

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Ex. 1 If $49^n + 16n + \lambda$ is divisible by 64 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then find the least negative integral value of λ .

Sol. For $n = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 49^n + 16n + \lambda &= 49 + 16 + \lambda = 65 + \lambda \\ &= 64 + (\lambda + 1), \text{ which is divisible by 64 if } \lambda = -1 \end{aligned}$$

For $n = 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 49^n + 16n + \lambda &= 49^2 + 16 \times 2 + \lambda = 2433 + \lambda \\ &= (64 \times 38) + (\lambda + 1), \text{ which is divisible by 64 if } \lambda = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\lambda = -1$

Ex. 2 Prove that $n^2 + n$ is even for all natural numbers n .

Sol. Let $P(n)$ be $n^2 + n$ is even

$P(1)$ is true as $1^2 + 1 = 2$ is an even number.

Let $P(k)$ be true.

To Prove: $P(k+1)$ is true.

$P(k+1)$ states that $(k+1)^2 + (k+1)$ is even.

Now $(k+1)^2 + (k+1)$

$$= k^2 + 2k + 1 + k + 1$$

$$= k^2 + k + 2k + 2 \quad (\text{rearranging terms})$$

$$= 2\lambda + 2k + 2 \quad (\text{Since } P(k) \text{ is true, } k^2 + k \text{ is an even number, or can be written as } 2\lambda,$$

where λ is some natural number)

$$= 2(\lambda + k + 1)$$

$$= \text{a multiple of 2.}$$

thus, $(k+1)^2 + (k+1)$ is an even number, or $P(k+1)$ is true when $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by PMI, $P(n)$ is true for all n , where n is a natural number.

Ex. 3 Prove that $x^{2n-1} + y^{2n-1}$ is divisible by $x + y$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Sol. Let $P(n)$ be the given statement.

$P(1)$ is clearly true, as $x + y$ is divisible by $x + y$.

Let $P(k)$ be true. Thus, $x^{2k-1} + y^{2k-1} = (x + y)\lambda$

Consider $x^{2(k+1)-1} + y^{2(k+1)-1}$

$$= x^{2k-1} \cdot x^2 + y^{2k-1} \cdot y^2$$

$$= ((x + y)\lambda - y^{2k-1})x^2 + y^{2k-1} \cdot y^2 \quad (\text{Since } P(k) \text{ is true})$$

$$= (x + y)\lambda x^2 + y^{2k-1}(y^2 - x^2) \Rightarrow (x + y)\lambda x^2 + y^{2k-1}(y - x)(y + x)$$

$$= (x + y)(\lambda x^2 + y^{2k-1}(y - x)) \Rightarrow \text{divisible } (x + y)$$

Hence, $P(k+1)$ is true when $P(k)$ is true. Thus, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by PMI.

Ex. 4 Prove that : $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n < \frac{(2n+1)^2}{8}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Sol. **Let** $P(n)$ be the statement given by

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

Step-I We have

$$P(1) : 1 < \frac{(2 \times 1 + 1)^2}{8} \quad \rightarrow \quad 1 < \frac{(2 \times 1 + 1)^2}{8} = \frac{9}{8} \quad \therefore P(1) \text{ is true}$$

Step-II Let $P(m)$ be true, then

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + m < \frac{(2m+1)^2}{8} \quad \dots(i)$$

We shall now show that $P(m+1)$ is true i.e.

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + m + (m+1) < \frac{[2(m+1)+1]^2}{8}$$

Now $P(m)$ is true

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + m < \frac{(2m+1)^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + m + (m+1) < \frac{(2m+1)^2}{8} + (m+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + m + (m+1) < \frac{(2m+1)^2 + 8(m+1)}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + m + (m+1) < \frac{(4m^2 + 12m + 9)}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + m + (m+1) < \frac{(2m+3)^2}{8} = \frac{[2(m+1)+1]^2}{8}$$

$\therefore P(m+1)$ is true

thus $P(m)$ is true $\Rightarrow P(m+1)$ is true

Hence by the principle of mathematical induction $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Ex.5 Prove that $\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha \cos 4\alpha \dots \cos(2^{n-1}\alpha) = \frac{\sin 2^n \alpha}{2^n \sin \alpha}$

Sol. **Let** $P(n)$ be the given statement.

Clearly, $P(1)$ is true. (Expand $\sin 2\alpha$ on RHS to verify this)

Let $P(k)$ be true.

