

HW3, Problem 3

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$$\sum_{k=1}^N k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Base Case:

$$k=1 \quad 1^2 = 1$$

$$n=1 \quad \frac{1(1+1)(2(1)+1)}{6} = \frac{1(2)(3)}{6} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$$

Inductive Hypothesis: $N=n$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Inductive Step: $N=n+1$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k^2$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + (n+1)^2 \rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + (n+1)^2 \rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)(2n+2)}{6} + \frac{(n+1)^2}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1) + (n+1)^2}{6} \rightarrow \frac{(n^2+n)(2n+1) + 6(n+1)^2}{6} \rightarrow \frac{2n^3 + n^2 + 2n^2 + n + 6n^2 + 12n + 6}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n + 6n^2 + 12n + 6}{6} \rightarrow \frac{2n^3 + 9n^2 + 13n + 6}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+3)}{6}$$

They are not equal.