

Induction Problems - Assignment #1a

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Instructions. Prove the following by Mathematical Induction:

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

i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

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

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

3. $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n = \frac{x^{n+1}-1}{x-1}$; where $x \neq 1$.

i.e. $\sum_{i=0}^n x^i = \frac{x^{n+1}-1}{x-1}$; where $x \neq 1$.

4. $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$

i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) = n^2$

5. $2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n = n^2 + n$

i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^n 2i = n^2 + n$

6. $1 + 5 + 9 + \dots + (4n - 3) = 2n^2 - n$

i.e., $\sum_{i=1}^n (4i - 3) = 2n^2 - n$

7. $3 + 7 + 11 + \dots + (4n - 1) = 2n^2 + n$

i.e., $\sum_{i=1}^n (4i - 1) = 2n^2 + n$

8. $2 + 6 + 10 + \dots + (4n - 2) = 2n^2$

i.e., $\sum_{i=1}^n (4i - 2) = 2n^2$

9. $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$

i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$