

# Sequences & Mathematical Induction

## 5.1 Sequences

## 5.2&3 Mathematical Induction (الاستقراء الرياضي)



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In this lecture:



#### **Part 1: What is Mathematical Induction**

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- Part 3: Proving *sum of integers* and *geometric sequences*
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# What is Mathematical Induction

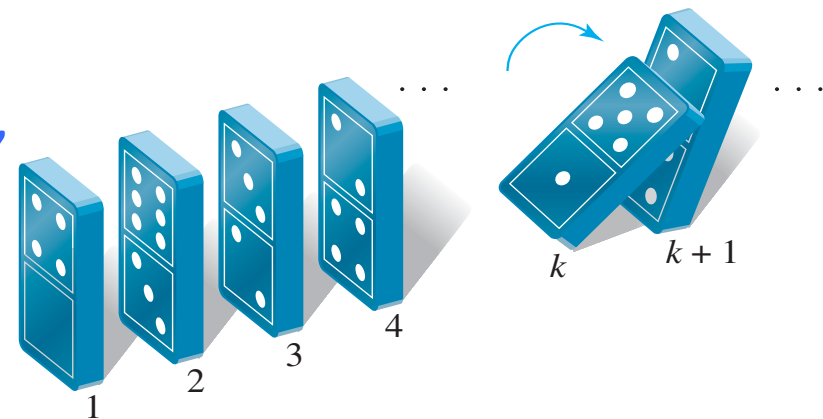
Mathematical induction is one of the most **recently developed methods of proof** in mathematics.

## History:

The first use of mathematical induction was by الكرجي / Al-Kraji (1000AD) in his book الفخري / Al-Fakhri to prove math sequences. In 1883 Augustus De Morgan described it carefully and named mathematical induction.

## The idea:

If the  $k^{\text{th}}$  domino falls backward, it pushes the  $(k+1)^{\text{st}}$  domino backward.



# What is Mathematical Induction

## Principle of Mathematical Induction

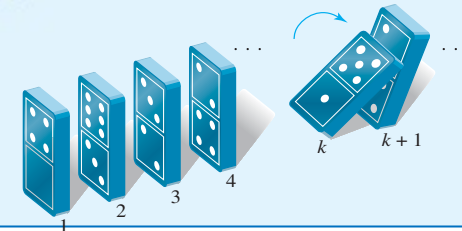
Let  $P(n)$  be a property that is defined for integers  $n$ , and let  $a$  be a fixed integer. Suppose the following two statements are true:

1.  $P(a)$  is true.
2. For all integers  $k \geq a$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Then the statement

for all integers  $n \geq a$ ,  $P(n)$

is true.



### Example:

**how to know whether this  $P(n)$  can be true?**

$P(n)$ : For all integers  $n \geq 8$ ,  $n$  cents can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.

→ Moves from specific cases to create a general rule (conjecture/  
حدس), this is why it is called **Principle, not a theorem**

# What is Mathematical Induction

## Example

How to know whether this statement can be true?

For all integers  $n \geq 8$ ,  $n$  cents can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.

For all integers  $n \geq 8$ ,  $P(n)$  is true,  
where  $P(n)$  is the sentence “ $n$  cents  
can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢  
coins.”

Then we need to prove that  $P(n+1)$  is  
also true

Number of Cents	How to Obtain It
8¢	$3¢ + 5¢$
9¢	$3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢$
10¢	$5¢ + 5¢$
11¢	$3¢ + 3¢ + 5¢$
12¢	$3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢$
13¢	$3¢ + 5¢ + 5¢$
14¢	$3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢ + 5¢$
15¢	$5¢ + 5¢ + 5¢$
16¢	$3¢ + 3¢ + 5¢ + 5¢$
17¢	$3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢ + 3¢ + 5¢$

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# Mathematical Induction as a Method of Proof

Proving a statement by mathematical induction is a two-step process. The first step is called the *basis step*, and the second step is called the *inductive step*.

