

Example

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for  $i = 1 \dots n$  do
  for  $j = 1 \dots i$  do
    do work
  end for
end for

```

How many times do we “do work”?

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \sum_{i=1}^n i$$

Claim: $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$. Proof (by induction):

Base Case: $n = 1$.

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

Inductive Case: show that if $\sum_{i=1}^k i = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$ then $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$.

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

So by induction, our formula $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ holds for all positive integers n .

Exercise

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for  $i = 1 \dots n$  do
  for  $j = 1 \dots i^2$  do
    do work
  end for
end for

```

How many times do we “do work”?

$$1 + 4 + 9 + \dots + n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$$

Show using induction that $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$.

Example

```
function FACT(n)
  if n == 0 then
    return 1
  end if
  return n * FACT(n - 1)
end function
```

Claim: this function correctly computes factorial. Proof (by induction):

Base case: $n = 0$.

$$\text{FACT}(0) = 1 = 0!$$

Inductive case:

- Assume: $\text{FACT}(k) = k!$
- Goal: $\text{FACT}(k + 1) = (k + 1)!$

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So by induction, our function FACT computes factorial correctly for any non-negative integer n .

Exercise

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function CONTAINS(arr, n, val)
  if n == 0 then
    return false
  end if
  if arr[n-1] == val then
    return true
  end if
  return CONTAINS(arr, n-1, val)
end function
```

Show using induction that CONTAINS correctly determines whether the array arr contains the value val for any array, length (n), and value.