

Applying Induction (Examples)

① $f(n) \leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)$

1. $\sum_{i=0}^0 i = 0 = \frac{0(0+1)}{2}$

Proof of base step

2. $\left[\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]$

ind. hyp.

3. $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} i = \sum_{i=0}^n i + (n+1)$

tautology

4. $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n+1) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$ 2 & 3

5. $\left(\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) \rightarrow \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} i = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \right) \rightarrow$ introduction on 2 & 4

6. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

induction on 1 & 5.

② $f(n) \leftrightarrow (\forall n \geq 5 : 2^n \geq n^2)$

1. $2^5 = 32 \geq 5^2 = 25$

base-step proof

2. $[n \geq 5]$

assume

3. $2^n \geq n^2$

induction hyp.

4. $2^{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2^n$

tautology

5. $2^{n+1} \geq 2n^2 = 2((n+1)-1)^2$

3 & 4 (to get ≥ 0)

$$= 2(n+1)^2 - 4(n+1) + 2$$

$$= (n+1)^2 + \underbrace{(n+1)((n+1)-4)}_{\geq 0} + 2$$

$$\geq (n+1)^2$$

6. $\forall n \geq 5 : (2^n \geq n^2) \rightarrow (2^{n+1} \geq (n+1)^2)$

\rightarrow introduction on 2, 3, 5

7. $\forall n \geq 5 : 2^n \geq n^2$

induction on 1 & 6.