## Method of Proof by Mathematical Induction

Consider a statement of the form, “For all integers  $n \geq a$ , a property  $P(n)$  is true.” To prove such a statement, perform the following two steps:

**Step 1 (basis step):** Show that  $P(a)$  is true.

**Step 2 (inductive step):** Show that for all integers  $k \geq a$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is true. To perform this step,

**suppose** that  $P(k)$  is true, where  $k$  is any particular but arbitrarily chosen integer with  $k \geq a$ .

*[This supposition is called the **inductive hypothesis**.]*

Then

**show** that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.



# Mathematical Induction as a Method of Proof

## Example

How to know whether this statement can be true?

For all integers  $n \geq 8$ ,  $n$  cents can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.

Let the property  $P(n)$  be the sentence:  $n$ ¢ can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.  $\leftarrow P(n)$

**Step 1 (basis step):** Show  $P(8)$  is true:  $P(8)$  is true as 8¢ obtained by one 3¢ and one 5¢

**Step 2 (inductive step):** Show for all integers  $k \geq 8$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k+1)$  is true:

[Suppose that  $P(k)$  is true for a particular but arbitrarily chosen integer  $k \geq 8$ . That is:]

**Suppose**  $k$  is any integer  $k \geq 8$ ,  $k$ ¢ obtained by 3¢ and 5¢.  $\leftarrow P(k)$  **inductive hypothesis**

[We must show that  $P(k+1)$  is true. That is:] We must show that

$(k+1)$ ¢ can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.  $\leftarrow P(k+1)$

**Case 1 (There is a 5¢ coin among those used to make up the  $k$ ¢):**

replace the 5¢ coin by two 3¢ coins; the result will be  $(k+1)$ ¢.

**Case 2 (There is not a 5¢ coin among those used to make up the  $k$ ¢):**


because  $k \geq 8$ , at least three 3¢ must have been used. So remove three 3¢ and replace them by two 5¢; the result will be  $(k+1)$ ¢.

Thus in either case  $(k+1)$ ¢ can be obtained using 3¢ and 5¢ [as was to be shown].

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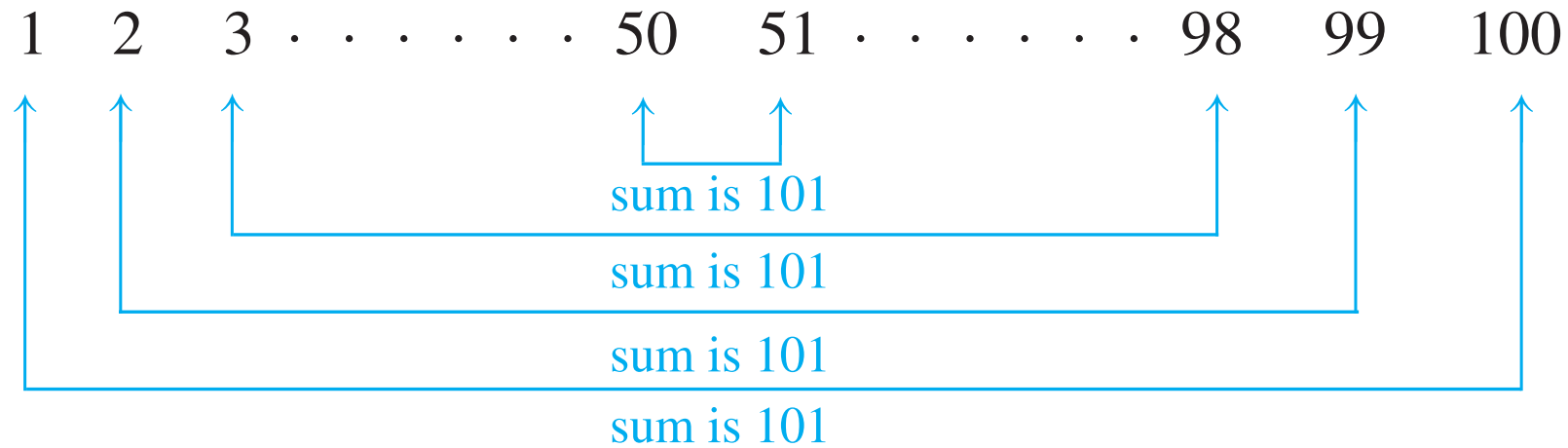
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# Sum of the First $n$ Integers

Who can sum all numbers from 1 to 100?



