# principle of mathematical induction



1. Prove that following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

$$1+3+3^2+....+3^{n-1}=\frac{(3^n-1)}{2}$$

**Ans:** Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):1+3+3^2+....+3^{n-1}=\frac{(3^n-1)}{2}$$

For n=1,

L.H.S. = 
$$3^{1-1} = 1$$

R.H.S.=
$$\frac{(3-1)}{2} = \frac{3-1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$1+3+3^2+\ldots+3^{k-1}=\frac{(3^k-1)}{2}\ldots(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

$$1+3+3^{2}+....+3^{k-1}+3^{(k+1)-1}$$
  
= $(1+3+3^{2}+....+3^{k-1})+3^{k}$   
= $\frac{(3^{k}-1)}{2}+3^{k}$  [Using(i)]  
= $\frac{(3^{k}-1)+2\cdot3^{k}}{2}$   
= $\frac{(1+2)3^{k}-1}{2}$ 

$$=\frac{3.3^{k}-1}{2}$$
$$=\frac{3^{k+1}-1}{2}$$

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

### 2. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$1^{3}+2^{3}+3^{3}+....+n^{3}=\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^{2}$$

Ans: Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(1):1^{3}+2^{3}+3^{3}+....+n^{3}=\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^{2}$$

For n=1,

L.H.S. = 
$$1^{3} = 1$$
  
R.H.S. =  $\left(\frac{1(1+1)}{2}\right)^{2} = (1)^{2} = 1$ 

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$1^{3}+2^{3}+3^{3}+....+k^{3}=\left(\frac{k(k+1)}{2}\right)^{2}....(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

$$1^{3}+2^{3}+3^{3}+\dots+k^{3}+(k+1)^{3}$$
  
= $(1^{3}+2^{3}+3^{3}+\dots+k^{3})+(k+1)^{3}$   
= $(\frac{k(k+1)}{2})^{2}+(k+1)^{3}$  [Using (i)]

$$=\frac{k^{2}(k+1)^{2}}{4} + (k+1)^{3}$$

$$=\frac{k^{2}(k+1)^{2} + 4(k+1)^{3}}{4}$$

$$=\frac{(k+1)^{2}\{k^{2} + 4(k+1)\}}{4}$$

$$=\frac{(k+1)^{2}\{k^{2} + 4k + 4\}}{4}$$

$$=\frac{(k+1)^{2}(k+2)^{2}}{4}$$

$$=\frac{(k+1)^{2}(k+1+1)^{2}}{4}$$

$$=\left(\frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)}{2}\right)^{2}$$

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

### 3. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

$$1 + \frac{1}{(1+2)} + \frac{1}{(1+2+3)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+2+3+\dots n)} = \frac{2n}{(n+1)}$$

Ans: Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):1 + \frac{1}{1+2} + \frac{1}{1+2+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots n} = \frac{2n}{n+1}$$
  
For n=1,  
L.H.S.= $\frac{1}{1} = 1$   
R.H.S.= $\frac{2 \cdot 1}{1+1} = 1$   
Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$1 + \frac{1}{(1+2)} + \frac{1}{(1+2+3)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+2+3+\dots+k)} = \frac{2k}{(k+1)} \dots \dots (i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true. Consider

$$\begin{split} &1 + \frac{1}{1+2} + \frac{1}{1+2+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots+k} + \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1)} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{1+2} + \frac{1}{1+2+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots+k}\right) + \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1)} \\ &= \frac{2k}{k+1} + \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1)} \qquad [Using (i)] \\ &= \frac{2k}{k+1} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)}{2}\right)} \qquad \left[1 + 2 + 3 \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right] \\ &= \frac{2k}{k+1} + \frac{2}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= \frac{2}{(k+1)} \left(k + \frac{1}{k+2}\right) \\ &= \frac{2}{(k+1)} \left(\frac{k^2 + 2k + 1}{k+2}\right) \\ &= \frac{2}{(k+1)} \left[\frac{(k+1)^2}{k+2}\right] \\ &= \frac{2(k+1)}{(k+2)} \end{split}$$

Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

### 4. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

$$1.2.3+2.3.4+...+n(n+1)(n+2)=\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$$

Ans: Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):1.2.3+2.3.4+...+n(n+1)(n+2)=\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$$

