

Claim:

$$[nx] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[x + \frac{k}{n} \right]$$

Proof:

$$\left[x + \frac{k}{n} \right] = \begin{cases} [x] & \text{if } x < [x] + \frac{n-k}{n}, \\ [x+1] & \text{if } x \geq [x] + \frac{n-k}{n} \end{cases}; k \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq k < n \quad (1)$$

$[nx]$ is a step function with

$$P = \left\{ \frac{a}{n} \mid \forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

This motivates us to initially consider only the division containing x :

$$\left[x + \frac{j}{n} \right] \leq x < \left[x + \frac{j+1}{n} \right]; j \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq j < n \quad (2)$$

This allows us to derive a closed form of the summation:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[x + \frac{k}{n} \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-j-1} \left[x + \frac{k}{n} \right] + \sum_{k=n-j}^{n-1} \left[x + \frac{k}{n} \right] \quad (3)$$

For the first term on the RHS of (3)

$$k \leq n-j-1 \Rightarrow \left[x + \frac{j}{n} \right] \leq \left[x + \frac{n-k}{n} \right]$$

Applying (2) we get

$$x < \left[x + \frac{n-k}{n} \right] \Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{n-j-1} \left[x + \frac{k}{n} \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-j-1} [x] = (n-j)[x] \quad (4)$$

For the second term on the RHS of (3)

$$k \geq n-j \Rightarrow \left[x + \frac{j}{n} \right] \geq \left[x + \frac{n-k}{n} \right]$$

Again applying (2) we get

$$x \geq \left[x + \frac{n-k}{n} \right] \Rightarrow \sum_{k=n-j}^{n-1} \left[x + \frac{k}{n} \right] = \sum_{k=n-j}^{n-1} [x+1] = j[x+1] \quad (5)$$

So, combining (3), (4) and (5), under condition (2) we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[x + \frac{k}{n} \right] = n[x] + j$$

Condition (2) can be rewritten as

$$n[x] + j \leq nx < n[x] + j + 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad [nx] = n[x] + j \quad (6)$$

Thus, for condition (2)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[x + \frac{k}{n} \right] = [nx]$$

and since j is not involved in the formula, it is true $\forall x$.