Consider $\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha \cos 4\alpha \dots \cos(2^{k-1}\alpha) \cos(2^{k+1-1}\alpha)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sin 2^k \alpha}{2^k \sin \alpha} \cos 2^k \alpha \Rightarrow \frac{2 \sin 2^k \alpha \cos 2^k \alpha}{2 \cdot 2^k \sin \alpha} \\ &= \frac{\sin 2^{k+1} \alpha}{2^{k+1} \sin \alpha} \quad (\text{Using } \sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $P(k+1)$ is true when $P(k)$ is true. By PMI, for all natural numbers n , $P(n)$ is true.

Ex. 6 $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{15}{16} + \frac{63}{64} + \dots$ to n terms =

(1) $n - \frac{4^n}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$

(2) $n + \frac{4^{-n}}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$

(3) $n + \frac{4^n}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$

(4) $n - \frac{4^{-n}}{3} + \frac{1}{3}$

Sol. For $n = 1$, we have

$$n - \frac{4^n}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 1 - \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$n + \frac{4^{-n}}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 1 + \frac{4^{-1}}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$n + \frac{4^n}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 1 + \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 2$$

$$n - \frac{4^{-n}}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 1 - \frac{4^{-1}}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{4}$$

Also, for $n = 2$, we have

$$n + \frac{4^{-n}}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 2 + \frac{1}{48} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{27}{16} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{3}{4} + \frac{15}{16} = \frac{27}{16}$$

Hence, option (2) is correct

Ex. 7 Prove that

$$7 + 77 + 777 + 7777 + 7777 \dots 7(n \text{ digits}) = 7(10^{n+1} - 9n - 10)/81$$

Sol. Let $P(n)$ be the given statement.

Clearly, $P(1)$ is true.

Let $P(k)$ be true.

To Prove : $P(k + 1)$ is true.

Consider the LHS of $P(k + 1)$

$$7 + 77 + 777 + 7777 + \dots + 777 \dots 7(k \text{ digits}) + 777 \dots 7 \quad (k + 1 \text{ digits})$$

$$= 7(10^{k+1} - 9k - 10)/81 + 777 \dots 7(k + 1 \text{ digits})$$

$$= 7(10^{k+1} - 9k - 10 + 81 \times 111 \dots 1(k + 1 \text{ digits}))/81$$

Now, $111 \dots 1 = 1 + 10 + 100 + 1000 + \dots$ (upto $k + 1$ terms). This is a Geometric Progression with $a = 1$,

$$r = 10. \text{ Hence } 111 \dots 1(k + 1 \text{ digits}) = \frac{1(10^{k+1} - 1)}{10 - 1} = \frac{(10^{k+1} - 1)}{9}$$

Thus, LHS becomes

$$= 7(10^{k+1} - 9k - 10 + 9(10^{k+1} - 1))/81$$

$$= 7(10^{k+1}(1 + 9) - 9k - 9 - 10)/81$$

$$= 7(10^{k+2} - 9(k + 1) - 10)/81$$

Hence, $P(k + 1)$ is true when $P(k)$ is true. Thus, by PMI, $P(n)$ is true for all n , where n is a Natural Number.

Ex. 8 If $P(n)$ is the statement “ $2^{3n} - 1$ is an integral multiple of 7”, and if $P(r)$ is true, prove that $P(r + 1)$ is true.

Sol. **Let** $P(r)$ be true. Then $2^{3r} - 1$ is an integral multiple of 7.

We wish to prove that $P(r + 1)$ is true i.e. $2^{3(r+1)} - 1$ is an integral multiple of 7.

Now $P(r)$ is true

$$\Rightarrow 2^{3r} - 1 \text{ is an integral multiple of 7} \Rightarrow 2^{3r} - 1 = 7\lambda \text{ for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{3r} = 7\lambda + 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Now } 2^{3(r+1)} - 1 = 2^{3r} \cdot 2^3 - 1 = (7\lambda + 1) \times 8 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{3(r+1)} - 1 = 56\lambda + 8 - 1 = 56\lambda + 7 = 7(8\lambda + 1) \Rightarrow 2^{3(r+1)} - 1 = 7\mu, \text{ where } \mu = 8\lambda + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{3(r+1)} - 1 \text{ is an integral multiple of 7} \Rightarrow P(r + 1) \text{ is true}$$

Ex. 9 Consider the sequence of real numbers defined by the relations

$$x_1 = 1 \text{ and } x_{n+1} = \sqrt{1 + 2x_n} \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

Use the Principle of Mathematical Induction to show that $x_n < 4$ for all $n \geq 1$.

Sol. For any $n \geq 1$, let P_n be the statement that $x_n < 4$.

Base Case The statement P_1 says that $x_1 = 1 < 4$, which is true.

Inductive Step Fix $k \geq 1$, and suppose that P_k holds, that is, $x_k < 4$.

It remains to show that P_{k+1} holds, that is, that $x_{k+1} < 4$.