For n=1, L.H.S.=1.2.3=6 R.H.S.= $\frac{1(1+1)(1+2)(1+3)}{4} = \frac{1.2.3.4}{4} = 6$ 

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$1.2.3+2.3.4+...+k(k+1)(k+2)=\frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4}...(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

$$1.2.3+2.3.4+...+k(k+1)(k+2)+(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)$$
  
=\{1.2.3+2.3.4+...+k(k+1)(k+2)\}+(k+1)(k+2)+(k+3)  
=\{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)+(k+1)(k+2)(k+3) [Using (i)]  
=(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)(\frac{k}{4}+1)  
=\{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)(k+4)-4  
=\{(k+1)(k+1+1)(k+1+2)(k+1+3)-4  
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Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

5. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

$$1.3+2.3^{2}+3.3^{3}+...+n.3^{n}=\frac{(2n-1)3^{n+1}+3}{4}$$

Ans: Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

 $P(n):1.3+2.3^{2}+3.3^{3}+...+n3^{n}=\frac{(2n-1)3^{n+1}+3}{4}$ For n=1, L.H.S.= $1.3^{1} = 3$ R.H.S.= $\frac{(2.1-1)3^{1+1}+3}{4} = \frac{3^2+3}{4} = \frac{12}{4} = 3$ Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1. Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,  $1.3+2.3^2+3.3^3+...+k3^k = \frac{(2k-1)3^{k+1}+3}{4}...(i)$ Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true. Consider  $1.3+2.3^2+3.3^3+...+k.3^k+(k+1).3^{k+1}$  $=(1.3+2.3^2+3.3^3+...+k.3^k)+(k+1).3^{k+1}$  $=\frac{(2k-1)3^{k+1}+3}{4}+(k+1)3^{k-1}$ [Using (i)]  $=\!\frac{\left(2k\text{-}1\right)\!3^{^{k+1}}\!+\!3\!+\!4\left(k\!+\!1\right)\!3^{^{k+1}}}{4}$  $=\!\frac{3^{^{k+1}}\!\left\{2k\!\cdot\!1\!+\!4\!\left(k\!+\!1\right)\!\right\}\!+\!3}{4}$  $=\frac{3^{k+1}\{6k+3\}+3}{4}$  $=\frac{3^{k+1}.3\{2k+1\}+3}{4}$  $=\frac{3^{(k+1)+1}\left\{2k+1\right\}+3}{4}$  $=\frac{\left\{2(k+1)-1\right\}3^{(k+1)+1}+3}{4}$ 

Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

6. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

$$1.2+2.3+3.4+...+n.(n+1) = \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}\right]$$

**Ans:** Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):1.2+2.3+3.4+...+n.(n+1) = \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}\right]$$

For n=1, L.H.S.=1.2=2 R.H.S.= $\frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3} = \frac{1.2.3}{3} = 2$ 

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$1.2+2.3+3.4+...+k.(k+1) = \left[\frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3}\right]...(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

Consider  
1.2+2.3+3.4+...+k.(k+1)+(k+1).(k+2)  
=
$$[1.2+2.3+3.4+...+k.(k+1)]+(k+1).(k+2)$$
  
= $\frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3}+(k+1)(k+2)$  [Using (i)]  
= $(k+1)(k+2)(\frac{k}{3}+1)$   
= $\frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3}$   
= $\frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)(k+1+2)}{3}$ 

Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

7. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

$$1.3+3.5+5.7+...+(2n-1)(2n+1)=\frac{n(4n^2+6n-1)}{3}$$

**Ans:** Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):1.3+3.5+5.7+...+(2n-1)(2n+1) = \frac{n(4n^2+6n-1)}{3}$$
  
For n=1

For n=1,  
L.H.S.=1.3=3  
R.H.S.=
$$\frac{1(4.1^2+6.1-1)}{3} = \frac{4+6-1}{3} = \frac{9}{3} = 3$$

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$1.3+3.5+5.7+...+(2k-1)(2k+1)=\frac{k(4k^2+6k-1)}{3}...(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

