36 \sum_{j=1}^{3n} j^2 - 12 \sum_{j=1}^{3n} j + \sum_{j=1}^{3n} 1 \\
&= 36 \left[\frac{1}{6} (3n)(3n+1)(6n+1) \right] - 12 \left[\frac{1}{2} (3n)(3n+1) \right] + 3n \\
&= 3n [6(3n+1)(6n+1) - 6(3n+1) + 1] \\
&= 3n (108n^2 + 36n + 1).
\end{aligned}$$

3. Prove that $\sum_{\ell=1}^n \ell(\ell+2) = \frac{1}{6} [n(n+1)(2n+7)]$ by each of the following two methods:

- (a) By mathematical induction on positive integer $n \geq 1$.
- (b) By using the identities mentioned in part (b) of question 2.

Solution:

(a) Let $P(n)$ be the statement $\sum_{\ell=1}^n \ell(\ell+2) = \frac{1}{6} [n(n+1)(2n+7)]$.

If $n = 1$, then $P(1)$ is true because $\sum_{\ell=1}^1 \ell(\ell+2) = 1(1+2) = 3$ and also

$$\frac{1}{6} [1(1+1)(2+7)] = \frac{1}{6} (18) = 3.$$

We assume that for $n = k$, $P(k)$ is valid that is

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^k \ell(\ell+2) = \frac{1}{6} [k(k+1)(2k+7)] \quad (*)$$

We need to prove that for $n = k+1$, $P(k+1)$ is valid that is we must prove that

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^{k+1} \ell(\ell+2) = \frac{1}{6} [(k+1)(k+2)(2k+9)].$$

But

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\ell=1}^{k+1} \ell(\ell+2) &= \sum_{\ell=1}^k \ell(\ell+2) + (k+1)(k+3) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}[k(k+1)(2k+7)] + (k+1)(k+3) \quad \text{by } (*) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}[k(k+1)(2k+7) + 6(k+1)(k+3)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}[(k+1)(k(2k+7) + 6(k+3))] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}[(k+1)(2k^2 + 13k + 18)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}[(k+1)(k+2)(2k+9)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by the principle of mathematical induction $P(n)$ is valid for all $n \geq 1$.

(b) Using the given formulas we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\ell=1}^n \ell(\ell+2) &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n \ell^2 + 2 \sum_{\ell=1}^n \ell = \frac{1}{6}[n(n+1)(2n+1)] + 2 \left[\frac{1}{2}(n(n+1)) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}[n(n+1)(2n+1) + 6n(n+1)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}[(n+1)(n(2n+1) + 6n)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}[(n+1)(2n^2 + 7n)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}[n(n+1)(2n+7)].
 \end{aligned}$$

4. For each of the following sums, rewrite the sum such that it starts from the given number. Keep your answer in sigma notation but simplify it.

(a) $\sum_{j=6}^{25} [(3j-15)^3 + j(j-10) + 25]$ starting with $j = 1$.

Solution: First we notice that $\sum_{j=6}^{25} [(3j-15)^3 + j(j-10) + 25] = \sum_{j=6}^{25} [(3j-15)^3 + (j-5)^2]$.

Now if we replace j by $j + 5$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{j=6}^{25} [(3j-15)^3 + j(j-10) + 25] &= \sum_{j=6}^{25} [(3j-15)^3 + (j-5)^2] \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^{20} [(3(j+5)-15)^3 + (j+5-5)^2] \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^{20} [(3j)^3 + j^2] \\
 &= 27 \sum_{j=1}^{20} j^3 + \sum_{j=1}^{20} j^2 .
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\sum_{k=-3}^{n-3} [(6+2k)^2 + \frac{k+3}{k(k+4)}]$ starting with $k = 0$.

Solution: If we replace k by $k - 3$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=-3}^{n-3} [(6+2k)^2 + \frac{k+3}{k(k+4)}] &= \sum_{k=0}^n [(6+2(k-3))^2 + \frac{k-3+3}{(k-3)(k-3+4)}] \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n [(2k)^2 + \frac{k}{(k-3)(k+1)}] \\
 &= 4 \sum_{k=0}^n k^2 + \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{k}{k^2 - 2k - 3} .
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Find all 4th roots of -17 in Cartesian form. Simplify as much as possible.

