

## Complete Solutions to Exercise 1g

2. *Proof.* Let  $P(n)$  be the given proposition:  $2 + 5 + 8 + \dots + (3n - 1) = \frac{1}{2}n(3n + 1)$

Check  $P(1)$ . Substituting  $n = 1$  gives

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

Hence  $P(1)$  is true. Assume the proposition is true for  $n = k$ :

$$2 + 5 + 8 + \dots + (3k - 1) = \frac{1}{2}k(3k + 1) \quad (*)$$

Required to prove the result for  $n = k + 1$ . We need to prove

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + 5 + 8 + \dots + (3k - 1) + (3(k + 1) - 1) &= \frac{1}{2}(k + 1)(3(k + 1) + 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(k + 1)(3k + 4) \quad (***) \end{aligned}$$

*How do we prove (\*\*\*)?*

By examining the Left Hand Side and using (\*).

$$2 + 5 + \dots + (3k - 1) + (3(k + 1) - 1) = \underbrace{2 + 5 + 8 + \dots + (3k - 1)}_{=\frac{1}{2}k(3k+1) \text{ by } (*)} + \underbrace{(3(k + 1) - 1)}_{=3k+2}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2}[k(3k + 1) + 2(3k + 2)] \quad \left[ \text{Rewriting } (3k + 2) = \frac{1}{2}2(3k + 2) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left[3k^2 + \underbrace{k + 6k}_{=7k} + 4\right] \quad [\text{Expanding Brackets}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[3k^2 + 7k + 4]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[(k + 1)(3k + 4)] \quad [\text{Factorizing Quadratic}]$$

The last line is the Right Hand Side of (\*\*). Therefore we have shown (\*\*\*) and by induction we have our given proposition. ■

4. *Proof.* Let  $P(n)$  be the given proposition:  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n)^2$

Check  $P(1)$ . Substituting  $n = 1$  gives

$$1^3 = (1)^2 \quad \checkmark$$

Hence  $P(1)$  is true. Assume the proposition is true for  $n = k$ :

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 = (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + k)^2$$

Required to prove the proposition for  $n = k + 1$ :

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k + 1)^3 = (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + k + (k + 1))^2 \quad (\dagger)$$

Using the given hint on the Left Hand Side of ( $\dagger$ ) gives

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2(k+2)^2 \quad (\dagger\dagger)$$

[By Question 3 with  $n = k+1$ ]

How do we show this is equal to the Right Hand Side of ( $\dagger$ )?

By Example 43 which is

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

Substituting  $n = k+1$  into this we have

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + (k+1) = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(k+2)$$

Squaring both sides gives

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + (k+1))^2 &= \left[ \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(k+2) \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2(k+2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

This the same as the Right Hand Side of ( $\dagger\dagger$ ). Therefore we have shown ( $\dagger$ ) which means the result follows by induction. ■

10. *Proof.* Let  $P(n)$  be the given proposition:

$$1^4 + 2^4 + 3^4 + \dots + n^4 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)(3n^2+3n-1)}{30}$$

Check  $P(1)$ . Substituting  $n=1$  gives

$$1^4 = \frac{1(1+1)(2+1)(3+3-1)}{30} = \frac{1(2)(3)(5)}{30} = \frac{30}{30} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Hence  $P(1)$  is true. Assume the proposition is true for  $n = k$ :

$$1^4 + 2^4 + 3^4 + \dots + k^4 = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)(3k^2+3k-1)}{30} \quad (*)$$

Required to prove the proposition for  $n = k+1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 1^4 + 2^4 + 3^4 + \dots + k^4 + (k+1)^4 &= \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)(2(k+1)+1)(3(k+1)^2+3(k+1)-1)}{30} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)(3(k^2+2k+1)+3k+3-1)}{30} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Simplifying} \\ \text{and Expanding} \end{array} \right] \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)(3k^2+6k+3+3k+2)}{30} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)(3k^2+9k+5)}{30} \quad (**) \end{aligned}$$

Expanding the Left Hand Side of (\*\*) using (\*) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 1^4 + 2^4 + 3^4 + \dots + k^4 + (k+1)^4 &= \underbrace{1^4 + 2^4 + 3^4 + \dots + k^4}_{\substack{k(k+1)(2k+1)(3k^2+3k-1) \\ 30} \text{ by (*)}} + (k+1)^4 \\
 &= \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)(3k^2+3k-1)}{30} + (k+1)^4 \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)}{30} \left[ k(2k+1)(3k^2+3k-1) + 30(k+1)^3 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Expanding the square brackets gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[ k(2k+1)(3k^2+3k-1) + 30(k+1)^3 \right] &= (2k^2+k)(3k^2+3k-1) + 30(k^3+3k^2+3k+1) \\
 &= 6k^4 + 6k^3 - 2k^2 + 3k^3 + 3k^2 - k + 30k^3 + 90k^2 + 90k + 30 \\
 &= 6k^4 + 39k^3 + 91k^2 + 89k + 30
 \end{aligned}$$