Consider  

$$(1.3+3.5+5.7+...+(2k-1)(2k+1))+\{(k+1)-1\}\{2(k+1)+1\}$$

$$=\frac{k(4k^{2}+6k-1)}{3}+(2k+2-1)(2k+2+1) \quad [Using (i)]$$

$$=\frac{k(4k^{2}+6k-1)}{3}+(2k+1)(2k+3)$$

$$=\frac{k(4k^{2}+6k-1)}{3}+(4k^{2}+8k+3)$$

$$=\frac{k(4k^{2}+6k-1)+3(4k^{2}+8k+3)}{3}$$

$$=\frac{4k^{3}+6k^{2}-k+12k^{2}+24k+9}{3}$$

$$=\frac{4k^{3}+14k^{2}+9k+4k^{2}+14k+9}{3}$$

$$=\frac{k(4k^{2}+14k+9)+1(4k^{2}+14k+9)}{3}$$

$$=\frac{(k+1)(4k^{2}+14k+9)}{3}$$

$$=\frac{(k+1)\{4k^{2}+8k+4+6k+6-1\}}{3}$$

$$=\frac{(k+1)\{4(k^{2}+2k+1)+6(k+1)-1\}}{3}$$

$$=\frac{(k+1)\{4(k+1)^{2}+6(k+1)-1\}}{3}$$

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

#### Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all 8. $n \in N$ :

#### $1.2+2.2^{2}+3.2^{2}+...+n.2^{n}=(n-1)2^{n+1}+2$

Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e., Ans:

$$P(n):1.2+2.2^{2}+3.2^{2}+...+n.2^{n}=(n-1)2^{n+1}+2$$

For n=1, L.H.S.=1.2=2

R.H.S.= $(1-1)2^{1+1}+2=0+2=2$ 

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

 $1.2+2.2^2+3.2^2+...+k.2^k=(k-1)2^{k+1}+2...(i)$ 

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

Consider

 $\left\{1.2{+}2.2^2{+}3.2^2{+}...{+}k.2^k\right\}{+}\left(k{+}1\right){.}2^{k{+}1}$ 

$$=(k-1)2^{k+1}+2+(k+1)2^{k+1}$$
  
=2<sup>k+1</sup>{(k-1)+(k+1)}+2  
=2<sup>k+1</sup>.2k+2  
=k.2<sup>(k+1)+1</sup>+2  
={(k+1)-1}2<sup>(k+1)+1</sup>+2

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

### 9. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$ 

Ans: Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{n}}$$
  
For n=1,  
L.H.S.= $\frac{1}{2}$   
R.H.S.= $1 - \frac{1}{2^{1}} = \frac{1}{2}$   
Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{k}} \dots (i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k}} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$
  
=  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{k}}\right) + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$  [Using (i)]  
 $1 - \frac{1}{2^{k}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)$ 

$$=1-\frac{1}{2^{k}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

10. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

$$\frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-1)(3n+2)} = \frac{n}{(6n+4)}$$

Ans: Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):\frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-1)(3n+2)} = \frac{n}{(6n+4)}$$

For n=1,

L.H.S.=
$$\frac{1}{2.5} = \frac{1}{10}$$
  
R.H.S.= $\frac{1}{6.1+4} = \frac{1}{10}$ 

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+2)} = \frac{k}{(6k+4)} \dots (i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

$$\frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+2)} + \frac{1}{\{3(k+1)-1\}\{3(k+1)+2\}}$$
$$= \frac{k}{6k+4} + \frac{1}{(3k+3-1)(3k+3+2)} \qquad [Using (i)]$$
$$= \frac{k}{6k+4} + \frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)}$$
$$= \frac{k}{2(3k+2)} + \frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)}$$

$$=\frac{1}{(3k+2)}\left(\frac{k}{2}+\frac{1}{3k+5}\right)$$
$$=\frac{1}{(3k+2)}\left(\frac{k(3k+5)+2}{2(3k+5)}\right)$$
$$=\frac{1}{(3k+2)}\left(\frac{3k^2+5k+2}{2(3k+5)}\right)$$
$$=\frac{1}{(3k+2)}\left(\frac{(3k+2)(k+1)}{2(3k+5)}\right)$$
$$=\frac{(k+1)}{6k+10}$$
$$=\frac{(k+1)}{6(k+1)+4}$$

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

11. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

$$\frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$$

Ans: Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):\frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$$
  
For n=1,  
L.H.S.= $\frac{1}{1.2.3} = \frac{1}{6}$   
R.H.S.= $\frac{1.(1+3)}{4(1+1)(1+2)} = \frac{1.4}{4.2.3} = \frac{1}{6}$   
Therefore P(n) is true for n=1