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

### Theorem 5.2.2 Sum of the First $n$ Integers

For all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

**Same Question:** Prove that these programs prints the same results in case  $n \geq 1$

```
For (i=1, i≤n; i++)
```

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  S=S+i;
```

```
Print ("%d", S);
```

```
S=(n(n+1))/2
```

```
Print ("%d",S);
```

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For (i=1, i≤n; i++)	S=(n(n+1))/2
S=S+i;	Print ("%d",S);
∴	Print ("%d", S);

Proving that both programs produce the same results is like proving that:

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad \leftarrow P(n)$$

**Basis Step:** Show that  $P(1)$  is true.  $P(1): 1 = 1(1+1)/2 = 1$  Thus  $P(1)$  is true

**Inductive Step:** Show that for all integers  $k \geq 1$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k+1)$  is also true:

Suppose:  $1+2+3+\dots+k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$  is true  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$P(k+1) = 1+2+\dots+k + (k+1) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad \leftarrow P(k+1)$$
$$= P(k) + (k+1)$$

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

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

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

Same

# Examples of Sums

**Evaluate  $2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 500$ .**

$$\begin{aligned}2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 500 &= 2 \cdot (1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + 250) \\ &= 2 \cdot \left( \frac{250 \cdot 251}{2} \right) \\ &= 62,750.\end{aligned}$$

**Evaluate  $5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + \cdots + 50$ .**

$$\begin{aligned}5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + \cdots + 50 &= (1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + 50) - (1 + 2 + 3 + 4) \\ &= \frac{50 \cdot 51}{2} - 10 \\ &= 1,265\end{aligned}$$

**For an integer  $h \geq 2$ , write  $1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + (h-1)$  in closed form.**

$$\begin{aligned}1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + (h-1) &= \frac{(h-1) \cdot [(h-1) + 1]}{2} \\ &= \frac{(h-1) \cdot h}{2}\end{aligned}$$

### Theorem 5.2.3 Sum of a Geometric Sequence

For any real number  $r$  except 1, and any integer  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n r^i = \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1}.$$

**Proof (by mathematical induction):**

$$\sum_{i=0}^0 r^i = \frac{r^{0+1} - 1}{r - 1} \leftarrow P(0) = \frac{r - 1}{r - 1} = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^k r^i = \frac{r^{k+1} - 1}{r - 1} \leftarrow P(k) \text{ inductive hypothesis}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} r^i &= \frac{r^{k+2} - 1}{r - 1} \leftarrow P(k+1) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k r^i + r^{k+1} \\ &= \frac{r^{k+1} - 1}{r - 1} + r^{k+1} \\ &= \frac{r^{k+1} - 1}{r - 1} + \frac{r^{k+1}(r - 1)}{r - 1} \\ &= \frac{(r^{k+1} - 1) + r^{k+1}(r - 1)}{r - 1} \\ &= \frac{r^{k+1} - 1 + r^{k+2} - r^{k+1}}{r - 1} \\ &= \frac{r^{k+2} - 1}{r - 1} \end{aligned}$$

# Mathematics in Programming

Example : Finding the sum of a geometric series

Prove that these codes will return the same output.

n.

