

## § 5.1 Mathematical Induction

See also: ppt slides on induction

Missing:

700 # 4, 11, 17, 23, 28

800 # 2, 3, 13, 16

+B # 811, 824, 825

1] Objective: To prove that  $\forall n P(n)$   
for all integers  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

2] Exer. Add  $n$  odd numbers

$$\text{for } n = 2 : \quad 1 + 3 = 4$$

$$n = 3 \quad 1 + 3 + 5 = 9$$

$$4 \quad 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 = 16$$

$$5 \quad 1 + \dots + 7 + 9 = 25$$

$$6 \quad 1 + \dots + 9 + 11 = 36$$

$$7 \quad 1 + \dots + 11 + 13 = 49$$

3] Theorem:

The sum of the smallest  $n$  positive odd numbers is  $n^2$

$$\forall n, \quad 1 + 3 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$$

4] Proof by induction

Basis step: for  $n = 1$

$$LHS = 1, \quad RHS = 1^2 = 1$$

Inductive step:

Assume  $1 + 3 + \dots + (2k-1) = k^2$  ← inductive hypothesis

$$\text{w.t.s: } 1 + 3 + \dots + (2k-1) + (2k+1) = (k+1)^2$$

$$\text{Assume } 1 + 3 + \dots + (2k-1) = k$$

$$\text{w.t.s: } 1 + 3 + \dots + (2k-1) + (2k+1) = (k+1)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= 1 + 3 + \dots + (2k-1) + (2k+1) \\ &= k^2 + (2k+1) \quad \text{by assumption} \\ &= k^2 + 2k + 1 \\ &= (k+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

By mathematical induction first principle, the statement is true for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$