

H.W 3

1. $\sum_{k=1}^n 2k-1 = n^2$

a. base step

$$\sum_{k=1}^1 2k-1 = 1, \quad 1^2 = 1$$

Now. Assume. that $\sum_{k=1}^n 2k-1 = n^2$ for some

$n \in \mathbb{N}$. Lets prove that $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} 2k-1 = (n+1)^2$.

$$\text{First } \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} 2k-1 = \sum_{k=1}^n 2k-1 + 2(n+1)-1 = n^2 + 2(n+1) - 1$$

by our assumption. Now $n^2 + 2(n+1) - 1 = n^2 + 2n + 2 - 1 = n^2 + 2n + 1 = (n+1)^2$ which we wanted to prove. Thus $\sum_{k=1}^n 2k-1 = n^2$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

b. Start of with $m=1$ as $\diamond = \square$

$$m=2^2=4 \text{ as } \begin{array}{c} \square \square \\ \square \square \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \square \diamond \\ \diamond \diamond \end{array}$$

$$m=3^2=9 \text{ as } \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \\ \square \square \square \\ \square \square \square \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \square \square \diamond \\ \square \square \diamond \\ \diamond \diamond \diamond \end{array}$$

where I am keeping the squares of the last number and changing the remaining to diamonds so

$$m=4^2=16 \text{ as } \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \diamond \\ \square \square \square \diamond \\ \square \square \square \diamond \\ \diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond \end{array}$$

We notice that $n^2 =$ all of the diamonds at n^2 and before so for 4^2 , there are 7 diamonds plus $5+3+1$ so there is a total of 16 diamonds. This is how to do it with geometry.

C. n^2 is degree 2 so
 $S(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n 2k-1$ is a polynomial

of degree $k+1 = 3$.

So $1^2 = 1$, $2^2 = 4$, $3^2 = 9$
and $\sum_{k=1}^1 2k-1 = 1$, $\sum_{k=1}^2 2k-1 = 4$, $\sum_{k=1}^3 2k-1 = 9$

So since both are degree 2 and
they have the same values for 3 different
 n , then $\sum_{k=1}^n 2k-1 = n^2$

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

Base step: $n=1$, $\sum_{k=1}^1 k = 1$, $\frac{(1)(1+1)}{2} = 1$ ✓

Now Assume $\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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

Simplifying RHS, $\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$

Notice that $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k = \sum_{k=1}^n k + n+1$ but by

our assumption, $\sum_{k=1}^n k + n+1 = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n+1$

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

wanted to prove. Thus $\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

b. $S = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$

$$S = n + (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1$$

Now add both together,

$$2S = (n+1) + (n+1) + (n+1) + \dots + (n+1)$$

n terms

$$2S = (n+1)(n)$$

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

c. $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ is degree two then

$\sum_{k=1}^n k$ is degree $k+1$. Check up to $n=3$,
 $k=1$

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

$$\sum_{k=1}^1 k = 1, \quad \sum_{k=1}^2 k = 3, \quad \sum_{k=1}^3 k = 6$$

Since both are degree 2 and it has same values for up to $n=3$, then

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

$$3. \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$$

$$A(n) = an^3 + bn^2 + cn + d$$

$$A(0) = 0, A(1) = 1^2 = 1, A(2) = 1 + 2^2 = 5$$

$$A(3) = 1 + 4 + 3^2 = 14$$

$$A(0) = a(0)^3 + b(0)^2 + c(0) + d = d$$

$$A(1) = a(1)^3 + b(1)^2 + c(1) + d = a + b + c + d$$

$$A(2) = a(2)^3 + b(2)^2 + c(2) + d = 8a + 4b + 2c + d$$

$$A(3) = a(3)^3 + b(3)^2 + c(3) + d = 27a + 9b + 3c + d$$

$$d = 0, a + b + c = 1, 8a + 4b + 2c = 5, 27a + 9b + 3c = 14$$

$$a = \frac{1}{3}, b = \frac{1}{2}, c = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$A(n) = \frac{1}{3}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{6}n + 0 = \frac{1}{3}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{6}n$$

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

a). Base step $\sum_{k=1}^1 k^2 = 1, \frac{1(2(1)+1)(1+1)}{6} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$

Now assume $\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(2n+1)(n+1)}{6}$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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

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

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

by our assumption, Now that is equal to

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

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

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

which is what we wanted to prove.

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

degree three so need to check up to $n=4$

$$\sum_{k=1}^1 k^2 = 1, \quad \sum_{k=1}^2 k^2 = 5, \quad \sum_{k=1}^3 k^2 = 14$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^4 k^2 = 30$$

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

$$n=2, 5$$

$$n=3, 14$$

$$n=4, 30$$

They all agree up to $n=4$ so

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

$$4. \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2$$

Degree 4 So check up to $n=5$.

$$\sum_{k=1}^1 k^3 = 1, \quad \sum_{k=1}^2 k^3 = 1+8=9, \quad \sum_{k=1}^3 k^3 = 1+8+27=36$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^4 k^3 = 1+8+27+64=100$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^5 k^3 = 1+8+27+64+125=225$$

$$n=1, \left(\frac{1(1+1)}{2} \right)^2 = 1$$

$$n=2, 9$$

$$n=3, 36$$

$$n=4, 100$$

$$n=5, 225$$

Both degree 4 and have same values for $k+1$, thus

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2$$