



[8] The goal of this problem is to use the Method of Induction to prove statement  $S$ :

$$\text{Statement } S: \forall n \in \mathbf{Z}, n \geq 1 \left( 1 + 6 + 11 + 16 + \dots + (5n - 4) = \frac{n(5n - 3)}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Predicate } P(n) \text{ is the following : } 1 + 6 + 11 + 16 + \dots + (5n - 4) = \frac{n(5n - 3)}{2}$$

Questions (a),(b),(c),(d) are similar to Suggested Exercises 5.2 # 3,4 and are about identifying the parts. This is what goes on in the portion of the *Handout on Induction* titled “Preliminary Work”.

(a) Write  $P(1)$ .

(b) Write  $P(k)$ .

(c) Write  $P(k + 1)$ .

(d) In a proof by mathematical induction that the predicate  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$ , what must be shown in the Inductive Step?

Question (e) is similar to Suggested Exercise 5.2 # 6, 8, 10, 13 and is about actually doing the proof. This is what goes on in the portion of the *Handout on Induction* titled “Build a proof of Statement  $S$  using the following structure”.

(e) Prove statement  $S$  using Mathematical Induction.

[9] Same questions (a),(b),(c),(d),(e) as in [8], but this time with the following Statement and Predicate.

$$\text{Statement } S \text{ is the following: } \forall n \in \mathbf{Z}, n \geq 1 \left( 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[ \frac{n(n + 1)}{2} \right]^2 \right)$$

$$\text{Predicate } P(n) \text{ is the following: } 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[ \frac{n(n + 1)}{2} \right]^2$$

[10] (Conceptual Questions)

(a) Why is  $0!$  defined to be 1 instead of 0? Explain.

(b) In your first job after college, you are working at the *Induction Hotline*. Somebody calls wanting help with the Inductive Step. They want to know how they are supposed to prove that  $P(k)$  is true if they don't know the value of  $k$ . What do you tell them?