

## Drill problems 3.

**Problem 1.** Using mathematical induction prove the following statements.

- a.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$ ,
- b.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad 1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + \dots + n^2 = n(n + 1)(2n + 1)/6$ ,
- c.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad 5^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 3.

**Problem 2.** Find an error in the following argument. The proof of the statement “every human is a genius”. Let  $P(n)$  states that in every group of  $n$  people everyone is a genius. We will prove by induction that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad P(n)$ . Indeed, take an arbitrary  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose that  $P(n)$  is true. Now we show  $P(n + 1)$ . Consider an arbitrary group of  $n + 1$  humans and arrange their names in a list. By the induction hypothesis, the first  $n$  of them are geniuses. Also, the last  $n$  of them are geniuses. Hence, all the  $n + 1$  are geniuses. Therefore, by induction,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad P(n)$ . In particular,  $P(n)$  is true where  $n$  is the total number of people.

**Problem 3.** Find an error in the following argument: The proof of the statement “all people have the same hair color”. Again, we will prove by induction that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , all people in any group of  $n$  have the same hair color. For the base, trivially, every single person has the same hair color (as himself). Now let  $n$  be any natural number, and suppose that every group of  $n$  people has the same hair color. Take any group of  $n + 1$  persons. Then the first  $n$  persons in the group have the same hair color. Also, the last  $n$  persons have the same hair color. Hence, all  $n + 1$  have the same hair color.