

Given a predicate $\varphi(\cdot)$ of one free variable, the schema of (strong) mathematical induction is as follows.

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(\varphi(n)) \Leftrightarrow \varphi(0) \wedge (\forall k \in \mathbb{N})\left((\forall \ell \in \mathbb{N})(\ell \leq k \Rightarrow \varphi(\ell)) \Rightarrow \varphi(k+1)\right).$$

1. Prove that $\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. We will prove the claim by induction on \mathbb{N} .

Basis Step:

Observe that $\sum_{i=0}^0 2^i = 2^0 = 1 = 2^{0+1} - 1$.

NTS: $\sum_{i=0}^0 2^i = 2^{0+1} - 1$

Inductive Step:

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume that $(\forall \ell \in \mathbb{N})\left(\ell \leq k \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} 2^i = 2^{\ell+1} - 1\right)$.

IH: $(\forall j \in \mathbb{N})\left(j \leq k \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^j 2^i = 2^{j+1} - 1\right)$

We can now bear witness to the following derivation.

NTS: $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} 2^i = 2^{(k+1)+1} - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} 2^i &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^k 2^i \right) + 2^{k+1} && \text{by def. of summation} \\ &= 2^{k+1} - 1 + 2^{k+1} && \text{by the inductive hypothesis} \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} - 1 && \text{because } a + a = 2a \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{R} \\ &= 2^{k+2} - 1 && \text{because } a \cdot a^b = a^{b+1} \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} 2^i = 2^{k+1+1}$ as desired.

We therefore conclude $\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Q.E.D.

2. Prove that $\sum_{i=1}^n (i+1)2^i = n \cdot 2^{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$.

Proof. We will prove the claim by induction on $\mathbb{N} - \{0\}$.

Basis Step:

Observe that $\sum_{i=1}^1 (i+1)2^i = (1+1)2^1 = 4 = 1 \cdot 2^{1+1}$.

NTS: $\sum_{i=1}^1 (i+1)2^i = 1 \cdot 2^{1+1}$

Inductive Step:

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ and assume, for all $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$, that $\sum_{i=1}^\ell (i+1)2^i = \ell \cdot 2^{\ell+1}$ whenever $\ell \leq k$. We can now observe the following.

IH: $(\forall \ell \in \mathbb{N}_+) (\ell \leq k \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^\ell (i+1)2^i = \ell 2^{\ell+1} - 1)$

NTS: $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (i+1)2^i = (k+1)2^{k+2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (i+1)2^i &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^k (i+1)2^i \right) + ((k+1)+1)2^{k+1} && \text{by def. of summation} \\
 &= k \cdot 2^{k+1} + (k+2)2^{k+1} && \text{by the inductive hypothesis} \\
 &= k \cdot 2^{k+1} + k \cdot 2^{k+1} + 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} && \text{by distributivity of } \cdot \text{ over } + \\
 &= k \cdot 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} + 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} && \text{because } a + a = 2a \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{R} \\
 &= k \cdot 2^{k+2} + 2^{k+2} && \text{because } a \cdot a^b = a^{b+1} \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R} \\
 &= (k+1)2^{k+2} && \text{by factoring out } 2^{k+2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (i+1)2^i = (k+1)2^{k+2}$ as desired.

Therefore, we can conclude $\sum_{i=1}^n (i+1)2^i = n 2^{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$.

Q.E.D.

3. Prove that $2 + 3n < 2^n$ for all natural numbers $n > 3$.

Proof. We will prove the claim by induction on $\mathbb{N} - \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$.

Basis Step:

Observe that $2 + 3 \cdot 4 = 2 + 12 = 14 < 16 = 2^4$.

NTS: $2 + 3 \cdot 4 < 2^4$

Inductive Step:

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k > 3$. Assume, for all $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\ell > 3$, that $2 + 3\ell < 2^\ell$. Notice, since $k > 3$, that $2^k > 2^3 = 8 > 3$ because the exponential is a strictly increasing function. We can now simply observe.

IH: $(\forall \ell \in \mathbb{N}) (3 < \ell \leq k \Rightarrow 2 + 3\ell < 2^\ell)$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 + 3(k+1) &= (2 + 3k) + 3 && \text{by distributing} \\
 &< 2^k + 3 && \text{by the inductive hypothesis} \\
 &< 2^k + 2^k && \text{because we proved } 3 < 2^k \\
 &= 2^{k+1} && \text{because } a^b + a^c = a^{b+c} \text{ for all } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}
 \end{aligned}$$

We thus know $2 + 3(k+1) < 2^{k+1}$ as desired.

Therefore, we can conclude $2 + 3n < 2^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$.

Q.E.D.

4. Prove that $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. We will prove the claim by induction on \mathbb{N} . Recall Pascal's identity, which states that $\binom{a+1}{b+1} = \binom{a}{b} + \binom{a}{b+1}$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$.

Basis Step:

Observe that $\sum_{i=0}^0 \binom{0}{i} = \binom{0}{0} = 1 = 2^0$.

NTS: $\sum_{i=0}^0 \binom{0}{i} = 2^0$

Inductive Step:

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and suppose $(\forall \ell \in \mathbb{N}) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\ell} \binom{\ell}{i} = 2^{\ell} \right)$. Now, watch closely.

IH: $(\forall \ell \in \mathbb{N}) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\ell} \binom{\ell}{i} = 2^{\ell} \right)$

NTS: $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{i} = 2^{k+1}$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{i} = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k+1}{i} + \binom{k+1}{k+1}$$

by extracting the last term from the sum

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} + \binom{k+1}{0} + \binom{k+1}{k+1}$$

by extracting the first term from the sum

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i+1} + \binom{k+1}{0} + \binom{k+1}{k+1}$$

by down-shifting indices of summation

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i+1} + \binom{k+1}{0} + \binom{k+1}{k+1}$$

by $\binom{a+1}{b+1} = \binom{a}{b} + \binom{a}{b+1}$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} + \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} + \binom{k+1}{0} + \binom{k+1}{k+1}$$

by up-shifting indices of summation

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} + \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} + \binom{k}{0} + \binom{k+1}{k+1}$$

because $\binom{k+1}{0} = 1 = \binom{k}{0}$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} + \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} + \binom{k}{0} + \binom{k}{k}$$

because $\binom{k+1}{k+1} = 1 = \binom{k}{k}$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} + \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} + \binom{k}{0}$$

bringing the **last term** into the **sum**

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} + \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i}$$

bringing the **first term** into the **sum**

$$= 2^k + 2^k$$

by the *inductive hypothesis*

$$= 2^{k+1}$$

because $a^b + a^c = a^{b+c}$ for all $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

This demonstrates that $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{i} = 2^{k+1}$ as desired.

We therefore conclude that $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Q.E.D.