Solution: Either simply notice that $-17 = 17(-i) = 17e^{\pi i}$, or say $-17 = -17 + 0i$ so $r = \sqrt{(-17)^2 + 0^2} = 17$ and $\tan \theta = \frac{0}{-17}$ so $\theta = \pi$.

Now all 4th roots of $-17 = 17e^{\pi i}$ are of form $z_k = \sqrt[4]{17} e^{\frac{\pi + 2k\pi}{4}i}$ where $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$.
If $k = 0$ then

$$z_0 = \sqrt[4]{17} e^{\frac{\pi}{4}i} = \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) + i \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{68} + i \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{68} .$$

If $k = 1$ then

$$z_1 = \sqrt[4]{17} e^{\frac{3\pi}{4}i} = \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right) = \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) + i \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{68} + i \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{68} .$$

If $k = 2$ then

$$z_2 = \sqrt[4]{17} e^{\frac{5\pi}{4}i} = \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} \right) = \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) - i \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{68} - i \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{68} .$$

If $k = 3$ then

$$z_3 = \sqrt[4]{17} e^{\frac{7\pi}{4}i} = \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\cos \frac{7\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{4} \right) = \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) - i \sqrt[4]{17} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{68} - i \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{68} .$$

6. Let $z = \frac{1}{2}i - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, evaluate $z^{123} + 2i\bar{z} + \frac{-3 + \sqrt{3}i}{1 + \sqrt{3}i}$. Simplify as much as possible.

Solution: Since $r = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}} = 1$ and $\tan \theta = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{1}{-\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ so $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$ that is $z = 1e^{\frac{5\pi}{6}i}$. Therefore

$$z^{123} = 1^{123} \left(e^{\frac{5\pi}{6}i}\right)^{123} = e^{\frac{5(123)\pi}{6}i} = e^{\frac{205\pi}{2}i} = e^{\left(51(2\pi) + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)i} = e^{\frac{\pi}{2}i} = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 + i = i.$$

Also $2i\bar{z} = 2i \left(\overline{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i}\right) = 2i \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\right) = -\sqrt{3}i - i^2 = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$.

On the other hand

$$\frac{-3 + \sqrt{3}i}{1 + \sqrt{3}i} = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{3}i}{1 + \sqrt{3}i} \times \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}i}{1 - \sqrt{3}i} = \frac{-3 + 3\sqrt{3}i + \sqrt{3}i + 3}{1 + 3} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}i}{4} = \sqrt{3}i.$$

Hence $z^{123} + 2i\bar{z} + \frac{-3 + \sqrt{3}i}{1 + \sqrt{3}i} = i + (1 - \sqrt{3}i) + \sqrt{3}i = 1 + i$.

7. For each of the following statements, if it is true prove it, and if it is false give a counter example.

- (a) $\bar{z} = \frac{|z|^2}{z}, \quad (z \neq 0);$
 (b) $\arg(z) = \arg(\bar{z});$
 (c) $z(z + z|z|) = |z|^2(1 + |z|);$
 (d) $\frac{e^{i\theta^2}(e^{i\theta})^2}{e^{i^3}} = \cos(\theta + 1)^2 + i\sin(\theta + 1)^2.$

Solution:

(a) It is true. Let $z = x + yi$ then

$$\frac{|z|^2}{z} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x + yi} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x + yi} \times \frac{x - yi}{x - yi} = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)(x - yi)}{x^2 - y^2i^2} = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)(x - yi)}{x^2 + y^2} = x - yi = \bar{z}.$$

(b) It is false. For example if $z = i$ then $\bar{z} = -i$ and $\arg(z) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ while $\arg(\bar{z}) = \pi$.

(c) It is true. From part (a) we get $z\bar{z} = |z|^2$; also we know that in general $\overline{z_1 + z_2} = \bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2$ and $\overline{kz} = k\bar{z}$. Therefore

$$z \overline{(z + z|z|)} = z(\bar{z} + \overline{z|z|}) = z(\bar{z} + |z|\bar{z}) = z\bar{z}(1 + |z|) = |z|^2(1 + |z|).$$

(d) It is true, because

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{e^{i\theta^2}(e^{i\theta})^2}{e^{i^3}} \\ &= e^{i\theta^2} e^{i(2\theta)} e^{-i^3} = e^{i\theta^2} e^{i(2\theta)} e^i = e^{(\theta^2 + 2\theta + 1)i} = e^{(\theta + 1)^2 i} = \cos(\theta + 1)^2 + i\sin(\theta + 1)^2. \end{aligned}$$