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= \sqrt{1 + 2x_k} \\ &< \sqrt{1 + 2(4)} \\ &= \sqrt{9} \\ &= 3 \\ &< 4. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, P_{k+1} holds.

Thus by the principle of mathematical induction, for all $n \geq 1$, P_n holds.

Ex. 10 For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x^{n+1} + (x + 1)^{2n-1}$ is divisible by -

(1) x

(2) $x + 1$

(3) $x^2 + x + 1$

(4) $x^2 - x + 1$

Sol. **For** $n = 1$, we have

$$x^{n+1} + (x + 1)^{2n-1} = x^2 + (x + 1) = x^2 + x + 1, \text{ which is divisible by } x^2 + x + 1.$$

For $n = 2$, we have

$$x^{n+1} + (x + 1)^{2n-1} = x^3 + (x + 1)^3 = (2x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1), \text{ which is divisible by } x^2 + x + 1$$

Hence, option (3) is true.

Ex. 11 Let $p_0 = 1$, $p_1 = \cos\theta$ (for θ some fixed constant) and $p_{n+1} = 2p_1p_n - p_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$. Use an extended Principle of Mathematical Induction to prove that $p_n = \cos(n\theta)$ for $n \geq 0$.

Sol. For any $n \geq 0$, let P_n be the statement that $p_n = \cos(n\theta)$.

Base Cases The statement P_0 says that $p_0 = 1 = \cos(0\theta) = 1$, which is true. The statement P_1 says that $p_1 = \cos\theta = \cos(1\theta)$, which is true.

Inductive Step Fix $k \geq 0$, and suppose that both P_k and P_{k+1} hold, that is, $p_k = \cos(k\theta)$, and $p_{k+1} = \cos((k+1)\theta)$.

It remains to show that P_{k+2} holds, that is, that $p_{k+2} = \cos((k+2)\theta)$.

We have the following identities:

$$\cos(a+b) = \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b$$

$$\cos(a-b) = \cos a \cos b + \sin a \sin b$$

Therefore, using the first identity when $a = \theta$ and $b = (k+1)\theta$, we have

$$\cos(\theta + (k+1)\theta) = \cos\theta \cos(k+1)\theta - \sin\theta \sin(k+1)\theta,$$

and using the second identity when $a = (k+1)\theta$ and $b = \theta$, we have

$$\cos((k+1)\theta - \theta) = \cos(k+1)\theta \cos\theta + \sin(k+1)\theta \sin\theta.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} p_{k+2} &= 2p_1 p_{k+1} - p_k \\ &= 2(\cos\theta)(\cos((k+1)\theta)) - \cos(k\theta) \\ &= (\cos\theta)(\cos((k+1)\theta)) + (\cos\theta)(\cos((k+1)\theta)) - \cos(k\theta) \\ &= \cos(\theta + (k+1)\theta) + \sin\theta \sin(k+1)\theta + (\cos\theta)(\cos((k+1)\theta)) - \cos(k\theta) \\ &= \cos((k+2)\theta) + \sin\theta \sin(k+1)\theta + (\cos\theta)(\cos((k+1)\theta)) - \cos(k\theta) \\ &= \cos((k+2)\theta) + \sin\theta \sin(k+1)\theta + \cos((k+1)\theta - \theta) - \sin(k+1)\theta \sin\theta - \cos(k\theta) \\ &= \cos((k+2)\theta) + \cos(k\theta) - \cos(k\theta) \\ &= \cos((k+2)\theta). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore P_{k+2} holds.

Thus by the principle of mathematical induction, for all $n \geq 1$, P_n holds.

Ex. 12 Prove that for any positive integer number n , $n^3 + 2n$ is divisible by 3

Sol. Statement $P(n)$ is defined by

$n^3 + 2n$ is divisible by 3

STEP 1 : We first show that $p(1)$ is true. Let $n = 1$ and calculate $n^3 + 2n$

$$1^3 + 2(1) = 3$$

3 is divisible by 3

Hence $p(1)$ is true.

STEP 2 : We now assume that $p(k)$ is true

$k^3 + 2k$ is divisible by 3

is equivalent to

$k^3 + 2k = 3M$, where M is a positive integer.

We now consider the algebraic expression $(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1)$; expand it and group like terms

$$(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1) = k^3 + 3k^2 + 5k + 3$$

$$= [k^3 + 2k] + [3k^2 + 3k + 3] \Rightarrow 3M + 3[k^2 + k + 1] = 3[M + k^2 + k + 1]$$

Hence $(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1)$ is also divisible by 3 and therefore statement $P(k+1)$ is true.