```
int n, r, sum=0;
int i;
scanf("%d",&n);
scanf("%d",&r);

if(r != 1) {
    for(i=0 ; i<=n ; i++) {
        sum = sum + pow(r,i);
    }
    printf("%d\n", sum);
}
```

```
int n, r, sum=0;
scanf("%d",&n);
scanf("%d",&r);

if(r != 1) {
    sum=((pow(r,n+1))-1)/(r-1);
    printf("%d\n", sum);
}
```

This code is proposed by a student/Zaina!



# Examples of Sums of a Geometric Sequence

In each of (a) and (b) below, assume that  $m$  is an integer that is greater than or equal to 3. Write each of the sums in closed form.

(a)  $1+3+3^2+\cdots+3^{m-2}$

$$\begin{aligned}1+3+3^2+\cdots+3^{m-2} &= \frac{3^{(m-2)+1}-1}{3-1} \\ &= \frac{3^{m-1}-1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$


(b)  $3^2+3^3+3^4+\cdots+3^m$

$$\begin{aligned}3^2+3^3+3^4+\cdots+3^m &= 3^2 \cdot (1+3+3^2+\cdots+3^{m-2}) \\ &= 9 \cdot \left( \frac{3^{m-1}-1}{2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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### Proposition 5.3.1 Proving a Divisibility Property

For all integers  $n \geq 0$ ,  $2^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 3.

**Proof (by mathematical induction):**

$$3 \mid 2^{2n} - 1 \quad \leftarrow P(n)$$

**Basis Step:** Show that  $P(0)$  is true.

$$P(0): 2^{2 \cdot 0} - 1 = 2^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0 \quad \text{As } 3 \mid 0, \text{ thus } P(0) \text{ is true.}$$

**Inductive Step:** Show that for all integers  $k \geq 0$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is also true:

Suppose:  $2^{2k} - 1$  is divisible by 3.  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$2^{2k} - 1 = 3r \text{ for some integer } r.$$

$$2^{2(k+1)} - 1 \text{ is divisible by 3. } \leftarrow P(k+1)$$

$$2^{2(k+1)} - 1 = 2^{2k+2} - 1 \quad \text{by the laws of exponents}$$

$$= 2^{2k} \cdot 2^2 - 1 = 2^{2k} \cdot 4 - 1$$

$$= 2^{2k} (3 + 1) - 1 = 2^{2k} \cdot 3 + (2^{2k} - 1) = 2^{2k} \cdot 3 + 3r$$

$$= 3(2^{2k} + r) \quad \text{Which is integer}$$

so, by definition of divisibility,  $2^{2(k+1)} - 1$  is divisible by 3

# Mathematics in Programming

## Example : Proving Property of a Sequence

What will the output of this program be for any input n?

```
int n;
scanf("%d",&n);

