

Prove $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Let $P(n)$ be " $\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 1$ "

Base case ($n=0$):

$$2^0 = 1 = 2 - 1 = 2^{0+1} - 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive Hypothesis (I.H.)

Assume $P(k)$ is true for some arbitrary $k \in \mathbb{N}$

remember, $P(k)$ is

$$" $\sum_{i=0}^k 2^i = 2^{k+1} - 1$ "$$

Inductive Step

note our goal is to show that $P(k+1)$ is true

$$P(k+1) \text{ is } \left\| \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} 2^i = 2^{(k+1)+1} - 1 \right\|$$

if we ~~can~~ show this, we're done.

$$1) \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} 2^i = \sum_{i=0}^k 2^i + 2^{k+1} \quad \text{split summation}$$

$$2) = 2^{k+1} - 1 + 2^{k+1} \quad \text{by I.H. } \star$$

$$3) = (2^{k+1} + 2^{k+1}) - 1 \quad \text{Assoc. +}$$

$$4) = 2(2^{k+1}) - 1 \quad \text{factor}$$

$$5) = 2^{k+2} - 1 = 2^{(k+1)+1} - 1 \quad \text{simplify.}$$

we've shown that $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$.

given this and our base case, we've

shown that $P(n)$ is true for all natural

numbers.

$x := 0$

for $i=1$ to N do

for $j=1$ to i do

$x := x + 3$

return x

Let $P(n)$ be "after the outer for-loop executes n times, $x = 3n(n+1)/2$ "

↳ we want to show this is true

$\forall n \geq 0$

Base case ($n=0$):

outer loop is not entered... $x=0$ ✓

Inductive Hypothesis (I.H.):

Assume $P(k)$ for some arbitrary $k \geq 0$

$P(k)$ = "after the ^{outer} loop executes k times,

$x = 3k(k+1)/2$

Inductive Step

our goal is to prove $P(k+1)$, or that after $k+1$ iterations of the outer loop,
 $x = 3(k+1)((k+1)+1)/2$

We know that after k iterations,

$$x = 3k(k+1)/2 \quad (\text{from l.H.})$$

see
note
at end
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the next iteration adds $\boxed{3(k+1)}$ to x .

so after $k+1$ iterations,

$$x = 3k(k+1)/2 + 3(k+1)$$

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

common denom.

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

factor

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

factor

$$= \frac{3(k+1)((k+1)+1)}{2} \quad \dots \text{this is } P(k+1)$$

Conclusion

We've shown $P(0)$ and that
 $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$, so by induction,
 ~~$P(k)$~~ $P(n)$ is true $\forall n \geq 0$

note: once the inner for loop is
done executing:

for ($j=1$ to i):

$x: x+3$

x will have been incremented by $3i$.