Ex. 13 Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3n-2) = \frac{1}{2} n(3n-1)$$

Sol. Let $P(n)$ be the statement given by

$$P(n) : 1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3n-2) = \frac{1}{2} n(3n-1)$$

Step-I We have $P(1) : 1 = \frac{1}{2} \times (1) \times (3 \times 1 - 1)$

$$\rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{2} \times (1) \times (3 \times 1 - 1)$$

So, $P(1)$ is true

Step-II Let $P(m)$ be true, then

$$1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3m-2) = \frac{1}{2} m(3m-1) \quad \dots(i)$$

We wish to show that $P(m+1)$ is true. For this we have to show that

$$1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3m-2) + [3(m+1)-2] = \frac{1}{2} (m+1)(3(m+1)-1)$$

$$\text{Now } 1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3m-2) + [3(m+1)-2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m(3m-1) + [3(m+1)-2] \quad [\text{Using (i)}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m(3m-1) + (3m+1) = \frac{1}{2} [3m^2 - m + 6m + 2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [3m^2 + 5m + 2] = \frac{1}{2} (m+1)(3m+2) = \frac{1}{2} (m+1)[3(m+1)-1]$$

$\therefore P(m+1)$ is true

Thus $P(m)$ is true $\Rightarrow P(m+1)$ is true

Hence by the principle of mathematical induction the given result is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex. 14 Prove that $n! > 2^n$ for n a positive integer greater than or equal to 4. (Note: $n!$ is n factorial and is given by $1 * 2 * \dots * (n-1) * n$.)

Sol. Statement $P(n)$ is defined by $n! > 2^n$

STEP 1 : We first show that $p(4)$ is true. Let $n = 4$ and calculate $4!$ and 2^n and compare them

$$4! = 24$$

$$2^4 = 16$$

24 is greater than 16 and hence $p(4)$ is true.

STEP 2 : We now assume that $p(k)$ is true

$$k! > 2^k$$

Multiply both sides of the above inequality by $k+1$

$$k!(k+1) > 2^k(k+1)$$

The left side is equal to $(k+1)!$. For $k > 4$, we can write

$$k+1 > 2$$

Multiply both sides of the above inequality by 2^k to obtain

$$2^k(k+1) > 2 * 2^k$$

The above inequality may be written

$$2^k(k+1) > 2^{k+1}$$

We have proved that $(k+1)! > 2^k(k+1)$ and $2^k(k+1) > 2$

$^{k+1}$ we can now write

$$(k+1)! > 2^{k+1}$$

We have assumed that statement $P(k)$ is true and proved that statement $P(k+1)$ is also true.

Ex. 15 Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

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

Sol. Let $P(n)$ be the statement given by

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

Step-I We have $P(1) : \sin\theta = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1+1}{2}\right)\theta \sin\left(\frac{1 \times \theta}{2}\right)}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$

$\rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1+1}{2}\right)\theta \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1 \times \theta}{2}\right)}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$

$\therefore P(1)$ is true

Step-II Let $P(m)$ be true, then

$$\sin\theta + \sin 2\theta + \dots + \sin m\theta = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta \sin \frac{m\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \quad \dots(i)$$

We shall now show that $P(m+1)$ is true

i.e. $\sin\theta + \sin 2\theta + \dots + \sin m\theta + \sin(m+1)\theta = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{(m+1)+1}{2}\right)\theta \sin\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$

We have $\sin\theta + \sin 2\theta + \dots + \sin m\theta + \sin(m+1)\theta$

$$= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta \sin \frac{m\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} + \sin(m+1)\theta$$

[Using (i)]

$$= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta \sin \frac{m\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} + 2 \sin\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta \cos\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta \left\{ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{m\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} + 2 \cos\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta \right\}$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta \left\{ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{m\theta}{2}\right) + 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \right\}$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta \left\{ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{m\theta}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{m+2}{2}\right)\theta - \sin \frac{m\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta \sin\left(\frac{m+2}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{\sin\left\{\frac{(m+1)+1}{2}\right\}\theta \sin\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

\therefore $P(m+1)$ is true

Thus, $P(m)$ is true $\Rightarrow P(m+1)$ is true

Hence by principle mathematical induction $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Ex. 16 If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n > 1$, then

- (1) $n! > \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$ (2) $n! \geq \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$ (3) $n! < \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$ (4) None of these

Sol. When $n = 2$ then

$$n = 2, \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n = \frac{9}{4} \Rightarrow n! < \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$$

When $n = 3$, then $n! = 6$, $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n = 8$

$$\Rightarrow n! < \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$$

When $n = 4$, then $n! = 24$, $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n = \frac{625}{16}$

$$\Rightarrow n! < \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$$

\therefore it is seen that $\Rightarrow n! < \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$

Ex. 17 Use mathematical induction to prove De Moivre's theorem

$$[R(\cos t + i \sin t)]^n = R^n(\cos nt + i \sin nt)$$

for n a positive integer.