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

 $\frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)} = \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+1)(k+2)} \dots (i)$ Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true. Consider  $\left[\frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)}\right] + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}$ 

$$\begin{split} \left[ \frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)} \right] + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+4)} \\ = \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \qquad [Using (i)] \\ = \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k(k+3)^2 + 4}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k(k+3)^2 + 4}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k^3 + 6k^2 + 9k + 4}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k^3 + 2k^2 + k + 4k^2 + 8k + 4}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k(k^2 + 2k + 1) + 4(k^2 + 2k + 1)}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k(k+1)^2 + 4(k+1)^2}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\ = \frac{(k+1)^2(k+4)}{4(k+3)} \\ = \frac{(k+1)^2(k+4)}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\ = \frac{(k+1)^2(k+4)}{4((k+1)+1)\{(k+1)+2\}} \end{split}$$

Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

12. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

$$a+ar+ar^{2}+...+ar^{n-1}=\frac{a(r^{n}-1)}{r-1}$$

**Ans:** Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):a+ar+ar^{2}+...+ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(r^{n}-1)}{r-1}$$
  
For n=1,  
L.H.S.=a  
a(r<sup>1</sup>-1)

R.H.S.=
$$\frac{a(1-1)}{(r-1)} = a$$

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$a+ar+ar^{2}+...+ar^{k-1}=\frac{a(r^{k}-1)}{r-1}...(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

$$\left\{ a + ar + ar^{2} + \dots + ar^{k-1} \right\} + ar^{(k+1)-1}$$

$$= \frac{a(r^{k}-1)}{r-1} + ar^{k} \quad [Using (i)]$$

$$= \frac{a(r^{k}-1) + ar^{k} (r-1)}{r-1}$$

$$= \frac{a(r^{k}-1) + ar^{k+1} - ar^{k}}{r-1}$$

$$= \frac{ar^{k} - a + ar^{k+1} - ar^{k}}{r-1}$$

$$= \frac{ar^{k+1} - a}{r-1}$$

$$=\frac{a(r^{k+1}-1)}{r-1}$$

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

### 13. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

$$\left(1+\frac{3}{1}\right)\left(1+\frac{5}{4}\right)\left(1+\frac{7}{9}\right)...\left(1+\frac{(2n+1)}{n^2}\right)=\left(n+1\right)^2$$

Ans: Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):\left(1+\frac{3}{1}\right)\left(1+\frac{5}{4}\right)\left(1+\frac{7}{9}\right)...\left(1+\frac{(2n+1)}{n^{2}}\right)=(n+1)^{2}$$

For n=1,

L.H.S.=
$$\left(1+\frac{3}{1}\right)=4$$
  
P.H.S.= $\left(1+1\right)^2-2^2$ 

R.H.S.=
$$(1+1)^2 = 2^2 = 4$$

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$\left(1+\frac{3}{1}\right)\left(1+\frac{5}{4}\right)\left(1+\frac{7}{9}\right)...\left(1+\frac{(2k+1)}{k^2}\right)=\left(k+1\right)^2...(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \left(1+\frac{3}{1}\right)\left(1+\frac{5}{4}\right)\left(1+\frac{7}{9}\right)...\left(1+\frac{(2k+1)}{k^2}\right)\end{bmatrix} \left\{1+\frac{\{2(k+1)+1\}}{(k+1)^2}\right\}$$
  
=  $\left(k+1\right)^2 \left(1+\frac{2(k+1)+1}{(k+1)^2}\right)$  [Using (i)]  
=  $\left(k+1\right)^2 \left[\frac{(k+1)^2+2(k+1)+1}{(k+1)^2}\right]$ 

$$= (k+1)^{2} + 2(k+1) + 1$$
$$= \{(k+1)+1\}^{2}$$

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

### 14. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

$$\left(1+\frac{1}{1}\right)\left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1+\frac{1}{3}\right)\dots\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)=(n+1)$$

Ans: Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):\left(1+\frac{1}{1}\right)\left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1+\frac{1}{3}\right)...\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)=(n+1)$$
  
For n=1,

L.H.S.=
$$\left(1+\frac{1}{1}\right)=2$$
  
R.H.S.= $(1+1)=2$ 

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$P(k):\left(1+\frac{1}{1}\right)\left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1+\frac{1}{3}\right)...\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)=(k+1)...(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