if(n >= 0) {
    if( (pow(2,(2*n)) - 1) %3 == 0)           \\ does 2^2n -1 | 3?? \\
        printf("this property is true");
    else
        printf("this property isn't true");
}
```

### Proposition 5.3.2 Proving Inequality

For all integers  $n \geq 3$ ,  $2n + 1 < 2^n$ .

**Proof (by mathematical induction):**

Let  $P(n)$  be  $2n+1 < 2^n$

**Basis Step:** *Show that  $P(3)$  is true.*  $P(3): 2 \cdot 3 + 1 < 2^3$  which is true.

**Inductive Step:** *Show that for all integers  $k \geq 3$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is also true:*

Suppose:  $2k + 1 < 2^k$  is true  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$2(k+1) + 1 < 2^{k+1}$   $\leftarrow P(k+1)$

Now  $2(k+1)+1 = 2k+3 = (2k+1) + 2$  by multiplying out and regrouping

and by substitution from the inductive hypothesis

$(2k + 1) + 2 < 2^k + 2^k$  because  $2k + 1 < 2^k$  by the inductive hypothesis  
and because  $2 < 2^k$  for all integers  $k \geq 2$


$\therefore 2k + 3 < 2 \cdot 2^k = 2^{k+1}$

[This is what we needed to show.]

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# Proving a Property of a Sequence

## Example

Define a sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow a_1 = 2 \\ &\rightarrow a_k = 5a_{k-1} \quad \text{for all integers } k \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

Write the first four terms of the sequence.

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 2 \rightarrow 2 \cdot 5^{1-1} = 2 \cdot 5^0 = 2 \cdot 1 = 2 \\ a_2 &= 5a_{2-1} = 5a_1 = 5 \cdot 2 = 10 \\ a_3 &= 5a_{3-1} = 5a_2 = 5 \cdot 10 = 50 \\ a_4 &= 5a_{4-1} = 5a_3 = 5 \cdot 50 = 250 \end{aligned}$$

→ The terms of the sequence satisfy the equation  $a_n = 2 \cdot 5^{n-1}$

# Proving a Property of a Sequence

## Example

Prove this property:

$$a_n = 2 \cdot 5^{n-1} \text{ for all integers } n \geq 1$$

**Basis Step:** Show that  $P(1)$  is true.

$$a_1 = 2 \cdot 5^{1-1} - 1 = 2 \cdot 5^0 - 1 = 2$$

**Inductive Step:** Show that for all integers  $k \geq 1$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k+1)$  is also true:

Suppose:  $a_k = 2 \cdot 5^{k-1}$

$\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$a_{k+1} = 2 \cdot 5^k$$
$$= 5a_{(k+1)-1}$$

$\leftarrow P(k+1)$

by definition of  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots$

$$= 5a_k$$

$$= 5 \cdot (2 \cdot 5^{k-1})$$

by the hypothesis

$$= 2 \cdot (5 \cdot 5^{k-1})$$

$$= 2 \cdot 5^k$$


[This is what we needed to show.]



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# Induction Versus Deduction Reasoning

## Deduction Reasoning

If Every man is person and  
Sami is Man,  
then Sami is Person

If my highest mark this  
semester is 82%, then my  
average will not be more than  
82%

## Induction Reasoning

For all integers  $n \geq 8$ ,  $n$   
cents can be obtained  
using 3¢ and 5¢ coins.

We had a quiz each lecture  
in the past months, so we  
will have a quiz next lecture

# Induction Versus Deduction Reasoning

## Deduction Reasoning

Based on facts, definitions, ,  
theorems, laws

Moves from general  
observation to specific results

Provides proofs

## Induction Reasoning

Based on observation,  
past experience, patterns

Moves from specific cases  
to create a general rule

Provides conjecture/حدس

**More slides**

# More slides from students

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# Example<sup>1</sup>

prove the following property:

for all integers  $n \geq 1$   $1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + (n)(n+1) = \frac{(n)(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$

**basis step** : show  $p(1)$  is true.

left-hand side is  $1 \times 2 = 2$

right-hand side is  $\frac{(1)(2)(3)}{3} = 2$

$P(1): 1 \times 2 = \frac{(1)(2)(3)}{3}$

→ thus  $p(1)$  is true

**inductive step** : Show that for all integers  $k \geq 1$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is also true:

→ suppose that  $p(k)$  is true

$p(k) = 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + (k)(k+1) = \frac{(k)(k+1)(k+2)}{3}$  ←  **$P(k)$  inductive hypothesis**