Left Hand Side of (\*\*\*) is equal to

$$\frac{(k+1)}{30} \left[ k(2k+1)(3k^2+3k-1) + 30(k+1)^3 \right] = \frac{(k+1)}{30} \left[ 6k^4 + 39k^3 + 91k^2 + 89k + 30 \right]$$

Expanding the Right Hand Side of (\*\*\*) also gives this result:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)(3k^2+9k+5)}{30} &= \frac{(k+1)}{30} \underbrace{\left[ (k+2)(2k+3)(3k^2+9k+5) \right]}_{=6k^4+39k^3+91k^2+89k+30} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)}{30} \left[ 6k^4 + 39k^3 + 91k^2 + 89k + 30 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the Left Hand Side is equal to the Right Hand Side of (\*\*\*). We have shown  $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$  therefore our given result follows by induction,

$$1^4 + 2^4 + 3^4 + \dots + n^4 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)(3n^2+3n-1)}{30}$$

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11. *Proof.* Let  $P(n)$  be the given proposition:

$$1^5 + 2^5 + 3^5 + \dots + n^5 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2(2n^2+2n-1)}{12}$$

Check  $P(1)$ . Substituting  $n=1$  gives

$$1^5 = \frac{1^2(1+1)^2(2(1)^2+2(1)-1)}{12} = \frac{2^2(2+2-1)}{12} = \frac{4(3)}{12} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Hence  $P(1)$  is true. Assume the proposition is true for  $n=k$ :

$$1^5 + 2^5 + 3^5 + \dots + k^5 = \frac{k^2(k+1)^2(2k^2+2k-1)}{12} \quad (\epsilon)$$

Required to prove the proposition for  $n=k+1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
1^5 + 2^5 + 3^5 + \dots + k^5 + (k+1)^5 &= \frac{(k+1)^2 ((k+1)+1)^2 (2(k+1)^2 + 2(k+1) - 1)}{12} \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2 (k+2)^2 (2(k^2 + 2k + 1) + 2k + 2 - 1)}{12} \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2 (k+2)^2 (2k^2 + 4k + 2 + 2k + 2 - 1)}{12} \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2 (k+2)^2 (2k^2 + 6k + 3)}{12} \quad (!)
\end{aligned}$$

Expanding the Left Hand Side of (!) using (€) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
1^5 + 2^5 + 3^5 + \dots + k^5 + (k+1)^5 &= \underbrace{1^5 + 2^5 + 3^5 + \dots + k^5}_{\frac{k^2(k+1)^2(2k^2+2k-1)}{12}} + (k+1)^5 \\
&= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2(2k^2+2k-1)}{12} + (k+1)^5 \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2}{12} \left[ k^2(2k^2+2k-1) + 12(k+1)^3 \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Taking Out a Common} \\ \text{Factor of } \frac{(k+1)^2}{12} \end{array} \right] \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2}{12} \left[ 2k^4 + 2k^3 - k^2 + 12(k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) \right] \quad \left[ \text{Expanding Brackets} \right] \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2}{12} \left[ 2k^4 + 2k^3 - k^2 + 12k^3 + 36k^2 + 36k + 12 \right] \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2}{12} \left[ 2k^4 + 14k^3 + 35k^2 + 36k + 12 \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Collecting Like} \\ \text{Terms} \end{array} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Expanding the Right Hand Side of (!) gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{(k+1)^2 (k+2)^2 (2k^2 + 6k + 3)}{12} &= \frac{(k+1)^2}{12} \left[ (k+2)^2 (2k^2 + 6k + 3) \right] \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2}{12} \left[ (k^2 + 4k + 4)(2k^2 + 6k + 3) \right] \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2}{12} \left[ 2k^4 + 6k^3 + 3k^2 + 8k^3 + 24k^2 + 12k + 8k^2 + 24k + 12 \right] \\
&\quad \left[ \text{Expanding } (k^2 + 4k + 4)(2k^2 + 6k + 3) \right] \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2}{12} \left[ 2k^4 + 14k^3 + 35k^2 + 36k + 12 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the Left Hand Side is equal to the Right Hand Side of (!). We have shown  $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$  therefore our given result follows by induction,

$$1^5 + 2^5 + 3^5 + \dots + n^5 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2(2n^2+2n-1)}{12}$$

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