Consider

$$\begin{bmatrix} P(k):\left(1+\frac{1}{1}\right)\left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1+\frac{1}{3}\right)...\left(1+\frac{1}{k}\right) \end{bmatrix} \left(1+\frac{1}{k+1}\right)$$
  
=  $(k+1)\left(1+\frac{1}{k+1}\right)$  [Using (i)]  
=  $(k+1)\left[\frac{(k+1)+1}{(k+1)}\right]$   
=  $(k+1)+1$ 

Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

15. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

$$1^{2}+3^{2}+5^{2}+...+(2n-1)^{2}=\frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$$

**Ans:** Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):1^{2}+3^{2}+5^{2}+...+(2n-1)^{2}=\frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$$

For n=1,

L.H.S.=
$$1^2 = 1$$
  
R.H.S.= $\frac{1(2.1-1)(2.1+1)}{3} = \frac{1.1.3}{3} = 1$ 

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$P(k):1^{2}+3^{2}+5^{2}+...+(2n-1)^{2}=\frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3}...(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

$$\begin{cases} 1^{2}+3^{2}+5^{2}+...+(2k-1)^{2} \} + \{2(k+1)-1\}^{2} \\ = \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} + (2k+2-1)^{2} \qquad [Using (i)] \\ = \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} + (2k+1)^{2} \\ = \frac{2(2k-1)(2k+1)+3(2k+1)^{2}}{3} \\ = \frac{(2k+1)\{k(2k-1)+3(2k+1)\}}{3} \\ = \frac{(2k+1)\{2k^{2}-k+6k+3\}}{3} \end{cases}$$

$$=\frac{(2k+1)\{2k^{2}+5k+3\}}{3}$$
  
=
$$\frac{(2k+1)\{2k^{2}+2k+3k+3\}}{3}$$
  
=
$$\frac{(2k+1)\{2k(k+1)+3(k+1)\}}{3}$$
  
=
$$\frac{(2k+1)(k+1)(2k+3)}{3}$$
  
=
$$\frac{(k+1)\{2(k+1)-1\}\{2(k+1)+1\}}{3}$$

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

### 16. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

$$\frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{(3n+1)}$$

Ans: Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):\frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{(3n+1)}$$
  
For n=1,  
L.H.S.= $\frac{1}{1.4} = \frac{1}{4}$   
R.H.S.= $\frac{1}{3.1+1} = \frac{1}{4}$   
Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$P(k):\frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-2)(3k+1)} = \frac{k}{(3k+1)}\dots(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true. Consider

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-2)(3k+1)} \} + \frac{1}{\{3(k+1)-2\}\{3(k+1)+1\}} \\ = \frac{k}{3k+1} + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+4)} \qquad [Using (i)] \\ = \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ \frac{k+1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ \frac{k(3k+4)+1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ \frac{3k^2+4k+1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ \frac{3k^2+3k+k+1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\ = \frac{(3k+1)(k+1)}{(3k+1)(3k+4)} \\ = \frac{(k+1)}{3(k+1)+1} \end{cases}$$

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

## 17. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

$$\frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{n}{2(2n+3)}$$

**Ans:** Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):\frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{n}{2(2n+3)}$$
  
For n=1,  
L.H.S.= $\frac{1}{3.5}$ 

R.H.S.= $\frac{1}{3(2.1+3)} = \frac{1}{3.5}$ 

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$P(k):\frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} = \frac{k}{2(2k+3)} \dots (i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

Consider

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{\{2(k+1)+1\}\{2(k+1)+3\}}$$

$$= \frac{k}{3(2k+3)} + \frac{1}{(2k+3)(2k+5)} \qquad [Using (i)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{k}{3} + \frac{1}{(2k+5)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{k(2k+5)+3}{3(2k+5)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2k^2+5k+3}{3(2k+5)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2k^2+2k+3k+3}{3(2k+5)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2k(k+1)+3(k+1)}{3(2k+5)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(2k+3)}{3(2k+5)}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)}{3\{2(k+1)+3\}}$$

Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

18. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

$$1+2+3+...+n<\frac{1}{8}(2n+1)^{2}$$

**Ans:** Let us denote the given equality by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):1+2+3+...+n<\frac{1}{8}(2n+1)^{2}$$

For n=1,

$$1 < \frac{1}{8} (2.1+1)^2 = \frac{9}{8}$$

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some positive integer k, i.e.,

$$1+2+3+...+k < \frac{1}{8}(2k+1)^2...(i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true.