$p(k+1) = 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + (k)(k+1) + (k+1)((k+1)+1)$   
 $= [1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + (k)(k+1)] + (k+1)((k+1)+1)$   
 $= \frac{(k)(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2)$

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

$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3} = \text{right side}$  [This is what we needed to show.]

Then  $p(k)$  works for all  $n \geq 1$ .

# Example<sup>1</sup>

Show that For any integer  $n \geq 5$ ,  $4n < 2^n$ .

**basis step** : show  $P(n = 5)$  is true.

$$4n = 4 \times 5 = 20, \text{ and } 2^n = 2^5 = 32.$$

Since  $20 < 32$ , thus  $p(n=5)$  is true

**inductive step** : Show that for all integers  $k > 0$ , if  $p(k)$  is true then  $p(k+1)$  is true:

suppose  $p(k)$  is true for  $k \geq 5$   $\leftarrow$   **$P(k)$  inductive hypothesis**

$$p(k+1): \quad 4(k+1) = 4k + 4, \text{ and, by assumption } [4k] + 4 < [2^k] + 4$$

Since  $k \geq 5$ , then  $4 < 32 \leq 2^k$ . Then we get

$$2^k + 4 < 2^k + 2^k =$$

$$= 2 \times 2^k$$

$$= 2^1 \times 2^k$$

$$= 2^{k+1}$$

Then  $4(k+1) < 2^{k+1}$ , hence  $p(k+1)$  is true *[This is what we needed to show.]*

<sup>1</sup> question taken from this book: CALCULUS with Analytic Geometry, Earl W. Swokowski

# Example<sup>1</sup>

show that For all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $8^n - 3^n$  is divisible by 5.

**basis step** : show that  $p(1)$  is true

$$8^1 - 3^1 =$$

$$= 8 - 3$$

= 5 which is clearly divisible by 5.

**inductive step** : Show that for all integers  $k > 0$ , if  $p(k)$  is true then  $p(k+1)$  is true:

Suppose  $p(k)$  is true ( $8^k - 3^k$  is divisible by 5)  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$8^{k+1} - 3^{k+1} =$$

$$= 8^{k+1} - 3 \times 8^k + 3 \times 8^k - 3^{k+1}$$

$$= 8^k(8 - 3) + 3(8^k - 3^k)$$

$$= 8^k(5) + 3(8^k - 3^k)$$

The first term in  $8^k(5) + 3(8^k - 3^k)$  has 5 as a factor (explicitly), and the second term is divisible by 5 (by assumption). Since we can factor a 5 out of both terms, then the entire expression,

$$8^k(5) + 3(8^k - 3^k) = 8^{k+1} - 3^{k+1}, \text{ must be divisible by 5.}$$

*[This is what we needed to show.]*

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# Example<sup>1</sup>

$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2 (n + 1)^2}{4}$ . show that this equation is true for all integers  $n \geq 1$ .

**Basis step:** show that  $p(1)$  is true.

$$\text{Left Side} = 1^3 = 1$$

$$\text{Right Side} = \frac{1^2 (1 + 1)^2}{4} = 1$$

hence  $p(1)$  is true.

**Inductive step:** Show that for all integers  $k > 0$ , if  $p(k)$  is true then  $p(k+1)$  is true:

suppose that  $p(k)$  is true  $\leftarrow P(k)$  inductive hypothesis

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k + 1)^3$$

$$= \frac{k^2 (k + 1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3$$

$$= \frac{k^2 (k + 1)^2}{4} + \frac{4(k+1)^3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{(k + 1)^2 [k^2 + 4k + 4]}{4}$$

$$= \frac{(k + 1)^2 [(k + 2)^2]}{4}$$

= right side *[This is what we needed to show.]*

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# Example<sup>1</sup>

Prove that for any integer number  $n \geq 1$ ,  $n^3 + 2n$  is divisible by 3

**Basis Step:** show that  $p(1)$  is true.

Let  $n = 1$  and calculate  $n^3 + 2n$

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

3 is divisible by 3, hence  $p(1)$  is true.

**Inductive Step:** Show that for all integers  $k > 0$ , if  $p(k)$  is true then  $p(k+1)$  is true:

suppose that  $p(k)$  is true ←  **$P(k)$  inductive hypothesis**

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

$$= k^3 + 3k^2 + 5k + 3$$

$$= [k^3 + 2k] + [3k^2 + 3k + 3]$$

$$= 3[k^3 + 2k] + 3[k^2 + k + 1]$$

$$= 3[[k^3 + 2k] + k^2 + k + 1]$$

Hence  $(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1)$  is also divisible by 3 and therefore statement  $P(k+1)$  is true.

*[This is what we needed to show.]*

<sup>1</sup> question taken from this book: CALCULUS with Analytic Geometry, Earl W. Swokowski