

Monday 1/25/2021 @ 11am

Want to prove :

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

LHS

RHS

Let's start by building our understanding.

$$n = 1$$

$$\text{LHS : } \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \sum_{k=1}^1 k^2$$

$$= 1^2$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{RHS: } \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \Big|_{n=1} = \frac{1 \cdot (1+1)(2 \cdot 1 + 1)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}{6}$$

$$= \frac{6}{6}$$

$$= 1 \checkmark$$

$$n = 2$$

$$\text{RHS} = \frac{n \cdot (n+1) \cdot (2n+1)}{6} \Big|_{n=2}$$

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

$$= \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{6}$$

$$= \frac{6 \cdot 5}{6}$$

$$= 5 \checkmark$$

$$n = 2$$

$$\text{LHS} = \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^2 k^2$$

$$= \underset{(k=1)}{1^2} + \underset{(k=2)}{2^2}$$

$$= 1 + 4$$

$$= \underline{5} \checkmark$$

$$n = 3$$

$$\text{LHS} = \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^3 k^2$$

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

$$= 1 + 4 + 9$$

$$= \underline{14} \checkmark$$

$$n=3$$

$$\text{RHS} = \frac{n \cdot (n+1) \cdot (2n+1)}{6} \Big|_{n=3}$$

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

$$= \frac{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 7}{6}$$

$$= \frac{12 \cdot 7}{6}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 7$$

$$= 14 \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} n=4: \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 &= 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 \\ \text{LHS} &= 14 + 16 \\ &= 30 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHS} = \frac{n \cdot (n+1) \cdot (2n+1)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{4 \cdot 5 \cdot 9}{6}$$

$$= \frac{36 \cdot 5}{6}$$

$$= 6 \cdot 5$$

$$= 30 \checkmark$$

Proof by induction:

$$\boxed{\text{II}} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n \cdot (n+1) (2n+1)}{6}$$

To prove by induction, we follow 3 steps:

Step 1: Base case

Show the formula is true
for first value of interest

✓ In this problem, we show $\boxed{\text{II}}$
is true for base case $n=1$.

Step 2: Induction hypothesis

$$\text{Assume } \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n \cdot (n+1) (2n+1)}{6}$$

(Assume P is true)

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Step 3: Induction step

consider case $n+1$:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 + (n+1)^2$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + (n+1)^2$$

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

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

$$= (n+1) \left[\frac{2n^2 + n}{6} + \frac{6n+6}{6} \right] \textcircled{9}$$

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

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

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

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

Side note: Factor $\frac{2n^2 + 7n + 6}{6}$

Recall $ax^2 + bx + c$ is standard form

$$\Rightarrow a=2, b=7, c=6$$

Let's use ac-method:

$$\begin{array}{c} a \cdot c \\ \times \\ b \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 12 \\ \times \\ 3 \quad 4 \\ \hline 7 \end{array}$$