Sol. **STEP 1 :** For $n = 1$

$$[R(\cos t + i \sin t)]^1 = R^1(\cos 1 \cdot t + i \sin 1 \cdot t)$$

It can easily be seen that the two sides are equal.

STEP 2 : We now assume that the theorem is true for $n = k$,

Hence

$$[R(\cos t + i \sin t)]^k = R^k(\cos kt + i \sin kt)$$

Multiply both sides of the above equation by $R(\cos t + i \sin t)$

$$[R(\cos t + i \sin t)]^k R(\cos t + i \sin t) = R^k(\cos kt + i \sin kt)$$

$$R(\cos t + i \sin t)$$

Rewrite the above as follows

$$[R(\cos t + i \sin t)]^{k+1} = R^{k+1}[(\cos kt \cos t - \sin kt \sin t) + i(\sin kt \cos t + \cos kt \sin t)]$$

Trigonometric identities can be used to write the trigonometric expressions $(\cos kt \cos t - \sin kt \sin t)$ and $(\sin kt \cos t + \cos kt \sin t)$ as follows

$$(\cos kt \cos t - \sin kt \sin t) = \cos(kt + t) = \cos(k+1)t$$

$$(\sin kt \cos t + \cos kt \sin t) = \sin(kt + t) = \sin(k+1)t$$

Substitute the above into the last equation to obtain

$$[R(\cos t + i \sin t)]^{k+1} = R^{k+1}[\cos(k+1)t + i \sin(k+1)t]$$

It has been established that the theorem is true for $n=1$ and that if it assumed true for $n=k$ it is true for $n=k+1$.

Ex. 18 Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, 3^{2n} when divided by 8 the remainder is always 1.

Sol. Let $P(n)$ be the statement given by

$$P(n) : 3^{2n} \text{ when divided by 8 the remainder is 1}$$

or $P(n) : 3^{2n} = 8\lambda + 1$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$

Step-I $P(1) : 3^2 = 8\lambda + 1$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\rightarrow 3^2 = 8 \times 1 + 1 = 8\lambda + 1 \text{ where } \lambda = 1$$

$\therefore P(1)$ is true

Step-II Let $P(m)$ be true then

$$3^{2m} = 8\lambda + 1 \text{ for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{N}$$

We shall now show that $P(m+1)$ is true for which we have to show that $3^{2(m+1)}$ when divided by 8 the remainder is 1 i.e. $3^{2(m+1)} = 8\mu + 1$ for some $\mu \in \mathbb{N}$

Now $3^{2(m+1)} = 3^{2m} \cdot 3^2 = (8\lambda + 1) \times 9$ [Using (i)]

$$\Rightarrow P(m+1) \text{ is true}$$

thus $P(m)$ is true $\Rightarrow P(m+1)$ is true

Hence by the principle of mathematical induction $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ i.e. 3^{2n} when divided by 8 the remainder is always 1.

Ex. 19 Using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = (1/6)\{n(n+1)(2n+1)\} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Sol. Let the given statement be $P(n)$. Then,

$$P(n): 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = (1/6)\{n(n+1)(2n+1)\}.$$

Putting $n=1$ in the given statement, we get

$$\text{LHS} = 1^2 = 1 \text{ and } \text{RHS} = (1/6) \times 1 \times 2 \times (2 \times 1 + 1) = 1.$$

Therefore $\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}.$

Thus, $P(1)$ is true.

Let $P(k)$ be true. Then,

$$P(k): 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 = (1/6)\{k(k+1)(2k+1)\}.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2 &= (1/6)\{k(k+1)(2k+1) + (k+1)^2\} \\ &= (1/6)\{(k+1) \cdot (k(2k+1) + 6(k+1))\} \\ &= (1/6)\{(k+1)(2k^2 + 7k + 6)\} \\ &= (1/6)\{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)\} \\ &= 1/6\{(k+1)(k+1+1)[2(k+1)+1]\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1): 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2 = (1/6)\{(k+1)(k+1+1)[2(k+1)+1]\}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) \text{ is true, whenever } P(k) \text{ is true.}$$

Thus, $P(1)$ is true and $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex. 20 Using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that

$$1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + n(n+1) = (1/3)\{n(n+1)(n+2)\}.$$

Sol. Let the given statement be $P(n)$. Then,

$$P(n): 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + n(n+1) = (1/3)\{n(n+1)(n+2)\}.$$

Thus, the given statement is true for $n = 1$, i.e., $P(1)$ is true.

