

**Section 8.4 Mathematical Induction**

**Objective:** In this lesson you learned how to use mathematical induction to prove statements involving a positive integer  $n$ .

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**Important Vocabulary**

Define each term or concept.

**Mathematical induction****I. Introduction** (Pages 611–614)

To apply the Principle of Mathematical Induction, you need to be able to determine the statement \_\_\_\_\_ for a given statement  $P_k$ .

***What you should learn***

How to use mathematical induction to prove statements involving a positive integer  $n$

When using mathematical induction to prove a summation formula, it is helpful to think of  $S_{k+1}$  as . . .

Describe the process needed to prove a formula using mathematical induction.

The extended principle of mathematical induction is . . .

**II. Sums of Powers of Integers** (Page 615)

List the formulas for the following sums of powers of integers.

1.  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \cdots + n =$  \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \cdots + n^2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3 + \cdots + n^3 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $1^4 + 2^4 + 3^4 + 4^4 + \cdots + n^4 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

5.  $1^5 + 2^5 + 3^5 + 4^5 + \cdots + n^5 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

***What you should learn***  
How to find the sums of powers of integers

**III. Finite Differences** (Page 616)

**First differences** are . . .

If the first differences of a sequence are all the same nonzero number, the sequence has a \_\_\_\_\_ model, that is \_\_\_\_\_.

Second differences are . . .

When the second differences of a sequence are all the same and nonzero, the sequence has a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ model.

***What you should learn***  
How to find finite differences of sequences

**Homework Assignment**

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