

Let  $P(n)$  state:

$$3) \frac{3}{1^2 2^2} + \frac{5}{2^2 3^2} + \frac{7}{3^2 4^2} + \dots + \frac{2n+1}{n^2(n+1)^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{1^2 2^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{(1+1)^2} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{Be specific}$$

so the formula holds for  $n=1$ , hence we have the basis for the induction

Suppose it holds for  $n=k$ , try for  $n=k+1$  (Put  $n=k$  in (1) and add  $\frac{2(k+1)+1}{(k+1)^2(k+1)^2}$  to both sides)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{1^2 2^2} + \frac{5}{2^2 3^2} + \frac{7}{3^2 4^2} + \dots + \frac{2k+1}{k^2(k+1)^2} + \frac{2(k+1)+1}{(k+1)^2(k+1)^2} &= 1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} + \frac{2(k+1)+1}{(k+1)^2(k+1)^2} \\ &= 1 + \left( \frac{-(k+1)^2 + 2(k+1)+1}{(k+1)^2(k+1)^2} \right) \\ &= 1 + \left( \frac{-(k^2 + 4k + 4) + 2k + 3}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2} \right) \\ &= 1 + \left( \frac{-k^2 - 4k - 4 + 2k + 3}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2} \right) \\ &= 1 + \left( \frac{-k^2 - 2k - 1}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2} \right) \\ &= 1 - \left( \frac{k^2 + 2k + 1}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2} \right) \\ &= 1 - \left( \frac{(k+1)^2}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{(k+2)^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{((k+1)+1)^2} \quad \checkmark \text{ i.e. } P(k) \text{ holds.} \end{aligned}$$

The formula holds for  $n=1$ ,  $n=k > 1$ ,  $n=k+1$  hence holds for all integers  $n \geq 1$  by induction.

4)  $\gcd(a, b) = p$  then  $\gcd(ap, bp^2) = p^2$

This is not true.

Suppose  $a = p^2$ ,  $b = p$

then  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(p^2, p) = p$

but  $\gcd(ap, bp^2) = \gcd(p^3, p^3) = p^3$

A specific example,  $p=3$  ✓