Let $P(k)$ be true. Then,

$$P(k): 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + k(k+1) = (1/3)\{k(k+1)(k+2)\}.$$

Now, $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2)$

$$= (1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + k(k+1)) + (k+1)(k+2)$$

$$= (1/3)k(k+1)(k+2) + (k+1)(k+2) \quad \text{[using (i)]}$$

$$= (1/3)[k(k+1)(k+2) + 3(k+1)(k+2)]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1): 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + (k+1)(k+2)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) \text{ is true, whenever } P(k) \text{ is true.}$$

Thus, $P(1)$ is true and $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all values of $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex. 21 Using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that

$$1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 7 + \dots + (2n-1)(2n+1) = (1/3)\{n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)\}.$$

Sol. Let the given statement be $P(n)$. Then,

$$P(n): 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 7 + \dots + (2n-1)(2n+1) = (1/3)n(4n^2 + 6n - 1).$$

When $n = 1$, LHS = $1 \cdot 3 = 3$ and RHS = $(1/3) \times 1 \times (4 \times 1^2 + 6 \times 1 - 1)$

$$= \{(1/3) \times 1 \times 9\} = 3.$$

LHS = RHS.

Thus, $P(1)$ is true.

Let $P(k)$ be true. Then,

$$P(k): 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 7 + \dots + (2k-1)(2k+1) = (1/3)\{k(4k^2 + 6k - 1)\} \quad \text{.....(i)}$$

Now,

$$1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 7 + \dots + (2k-1)(2k+1) + \{2k(k+1) - 1\} \{2(k+1) + 1\}$$

$$= \{1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 7 + \dots + (2k-1)(2k+1)\} + (2k+1)(2k+3)$$

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

$$= (1/3)[(4k^3 + 6k^2 - k) + 3(4k^2 + 8k + 3)]$$

$$= (1/3)(4k^3 + 18k^2 + 23k + 9)$$

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

$$= (1/3)[k+1]\{4k(k+1) + 6(k+1) - 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) : 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 7 + \dots + (2k+1)(2k+3) \\ = (1/3)[(k+1)\{4(k+1)^2 + 6(k+1) - 1\}]$$

$\Rightarrow P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Thus, $P(1)$ is true and $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex. 22 Using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that

$$1/(1 \cdot 2) + 1/(2 \cdot 3) + 1/(3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{n(n+1)\} = n/(n+1)$$

Sol. Let the given statement be $P(n)$. Then,

$$P(n) : 1/(1 \cdot 2) + 1/(2 \cdot 3) + 1/(3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{n(n+1)\} = n/(n+1).$$

Putting $n = 1$ in the given statement, we get

$$\text{LHS} = 1/(1 \cdot 2) = 1/2 \text{ and } \text{RHS} = 1/(1+1) = 1/2.$$

LHS = RHS.

Thus, $P(1)$ is true.

Let $P(k)$ be true. Then,

$$P(k) : 1/(1 \cdot 2) + 1/(2 \cdot 3) + 1/(3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{k(k+1)\} = k/(k+1) \quad \dots (i)$$

Now $1/(1 \cdot 2) + 1/(2 \cdot 3) + 1/(3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{k(k+1)\} + 1/\{(k+1)(k+2)\}$

$$[1/(1 \cdot 2) + 1/(2 \cdot 3) + 1/(3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{k(k+1)\}] + 1/\{(k+1)(k+2)\}$$

$$= k/(k+1) + 1/\{(k+1)(k+2)\}.$$

$$\{k(k+2) + 1\}/\{(k+1)2[(k+1)k+2]\} \quad [\text{using (i)}]$$

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

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

$$= (k+1)/(k+2) = (k+1)/(k+1+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) : 1/(1 \cdot 2) + 1/(2 \cdot 3) + 1/(3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{k(k+1)\} + 1/\{(k+1)(k+2)\}$$

$$= (k+1)/(k+1+1)$$

$\Rightarrow P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Thus, $P(1)$ is true and $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex. 23 Using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that

$$\{1/(3 \cdot 5)\} + \{1/(5 \cdot 7)\} + \{1/(7 \cdot 9)\} + \dots + 1/\{(2n+1)(2n+3)\} = n/\{3(2n+3)\}.$$

Sol. Let the given statement be $P(n)$. Then,

$$P(n) : \{1/(3 \cdot 5)\} + \{1/(5 \cdot 7)\} + \{1/(7 \cdot 9)\} + \dots + 1/\{(2n+1)(2n+3)\} = n/\{3(2n+3)\}.$$

Putting $n = 1$ in the given statement, we get and $\text{LHS} = 1/(3 \cdot 5) = 1/15$ and $\text{RHS} = 1/\{3(2 \times 1 + 3)\} = 1/15$.

