

## Complete Solutions to Exercise I(d)

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

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

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 (\*).

$$\begin{aligned} 2+5+\dots+(3k-1)+(3(k+1)-1) &= \underbrace{2+5+8+\dots+(3k-1)}_{=\frac{1}{2}k(3k+1) \text{ by } (*)} + \underbrace{(3(k+1)-1)}_{=3k+2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}k(3k+1) + (3k+2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ k(3k+1) + 2(3k+2) \right] \quad \left[ \text{Rewriting } (3k+2) = \frac{1}{2}2(3k+2) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 3k^2 + \underbrace{k+6k}_{=7k} + 4 \right] \quad \left[ \text{Expanding Brackets} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 3k^2 + 7k + 4 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (k+1)(3k+4) \right] \quad \left[ \text{Factorizing Quadratic} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

$$1^3 = (1)^2$$

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

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

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  $n = k + 1$ :

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

Expanding the Left-hand side of (\*\*) using (\*) gives

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

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:

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

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,

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

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

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

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 ( $\epsilon$ ) gives

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

Expanding the Right-hand side of (!) gives:

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

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,

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

16. *Proof.* We first check the proposition for  $n=1$

$$a = \frac{a(1-r)}{1-r} = a \quad [\text{Cancelling } (1-r) \text{ 's}]$$

Hence the proposition is true for  $n=1$ . *What is our next step?*

Assume the proposition is true for  $n=k$ , that is

$$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} = \frac{a(1-r^k)}{1-r} \quad (\$)$$

We need to prove the proposition for  $n=k+1$  which is the following;

$$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} + ar^k = \frac{a(1-r^{k+1})}{1-r} \quad (\#)$$

*What do we need to prove?*

Left-hand side is equal to the Right-hand side of (#). Examining the Left-hand side of (#) and using (\$) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} + ar^k &= \underbrace{a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1}}_{\substack{= \frac{a(1-r^k)}{1-r} \\ \text{by (S)}}} + ar^k \\
&= \frac{a(1-r^k)}{1-r} + ar^k \\
&= \frac{a(1-r^k) + ar^k(1-r)}{1-r} && \text{[Common Denominator]} \\
&= \frac{a - ar^k + ar^k - ar^k r}{1-r} && \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Expanding Brackets} \\ \text{on Numerator} \end{array} \right] \\
&= \frac{a - ar^{k+1}}{1-r} && \text{[Because } -ar^k + ar^k = 0 \text{]} \\
&= \frac{a(1-r^{k+1})}{1-r} && \text{[Factorizing Numerator]}
\end{aligned}$$

The last line is the Right-hand side of (#). Therefore we have shown Left-hand side is equal to the Right-hand side of (#). Hence we have our result.

17. *Proof.* By applying mathematical induction we have:

Check the result is true for  $n=1$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned}
\sin(x) &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2(1)+1}{2}x\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \\
&= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} && (\dagger)
\end{aligned}$$

*How do we show the Right-hand side simplifies to  $\sin(x)$ ?*

We need to use the trigonometric identity:

$$\cos(A) - \cos(B) = -2\sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$$

on the numerator of ( $\dagger$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) &= -2\sin\left(\frac{x+3x}{4}\right)\sin\left(\frac{x-3x}{4}\right) \\
 &= -2\sin(x)\sin\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) && \text{[Simplifying]} \\
 &= -2\sin(x)\left(-\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) && \text{[Because } \sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)\text{]} \\
 &= 2\sin(x)\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this into (†) gives

$$\sin(x) = \frac{2\sin(x)\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} = \sin(x) \quad \left[ \text{Cancelling } 2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right]$$

Hence the proposition is true for  $n = 1$ . Next we assume the proposition is true for  $n = k$ :

$$\sin(x) + \sin(2x) + \dots + \sin(kx) = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2k+1}{2}x\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \quad (*)$$

We need to prove the proposition for  $n = k + 1$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin(x) + \sin(2x) + \dots + \sin(kx) + \sin((k+1)x) &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2(k+1)+1}{2}x\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\left(\frac{2k+3}{2}\right)x\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \quad (**)
 \end{aligned}$$

*Wha*

*t do we need to show?*

The Left-hand side is equal to the Right-hand side of (\*\*). Let's examine the Left-hand side first.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin(x) + \dots + \sin(kx) + \sin((k+1)x) &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2k+1}{2}x\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} + \sin((k+1)x) \\
 &= \frac{\overbrace{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2k+1}{2}x\right)}^{\text{by (*)}}}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2k+1}{2}x\right) + 2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\sin((k+1)x)}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \quad [\text{Common Denominator}]
 \end{aligned}$$

What do we do next?

