

HW MARCH 16: MATH 122B

1a) Recall: A natural number n is divisible by 3 $\iff n = 3p$, for some p .

$P(n)$: $n^3 - n$ is divisible by 3
 i.e. $P(n)$: $n^3 - n = 3p$, for some p .

Base case:

$$P(1) : 1^3 - 1 = 0 = 3 \cdot 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive Step

Assume $P(k)$: $k^3 - k = 3p$, some p .

Want to show

$$P(k+1): (k+1)^3 - (k+1) = 3q, \text{ some } q.$$

$$\text{Now: } (k+1)^3 - (k+1) = k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - k - 1$$

$$= k^3 - k + 3k^2 + 3k$$

$$= 3p + 3k^2 + 3k, \text{ by inductive hyp.}$$

$$= 3(p + k^2 + k)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1).$$

Hence, $P(n)$, for all n , by mathematical induction.

b) Let $P(n) : \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{1}{2} n(n+1)$

Base case:

$$P(1) : \sum_{k=1}^1 k = 1 = \frac{1}{2} 1 \cdot (1+1) \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive
step:

Assume $P(r) : \sum_{k=1}^r k = \frac{1}{2} r(r+1)$

Want to show: $P(r+1) : \sum_{k=1}^{r+1} k = \frac{1}{2}(r+1)(r+2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now: } \sum_{k=1}^{r+1} k &= \sum_{k=1}^r k + (r+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} r(r+1) + (r+1) \\ &= \frac{(r+1)}{2} [r+2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (r+1)(r+2) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $P(r+1)$

$\Rightarrow P(n)$, for all n , by mathematical induction.

c) Let $P(n) : \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(2n+1)$

Base case

$$P(1) : \sum_{k=1}^1 k^2 = 1^2 = 1 = \frac{1}{6} 1 \cdot (1+1) \cdot (2 \cdot 1 + 1) \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive step:

Assume $P(r) : \sum_{k=1}^r k^2 = \frac{1}{6} r(r+1)(2r+1)$

Want to show:

$$P(r+1) : \sum_{k=1}^{r+1} k^2 = \frac{1}{6} (r+1)(r+2)(2(r+1)+1)$$

Now: $\sum_{k=1}^{r+1} k^2 = \sum_{k=1}^r k^2 + (r+1)^2$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (r+1)(r+2)(2r+1) + (r+1)^2$$

$$= \frac{(r+1)}{6} \left[(r+2)(2r+1) + 6(r+1) \right]$$

$$= \frac{r+1}{6} \left[2r^2 + 11r + 8 \right]$$

$$= \frac{(r+1)}{6} \left[2(r+2) \right]$$

c) Let $P(n) : \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{1}{6} n (n+1) (2n+1)$

Base case

$$P(1) : \sum_{k=1}^1 k^2 = 1^2 = 1 = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1 \cdot (1+1) (2 \cdot 1 + 1)$$

Inductive Step

Assume $P(r) : \sum_{k=1}^r k^2 = \frac{1}{6} r (r+1) (2r+1)$

WTS: $P(r+1) : \sum_{k=1}^{r+1} k^2 = \frac{1}{6} (r+1) (r+2) (2(r+1)+1)$

Now, $\sum_{k=1}^{r+1} k^2 = \sum_{k=1}^r k^2 + (r+1)^2$

$$= \frac{1}{6} r (r+1) (2r+1) + (r+1)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (r+1) \left[r (2r+1) + 6(r+1) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (r+1) \left[2r^2 + 7r + 6 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (r+1) (r+2) (2r+3) \quad \checkmark$$

Hence, $P(r+1)$.

$\Rightarrow P(n)$, for all n , by math. induction.

d) Let $P(n) : \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n \cdot (n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$

Base case

$$P(1) : \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{1+1} \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive step:

Assume $P(k) : \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \frac{k}{k+1}$

WTS: $P(k+1) : \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} = \frac{k+1}{k+2}$

Now: $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)}$

$$= \frac{k}{k+1} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad , \text{ by inductive hypothesis.}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k+1} \left[k + \frac{1}{k+2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(k+1)} \left[\frac{k(k+2) + 1}{k+2} \right]$$

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

Hence, $P(k+1)$

$\Rightarrow P(n)$, for all n , by math. induction.

e) Let $P(n) : \frac{1}{2^n - 1} < \frac{3}{2^n}$

Base case:

$$P(1) : \frac{1}{2^1 - 1} = \frac{1}{1} < \frac{3}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive step:

Assume $P(k) : \frac{1}{2^k - 1} < \frac{3}{2^k}$.

Want to show:

$$P(k+1) : \frac{1}{2^{k+1} - 1} < \frac{3}{2^{k+1}}$$

Now: $\frac{1}{2^{k+1} - 1} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot (2^k) - 1}$

$$< \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2^k - 2}$$

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

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

$$< \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2^k}, \quad \text{by inductive hyp.}$$

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

Hence, $P(k+1) \Rightarrow P(n)$, for all n , by
mathematical induction.

