

## Template for Mathematical Induction

For  $n \geq \dots$  let  $P(n)$  be the statement

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We proceed by induction on  $n$ .

$P(\dots)$  is true since .....

Let  $k \geq \dots$ . Now assume  $P(k)$  is true. (We want to use this assumption to prove  $P(k + 1)$  is true)

i.e. Suppose .....

Hence  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Therefore  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq \dots$  by mathematical induction.

i.e. .... holds for  $n \geq \dots$  .  $\square$