Consider

$$1+2+3+...+k+(k+1) < \frac{1}{8}(2k+1)^{2}+(k+1) \qquad [Using (i)]$$

$$<\frac{1}{8}\{(2k+1)^{2}+8(k+1)\}$$

$$<\frac{1}{8}\{4k^{2}+4k+1+8k+8\}$$

$$<\frac{1}{8}\{4k^{2}+12k+9\}$$

$$<\frac{1}{8}\{2k+3)^{2}$$

$$<\frac{1}{8}\{2(k+1)+1\}^{2}$$

Hence,  $1+2+3+...+k+(k+1) < \frac{1}{8}(2k+1)^2+(k+1)$ 

Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

**19.** Prove that following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

$$n(n+1)(n+5)$$
 is a multiple of 3

Let us denote the given statement by P n, i(e.,) Ans: P(n):n(n+1)(n+5), which is a multiple of 3. For n=1. 1(1+1)(1+5)=12, which is a multiple of 3. Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1. Let us assume that P(k) is true for some natural number k, i.e., k(k+1)(k+5) is a multiple of 3.  $\therefore$  k(k+1)(k+5)=3m, where m  $\in$  N ...(i) Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true whenever P(k) is true. Consider  $(k+1){(k+1)+1}{(k+1)+5}$  $=(k+1)(k+2)\{(k+1)+5\}$ =(k+1)(k+2)(k+5)+(k+1)(k+2) $= \{k(k+1)(k+5)+2(k+1)(k+5)\}+(k+1)(k+2)$  $=3m+(k+1)\{2(k+5)+(k+2)\}$  $=3m+(k+1){2k+10+k+2}$  $=3m+(k+1){3k+12}$  $=3m+3(k+1)\{k+4\}$  $=3\{m+(k+1)(k+4)\}=3\times q$ , where  $q=\{m+(k+1)(k+4)\}$  is some natural number. Hence,  $(k+1)\{(k+1)+1\}\{(k+1)+5\}$  is a multiple of 3. Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds. Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

20. Prove that following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :

 $10^{2n-1}$ +1 is divisible by 11

Ans: Let us denote the given statement by P(n), i.e.,

 $P(n):10^{2n-1}+1$  is divisible by 11. For n=1,  $P(1)=10^{2n-1}+1=11$  and P(1) is divisible by 11. Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1. Let us assume that P(k) is true for some natural number k, i.e., i.e.,  $10^{2k-1}+1$  is divisible by 11.  $\therefore 10^{2k-1} + 1 = 11m$ , where  $m \in N \dots (i)$ Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true whenever P(k) is true. Consider  $10^{2(k+1)-1}+1$  $=10^{2k+2-1}+1$  $=10^{2k+1}+1$  $=10^{2}(10^{2k-1}+1-1)+1$  $=10^{2}(10^{2k-1}+1)-10^{2}+1$  $=10^2.11$ m-100+1 [Using (i)] =100×11m-99 =11(100m-9)=11r, where r=(100m-9) is some natural number Therefore,  $10^{2(k+1)-1}+1$  is divisible by 11. Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

### 21. Prove that following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

 $x^{2n}$ - $y^{2n}$  is divisible by x+y.

Ans: Let us denote the given statement by P(n), i.e.,

$$\begin{split} &P(n):x^{2n}-y^{2n} \text{ is divisible by } x+y\,.\\ &\text{For n=1,}\\ &P(1)=x^{2\times 1}-y^{2\times 1}=x^2-y^2=(x+y)(x-y)\,, \text{ which is clearly divisible by } x+y\,.\\ &\text{Therefore, } P(n) \text{ is true for n=1.} \end{split}$$

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some natural number k, i.e.,

 $x^{2k}$ - $y^{2k}$  is divisible by x+y.

