

1. (5 points) Prove by induction that the sum of the first n odd numbers is n^2 , that is prove:

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2, \forall n \geq 1$$

Base case : $n=1$, $1 + \dots + (2(1)-1)$ is just $1 = 1^2$ ✓.

Induction step : Assume Statement for n , and prove for $n+1$

we know $1 + 3 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$

therefore $1 + 3 + \dots + (2(n+1)-1) = [1 + 3 + \dots + (2n-1)] + (2n+1)$
 $= (n^2 + 2n + 1) = (n+1)^2$

using induction hypothesis. Therefore the statement is true for $n+1$

2. (5 points) Apply the binomial theorem to give a formula for $(a+b)^4$

$$(a+b)^4 = \binom{4}{0}a^4 + \binom{4}{1}a^3b + \binom{4}{2}a^2b^2 + \binom{4}{3}ab^3 + \binom{4}{4}b^4$$

$$= a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$$

because $\binom{4}{0} = \frac{4!}{4!0!} = 1$

$$\binom{4}{1} = \frac{4!}{3!1!} = \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} = 4$$

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4!}{2!2!} = \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{2 \cdot 2} = 6$$

$$\binom{4}{3} = \frac{4!}{1!3!} = 4$$

$$\binom{4}{4} = \frac{4!}{4!0!} = 1$$

3. (7 points) Prove that the fourth power of any integer n^4 is of the form $5k$ or $5k+1$.

First note that if $n = 5k+r$, then

$$n^4 = (5k+r)^4 = (5k)^4 + 4(5k)^3r + 6(5k)^2r^2 + 4(5k)r^3 + r^4$$

$$= 5m + r^4 \text{ for some } m \left[= (5k)^3 + 4(5k)^2r + 6(5k)r^2 + 4r^3 \right]$$

Case $r=0$

$$n^4 = 5m + 0^4 \text{ of the form } 5m$$

Case $r=1$,

$$n^4 = 5m + 1^4 = 5m + 1 \text{ of the form } 5(?) + 1$$

Case $r=2$,

$$n^4 = 5m + 2^4 = 5m + 16 = 5(m+3) + 1$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} r=3 \\ n^4 &= 5m + 3^4 \\ &= 5m + 81 \\ &= 5(m+16) + 1 \\ r=4 \\ n^4 &= 5m + 4^4 \\ &= 5m + 256 \\ &= 5(m+51) + 1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

in each case answer is $5k+1$.