

1. Using induction, prove that for $r \neq 0, 1$ and $n \geq 0$, $\sum_{k=0}^n r^k = \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1}$.

For $n \geq 0$, let $P(n) = \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n r^k = \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1} \right\}$.

Basis step: $P(0)$ is true since $\sum_{k=0}^0 r^k = 1 = \frac{r^{0+1} - 1}{r - 1}$.

Inductive step: For $n \geq 1$, $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$, since if $\sum_{k=0}^n r^k = \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} r^k &= \sum_{i=0}^n r^i + r^{n+1} \\ &= \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1} + \frac{r^{n+2} - r^{n+1}}{r - 1} \\ &= \frac{r^{(n+1)+1} - 1}{r - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Consider the Fibonacci sequence: $f_0 = 1, f_1 = 1, f_k = f_{k-1} + f_{k-2}$, for $k \geq 2$. Using induction, prove that for $n \geq 0$, $\sum_{k=0}^n f_k^2 = f_n f_{n+1}$.

For $n \geq 0$, let $P(n) = \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n f_k^2 = f_n f_{n+1} \right\}$.

Basis step: $P(0)$ is true since $\sum_{k=0}^0 f_k^2 = f_0^2 = 1 = 1 \cdot 1 = f_0 f_1$.

Inductive step: For $n \geq 0$, $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$, since if $\sum_{k=0}^n f_k^2 = f_n f_{n+1}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} f_k^2 &= \sum_{k=0}^n f_k^2 + f_{n+1}^2 \\ &= f_n f_{n+1} + f_{n+1}^2 \\ &= f_{n+1} (f_n + f_{n+1}) \\ &= f_{n+1} f_{(n+1)+1}. \end{aligned}$$

3. Using induction prove for $n \geq 2$, that $\prod_{k=2}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2n}$.