LHS = RHS

Thus, $P(1)$ is true.

Let $P(k)$ be true. Then,

$$P(k): \{1/(3 \cdot 5) + 1/(5 \cdot 7) + 1/(7 \cdot 9) + \dots + 1/\{(2k+1)(2k+3)\} = k/\{3(2k+3)\} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } 1/(3 \cdot 5) + 1/(5 \cdot 7) + \dots + 1/[(2k+1)(2k+3)] + 1/[2(k+1)+1]2(k+1)+3 \\ = \{1/(3 \cdot 5) + 1/(5 \cdot 7) + \dots + [1/(2k+1)(2k+3)]\} + 1/\{(2k+3)(2k+5)\} \\ = k/[3(2k+3)] + 1/[2k+3)(2k+5)] \quad [\text{using (i)}] \\ = \{k(2k+5) + 3\}/\{3(2k+3)(2k+5)\} \\ = (2k^2 + 5k + 3)/[3(2k+3)(2k+5)] \\ = \{(k+1)(2k+3)\}/\{3(2k+3)(2k+5)\} \\ = (k+1)/\{3(2k+5)\} \\ = (k+1)/[3\{2(k+1)+3\}] \\ = P(k+1): 1/(3 \cdot 5) + 1/(5 \cdot 7) + \dots + 1/[2k+1)(2k+3)] + 1/[2(k+1)+1]\{2(k+1)+3\}] \\ = (k+1)/\{3\{2(k+1)+3\}\} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Thus, $P(1)$ is true and $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex. 24 Using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that

$$1/(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3) + 1/(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{n(n+1)(n+2)\} = \{n(n+3)\}/\{4(n+1)(n+2)\} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Sol. Let $P(n): 1/(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3) + 1/(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{n(n+1)(n+2)\} = \{n(n+3)\}/\{4(n+1)(n+2)\}$.

Putting $n = 1$ in the given statement, we get

$$\text{LHS} = 1/(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3) = 1/6 \text{ and } \text{RHS} = \{1 \times (1+3)\}/[4 \times (1+1)(1+2)] = (1 \times 4)/(4 \times 2 \times 3) = 1/6.$$

Therefore $\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$.

Thus, the given statement is true for $n = 1$, i.e., $P(1)$ is true.

Let $P(k)$ be true. Then,

$$P(k): 1/(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3) + 1/(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{k(k+1)(k+2)\} = \{k(k+3)\}/\{4(k+1)(k+2)\} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } 1/(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3) + 1/(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{k(k+1)(k+2)\} + 1/\{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)\} \\ = [1/(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3) + 1/(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{k(k+1)(k+2)\}] + 1/\{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)\} \\ = [\{k(k+3)\}/\{4(k+1)(k+2)\} + 1/\{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)\}] \quad [\text{using (i)}] \\ = \{k(k+3)^2 + 4\}/\{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)\} \\ = (k^3 + 6k^2 + 9k + 4)/\{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)\} \\ = \{(k+1)(k+4)\}/\{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)\} \\ = \{(k+1)(k+4)\}/\{4(k+2)(k+3)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P(k+1): 1/(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3) + 1/(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4) + \dots + 1/\{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)\} \\ = \{(k+1)(k+4)\}/\{4(k+2)(k+3)\} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Thus, $P(1)$ is true and $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex. 25 Using the Principle of mathematical induction, prove that

$$\{1 - (1/2)\} \{1 - (1/3)\} \{1 - (1/4)\} \dots \{1 - 1/(n+1)\} = 1/(n+1) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Sol. Let the given statement be $P(n)$. Then,

$$P(n) : \{1 - (1/2)\} \{1 - (1/3)\} \{1 - (1/4)\} \dots \{1 - 1/(n+1)\} = 1/(n+1).$$

$$\text{When } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = \{1 - (1/2)\} = 1/2 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{RHS} = 1/(1+1) = 1/2.$$

Therefore **LHS = RHS.**

Thus, $P(1)$ is true.