$$2n^2 + 7n + 6$$



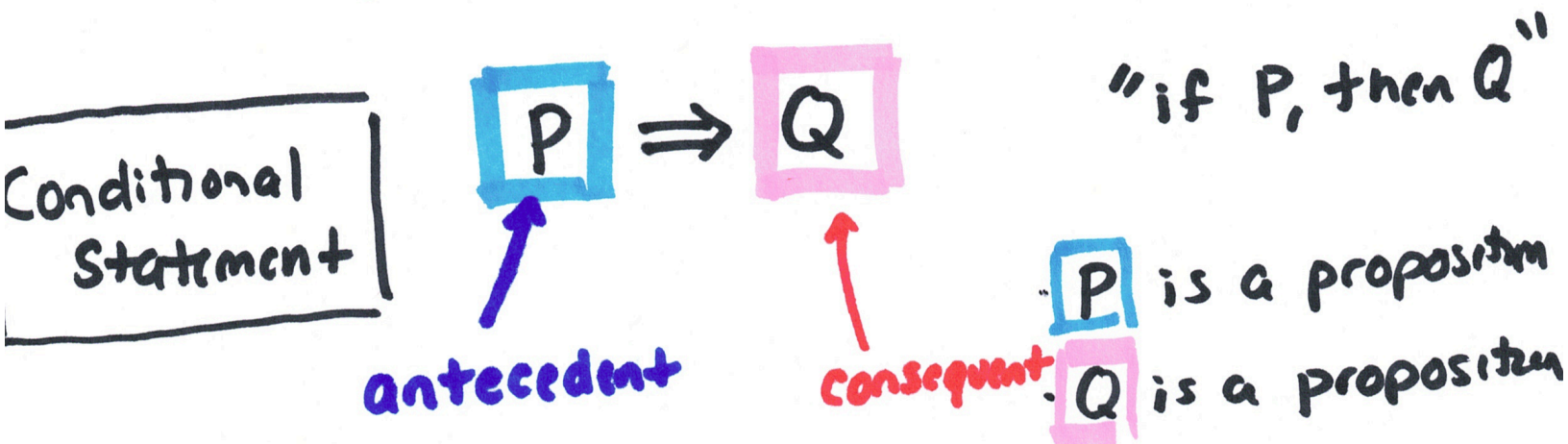
$$= 2n^2 + 4n + 3n + 6$$

$$= 2n(n+2) + 3(n+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+2)(2n+3)$$

Logical structure of induction :

Show a statement in the form



To "prove" a conditional statement, we think about truth tables:

Proof that $P \Rightarrow Q$ is true

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

counter example to demonstrate $P \Rightarrow Q$ is false
(conjecture does not hold true)

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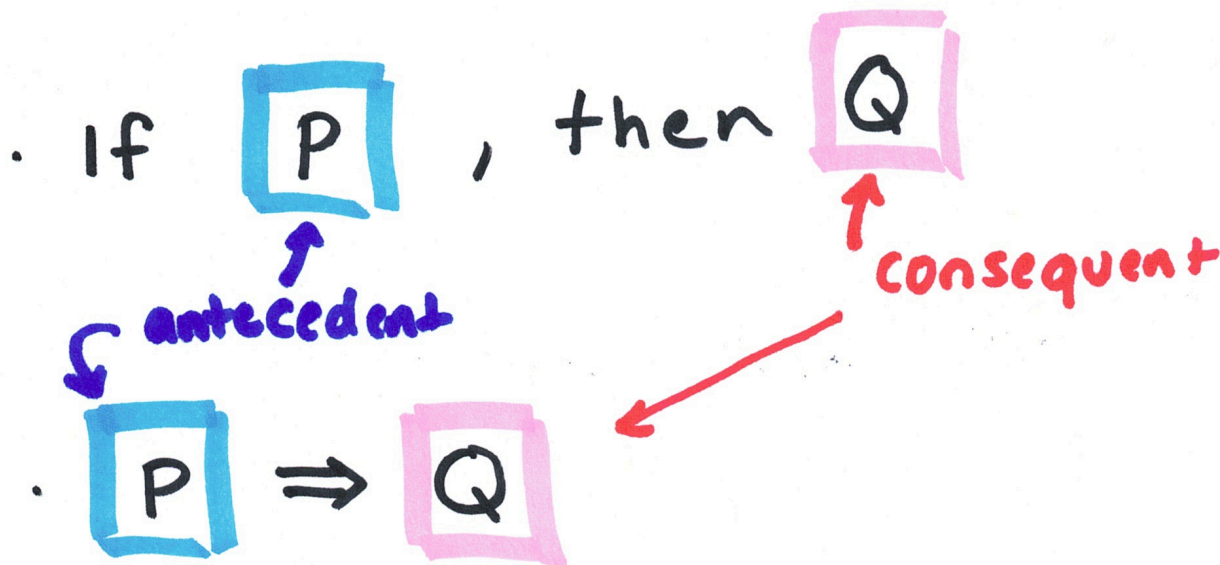
eg. P : I am ^{physically} ✓ in California at this moment

Q : I am physically in the US at this moment.

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$

Induction
conjecture

Base case: $n=1$ is true &
If formula holds true for case n ,
then formula holds true for case $n+1$



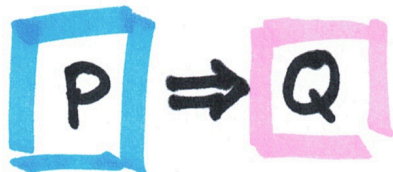
Check this out:

□ Suppose I know formula
is true for the first case $n = 1$
(base)

□ Suppose I know with all that I am
that the induction conjecture is
true: i.e. suppose

if formula is true for case n ,
then it must be true for
case $n+1$.

□ To finish a proof by induction,
we WTS



To show induction conjecture is true,
we :

Induction
Hypothesis

□ Start by assuming P is true

(assume formula is true for
case n)

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□ Then show that Q must
be true

(show $n+1$ must also be true)

Induction
Step