 $\therefore$  Let  $x^{2k}-y^{2k}=m(x+y)$ , where  $m \in N \dots (i)$ 

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true whenever P(k) is true.

$$\begin{aligned} x^{2(k+1)-y^{2(k+1)}} \\ = x^{2k} \cdot x^2 - y^{2k} \cdot y^2 \\ = x^2 \left( x^{2k} - y^{2k} + y^{2k} \right) - y^{2k} \cdot y^2 \\ = x^2 \left\{ m(x+y) + y^{2k} \right\} - y^{2k} \cdot y^2 \\ = m(x+y) x^2 + y^{2k} \cdot x^2 - y^{2k} \cdot y^2 \\ = m(x+y) x^2 + y^{2k} \left( x^2 - y^2 \right) \\ = m(x+y) x^2 + y^{2k} \left( x^2 - y^2 \right) \\ = (x+y) \left\{ mx^2 + y^{2k} \left( x - y \right) \right\}, \text{ which is a factor of } (x+y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

## 22. Prove that following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

### $3^{2n+2}$ -8n-9 is divisible by 8.

Ans: Let us denote the given statement by P(n), i.e.,  $P(n):3^{2n+2}-8n-9$  is divisible by 8.

For n=1,

 $P(n) = 3^{2 \times 1+2} - 8 \times 1 - 9 = 64$ , which is divisible by 8.

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some natural number k, i.e.,

 $3^{2k+2}$ -8k-9 is divisible by 8.

 $:: 3^{2k+2}-8k-9=8m$ ; where  $m \in N ...(i)$ 

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true whenever P(k) is true.

$$3^{2^{(k+1)+2}}-8^{(k+1)-9}$$

$$3^{2^{k+2}}\cdot3^{2}-8^{k}-8-9$$

$$=3^{2}(3^{2^{k+2}}-8^{k}-9+8^{k}+9)-8^{k}-17$$

$$=3^{2}(3^{2^{k+2}}-8^{k}-9)+3^{2}(8^{k}+9)-8^{k}-17$$

$$=9.8^{m}+9^{(8^{k}+9)-8^{k}-17}$$

$$=9.8^{m}+6^{4^{k}}+6^{4^{k}}$$

$$=8^{(9^{m}+8^{k}+8)}$$

$$=8^{r}, \text{ where } r=(9^{m}+8^{k}+8) \text{ is a natural number}$$
Therefore,  $3^{2^{(k+1)+2}}-8^{(k+1)}-9$  is divisible by 8.  
Therefore,  $P^{(k+1)}$  holds whenever  $P(k)$  holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

### 23. Prove that following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

#### $41^{n}$ - $14^{n}$ is a multiple of 27.

Ans: Let us denote the given statement by P(n), i.e.,

 $P(n):41^n-14^n$  is a multiple of 27.

It can be observed that P(n) is true for n=1

For n=1,

 $P(1) = 41^{1} - 14^{1} = 27$ , which is a multiple of 27.

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some natural number k, i.e.,

 $41^k$ - $14^k$  is a multiple of 27.

 $\therefore 41^{k} - 14^{k} = 27m, m \in N \dots(i)$ 

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true whenever P(k) is true.

Consider

 $41^{k+1} - 14^{k+1}$ =41<sup>k</sup>.41-14<sup>k</sup>.14 =41(41<sup>k</sup>-14<sup>k</sup>+14<sup>k</sup>)-14<sup>k</sup>.14 =41.27m+14<sup>k</sup> (41-14) =41.27m+27.14<sup>k</sup> =27(41m-14<sup>k</sup>) =27×r, where  $r=(41m-14^{k})$  is a natural number. Therefore,  $41^{k+1}-14^{k+1}$  is a multiple of 27.

Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.

### 24. Prove that following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$ :

 $(2n+7) < (n+3)^2$ 

Ans: Let us denote the given statement by P(n), i.e.,

$$P(n):(2n+7)<(n+3)^2$$
  
For n=1,

$$P(1)=2.1+7=9<(1+3)^2=16$$
, which is true because 9<16.

Therefore, P(n) is true for n=1.

Let us assume that P(k) is true for some natural number k, i.e.,

$$(2k+7) < (k+3)^2 \dots (i)$$

Now, we have to prove that P(k+1) is also true whenever P(k) is true.

Consider

$$\{2(k+1)+7\} = (2k+7)+2 \therefore \{2(k+1)+7\} = (2k+7)+2 < (k+3)^2+2 \qquad [Using (i)] 2(k+1)+7 < k^2+6k+9+2 2(k+1)+7 < k^2+6k+11 Now, k^2+6k+11 < k^2+8k+16 \therefore 2(k+1)+7 < (k+4)^2 2(k+1)+7 < {(k+1)+3}^2 Therefore, P(k+1) holds whenever P(k) holds.$$

Hence, the given equality is true for all natural numbers i.e., N by the principle of mathematical induction.