2) TEST:

$$2 \cdot 1 + 3 = 5 \quad \times \quad 2^1$$

$$2 \cdot 2 + 3 = 7 \quad \times \quad 2^2$$

$$2 \cdot 3 + 3 = 9 \quad \times \quad 2^3$$

$$2 \cdot 4 + 3 = 11 < 2^4$$

$$2 \cdot 5 + 3 = 13 < 2^5 \quad \checkmark$$

Let $P(n): 2n + 3 < 2^n$

Base case ($n=4$)

$$P(4): 2 \cdot 4 + 3 = 11 < 2^4 = 16 \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive step:

Assume $P(k): 2k + 3 < 2^k$, some $k \geq 4$

Want to show

$$P(k+1): 2(k+1) + 3 < 2^{k+1}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(k+1) + 3 \\ &= 2k + 5 \\ &= 2k + 3 + 2 < 2^k + 2^1, \text{ by inductive hypothesis} \\ &< 2^k + 2^k, \text{ since } k \geq 4 > 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^k \\ &= 2^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $P(k+1) \Rightarrow P(n)$, for all $n \geq 4$ by mathematical induction.

3a) Let $P(n) : a_n < 3$

Base case:

$$P(1) : a_1 = 2 < 3 \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive step:

$$\text{Assume } P(k) : a_k < 3$$

$$\text{WTS: } P(k+1) : a_{k+1} < 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } a_{k+1} &= \sqrt{6+a_k} \\ &< \sqrt{6+3} && \text{by ind. hyp.} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

hence, $P(k+1) \Rightarrow P(n)$, for all n , by mathematical induction.

b) Let $P(n) : a_n < a_{n+1}$

Base case:

$$P(1) : a_1 = 2 < \sqrt{8} = a_2$$

Inductive step:

$$\text{Assume } P(k) : a_k < a_{k+1}$$

$$\text{WTS: } P(k+1) : a_{k+1} < a_{k+2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } a_{k+1} &= \sqrt{6+a_k} \\ &< \sqrt{6+a_{k+1}} = a_{k+2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $P(k+1) \Rightarrow P(n)$, for all n ,
by math. induction

c) The sequence is increasing (by (b))
and bounded above (by (a))
 $\Rightarrow (a_n)$ convergent by MBT.

$$\text{Let } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n.$$

$$\text{Then } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}$$

ie

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{6 + a_n}$$

$$= \sqrt{6 + \lim a_n}, \text{ by 2.L.}$$

$$= \sqrt{6 + L}$$

$$\Rightarrow L^2 = 6 + L$$

$$\Rightarrow L^2 - L - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (L - 3)(L + 2) = 0 \Rightarrow L = -2 \text{ or } L = 3$$

Since (a_n) increasing, ie

$$a_n > a_1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lim a_n > 2$$

$$\Rightarrow L = 3.$$

4) Let $P(n)$: sum of interior angles of convex n -gon $= (n-2)\pi$

Base case:

$P(1)$: 3-gon = triangle

and sum of ~~all~~ interior angles $= \pi$, by middle school.

Inductive Step:

Assume $P(k)$:

sum of interior angles of convex k -gon $= (k-2)\pi$

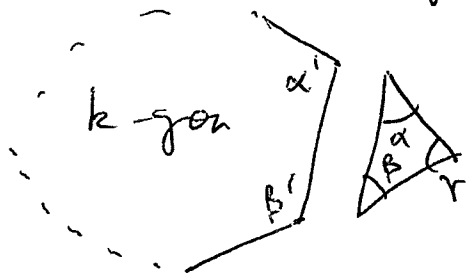
WTS: $P(k+1)$:

sum of interior angles of convex $(k+1)$ -gon $= (k-1)\pi$.

Now, ~~to~~ consider a $(k+1)$ -gon.

Since a convex $(k+1)$ -gon can be cut into k -gon and triangle

Then, sum of interior angles of k -gon is $(k-2)\pi$, by inductive hypothesis.



Label internal angles of $(k+1)$ -gon
by $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{k+1}$

Say $\gamma = \alpha_{k+1}$ (see above
picture)

and let

$$\alpha_k = \alpha + \alpha'$$

$$\alpha_{k-1} = \beta' + \beta$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_k + \alpha_{k+1} \\ = & \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + (\beta + \beta') + (\alpha + \alpha') + \alpha_{k+1} \\ = & (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \beta' + \alpha') + (\beta + \alpha + \gamma) \\ = & (k-2)\pi + \pi \\ = & (k-1)\pi. \end{aligned}$$

ii Hence, $P(k+1)$.

$\Rightarrow P(n)$, for all $n \geq 3$, by
math. induction.

5) It is not true that

$$P(1) \Rightarrow P(2)$$