Practice 08

Theorem 1 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \;.\; \sum_{i=0}^{n} i = \frac{(n)(n+1)}{2}$

problem 1 *Proof by Induction*

Prove the above theorem using induction.
Proof.

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PROBLEM 2 *Proof by Contradiction*

Prove the above theorem using contradiction and the well-ordering principle.
Proof.

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You might consider grading your own work on the following rubric:

Inductive Proof

- ☐ Identifies induction as proof structure
- ☐ Labels base case and inductive step
- ☐ Base case is smallest allowable n
- ☐ Base case is shown to hold via algebra
- ☐ Inductive case assumes theorem holds for n and considers $n + 1$
- ☐ Inductive case reduces $n + 1$ to n via algebra
- ☐ Proof ends by stating some form of "by induction, holds for all n"

Proof by Contradiction

- ☐ Identifies proof by contradiction as proof structure
- ☐ Assumes the theorem is false
- ☐ Either assumes it is false for some n, or recognizes that $\neg\forall \equiv \exists\neg$
- ☐ Uses well-ordering principle (considers smallest such n)
- Shows that n can't be the smallest such n because
  - ☐ Showing that true for n implies true for $n - 1$
  - ☐ Either showing that there is always an $n - 1$, or that the ns that do not have an $n - 1$ also meet the theorem
- ☐ State explicitly that assuming not-theorem led to contradiction (noting it did so in all cases if case analysis used)
- ☐ Proof ends with some form of "by contradiction, theorem true"

You might also try doing the same two proof types with other summation formulae, such as

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\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=0}^{n} i^2 &= \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)(n)}{6} \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^2 &= \frac{(n+2)(2n+3)(n+1)}{6} \\
\sum_{i=2}^{n+2} i^2 &= \frac{(n+3)(2n+5)(n+2)}{6} \\
6\sum_{i=0}^{n} i^3 - i &= \binom{n+2}{4} \\
\sum_{x=0}^{n} \frac{x^2-1}{x+1} &= \frac{(n+1)(n-1)}{2} \\
\sum_{x=0}^{n} x^3 - x^2 &= \frac{(n+1)(3n+2)(n)(n-1)}{12} \\
\sum_{i=0}^{n} 3i^2 + 2i &= \frac{(2n+3)(n+1)(n)}{2} \\
\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} &= \frac{2}{2^n}
\end{aligned}
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Note: at least one of the above formulae is false. In the process of proving it you should find the normal methods not working, revealing the non-truth.