We can use the following trigonometric identity on the last term of the numerator:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\sin(A)\sin(B) &= \cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B) \\
 2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\sin((k+1)x) &= \left[\cos\left(\frac{x}{2} - (k+1)x\right) - \cos\left(\frac{x}{2} + (k+1)x\right)\right] \\
 &= \left[\cos\left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{(2k+2)x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{(2k+2)x}{2}\right)\right] \\
 &= \left[\cos\left(\frac{x - 2kx - 2x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{x + 2kx + 2x}{2}\right)\right] \\
 &= \left[\cos\left(\frac{-x - 2kx}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{3x + 2kx}{2}\right)\right] \\
 &= \left[\cos\left(\frac{x + 2kx}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{3x + 2kx}{2}\right)\right] \quad [\text{Using } \cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)] \\
 &= \left[\cos\left(\frac{(2k+1)x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{(2k+3)x}{2}\right)\right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this into the above we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin(x) + \dots + \sin((k+1)x) &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2k+1}{2}x\right) + \left[\cos\left(\frac{(2k+1)x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{(2k+3)x}{2}\right)\right]}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{(2k+3)x}{2}\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}
 \end{aligned}$$



Because  $-\cos\left(\frac{2k+1}{2}x\right) + \cos\left(\frac{(2k+1)x}{2}\right) = 0$ . Hence, we have the Right-hand side of

(\*\*). Therefore we have our required result and the proposition is proved by induction.

18. *Proof.* We first check the proposition for  $n=1$

$$(a+b)^1 = a^1 + b^1 = a+b$$

Hence the proposition is true for  $n=1$ . *What is our next step?*

Assume the proposition is true for  $n=k$ , that is

$$(a+b)^k = a^k + ka^{k-1}b + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!}a^{k-2}b^2 + \dots + b^k \quad (*)$$

We need to prove the proposition for  $n=k+1$  which is the following;

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)^{k+1} &= a^{k+1} + (k+1)a^{k-1+1}b + \frac{(k+1)((k+1)-1)}{2!}a^{(k+1)-2}b^2 + \dots + b^{k+1} \\ &= a^{k+1} + (k+1)a^k b + \frac{(k+1)k}{2!}a^{k-1}b^2 + \dots + b^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

*What do we need to show to prove this?*

Left-hand side is equal to the Right-hand side. *How?*

Using (\*) and algebraic manipulation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a+b)^{k+1} &= (a+b)^k (a+b)^1 \\
 &= \left( \underbrace{a^k + ka^{k-1}b + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!}a^{k-2}b^2 + \dots + b^k}_{\text{by (*)}} \right) (a+b) \\
 &= \underbrace{a^k a + ka^{k-1}ba + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!}a^{k-2}b^2 a + \dots + b^k a +}_{\text{Multiplying the Long Bracket by } a} \\
 &\quad \underbrace{a^k b + ka^{k-1}bb + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!}a^{k-2}b^2 b + \dots + b^k b}_{\text{Multiplying the Long Bracket by } b} \\
 &= a^{k+1} + ka^k b + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!}a^{k-1}b^2 + \dots + ab^k + \\
 &\quad a^k b + ka^{k-1}b^2 + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!}a^{k-2}b^3 + \dots + b^{k+1} \\
 &\quad \left[ \text{Simplifying by using rules of Indices} \right] \\
 &= a^{k+1} + (k+1)a^k b + \left[ \frac{k(k-1)}{2!} + k \right] a^{k-1}b^2 + \dots + b^{k+1} \quad \left[ \text{Collecting} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \text{like Terms} \right] \\
 &= a^{k+1} + (k+1)a^k b + \left[ \frac{k(k+1)}{2!} \right] a^{k-1}b^2 + \dots + b^{k+1} \\
 &\quad \text{because } \frac{k(k-1)}{2!} + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2!}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$(a+b)^{k+1} = a^{k+1} + (k+1)a^k b + \frac{(k+1)k}{2!}a^{k-1}b^2 + \dots + b^{k+1}$$

The required result. We have proven the binomial theorem for all natural numbers.