

Proof by Induction

3 Steps:

- 1) Prove that it works for $n=1$
- 2) Assume that the sequence holds true for a finite # of terms

Assume it works for $n=k$

- 3) Prove that it works for $n=k+1$

1) Prove: $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$

Step 1: Show it holds true for $n=1$

Let $n=1$
 $(2(1)-1) = 1^2$
 $1 = 1$

Step 2: Assume it holds true for $n=k$

Assume $n=k$
 $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = k^2$

Step 3: Prove for $n=k+1$

$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) + [2(k+1)-1] = (k+1)^2$

Assumption

$$k^2 + (2k+2-1) = (k+1)^2$$

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

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

$$2) \text{ Prove: } 2 + 6 + 10 + \dots + (4n-2) = 2n^2$$

Step 1: Let $n=1 \leftarrow 2$

$$4(1) - 2 = 2(1)$$
$$2 = 2$$

Step 2: Assume $n=k$, thus the induction hypothesis is

$$2 + 6 + 10 + \dots + (4k-2) = 2k^2$$

Step 3: Prove true for $n=k+1 \leftarrow$

$$2 + 6 + 10 + \dots + (4k-2) + [4(k+1) - 2] = 2(k+1)^2$$

$$2k^2 + [4(k+1) - 2] = 2(k+1)^2$$

$$2k^2 + (4k + 4 - 2) = 2(k+1)^2$$

$$2k^2 + 4k + 2 = 2(k+1)^2$$

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

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