Let $P(k)$ be true. Then,

$$P(k) : \{1 - (1/2)\} \{1 - (1/3)\} \{1 - (1/4)\} \dots [1 - \{1/(k+1)\}] = 1/(k+1)$$

$$\text{Now, } [\{1 - (1/2)\} \{1 - (1/3)\} \{1 - (1/4)\} \dots [1 - \{1/(k+1)\}] \cdot [1 - \{1/(k+2)\}]]$$

$$= [1/(k+1)] \cdot [\{(k+2) - 1\}/(k+2)]$$

$$= [1/(k+1)] \cdot [(k+1)/(k+2)]$$

$$= 1/(k+2)$$

$$\text{Therefore } p(k+1) : [\{1 - (1/2)\} \{1 - (1/3)\} \{1 - (1/4)\} \dots [1 - \{1/(k+1)\}]] = 1/(k+2)$$

\Rightarrow $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Thus, $P(1)$ is true and $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Exercise # 1

[Single Correct Choice Type Questions]

- The greatest positive integer, which divides $(n+16)(n+17)(n+18)(n+19)$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, is-
 (A) 2 (B) 4 (C) 24 (D) 120
- The sum of the cubes of three consecutive natural numbers is divisible by-
 (A) 2 (B) 5 (C) 7 (D) 9
- For every positive integer n , $\frac{n^7}{7} + \frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{2n^3}{3} - \frac{n}{105}$ is-
 (A) an integer (B) a rational number
 (C) a negative real number (D) an odd integer
- If $10^n + 3 \cdot 4^{n+2} + \lambda$ is exactly divisible by 9 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then the least positive integral value of λ is-
 (A) 5 (B) 3 (C) 7 (D) 1
- The sum of n terms of $1^2 + (1^2 + 2^2) + (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) + \dots$ is-
 (A) $\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ (B) $\frac{n(n+1)(2n-1)}{6}$
 (C) $\frac{1}{12} n(n+1)^2(n+2)$ (D) $\frac{1}{12} n^2(n+1)^2$
- For positive integer n , $3^n < n!$ when-
 (A) $n \geq 6$ (B) $n > 7$ (C) $n \geq 7$ (D) $n \leq 7$
- For all positive integral values of n , $3^{2n} - 2n + 1$ is divisible by-
 (A) 2 (B) 4 (C) 8 (D) 12
- $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, is true for
 (A) $n \geq 3$ (B) $n \geq 2$ (C) $n \geq 4$ (D) all n
- Let $P(n) : n^2 + n$ is an odd integer. It is seen that truth of $P(n) \Rightarrow$ the truth of $P(n+1)$. Therefore, $P(n)$ is true for all-
 (A) $n > 1$ (B) n (C) $n > 2$ (D) None of these
- If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $3^{4n+2} + 5^{2n+1}$ is a multiple of-
 (A) 14 (B) 16 (C) 18 (D) 20
- If $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$, then for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, A^n equals-
 (A) $\begin{pmatrix} na & n \\ 0 & na \end{pmatrix}$ (B) $\begin{pmatrix} a^n & na^{n-1} \\ 0 & a^n \end{pmatrix}$ (C) $\begin{pmatrix} na & 1 \\ 0 & na \end{pmatrix}$ (D) $\begin{pmatrix} a^n & n \\ 0 & a^n \end{pmatrix}$
- For every natural number n , $n(n+3)$ is always-
 (A) multiple of 4 (B) multiple of 5 (C) even (D) odd

13. $\frac{1^2}{1} + \frac{1^2+2^2}{1+2} + \frac{1^2+2^2+3^2}{1+2+3} + \dots$ upto n terms is-
- (A) $\frac{1}{3}(2n+1)$ (B) $\frac{1}{3}n^2$ (C) $\frac{1}{3}(n+2)$ (D) $\frac{1}{3}n(n+2)$
14. The sum of n terms of the series $1 + (1+a) + (1+a+a^2) + (1+a+a^2+a^3) + \dots$, is-
- (A) $\frac{n}{1-a} - \frac{a(1-a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$ (B) $\frac{n}{1-a} + \frac{a(1-a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$ (C) $\frac{n}{1-a} + \frac{a(1+a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$ (D) $-\frac{n}{1-a} + \frac{a(1-a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$
15. If $p(n) : n^2 > 100$ then
- (A) $p(1)$ is true (B) $p(4)$ is true
(C) $p(k)$ is true $\forall k \geq 5, k \in \mathbb{N}$ (D) $p(k+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true where $k \in \mathbb{N}$
16. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $x^{2n-1} + y^{2n-1}$ is divisible by-
- (A) $x+y$ (B) $x-y$ (C) x^2+y^2 (D) x^2+xy
17. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $10^{2n+1} + 1$ is divisible by-
- (A) 11 (B) 13 (C) 27 (D) None of these
18. The sum of n terms of the series $\frac{1}{1^3} + \frac{2}{1^3+2^3} + \frac{3}{1^3+2^3+3^3} + \dots$ is-
- (A) $\frac{1}{n(n+1)}$ (B) $\frac{n}{n+1}$ (C) $\frac{n+1}{n}$ (D) $\frac{n+1}{n+2}$
19. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, n^4 is less than-
- (A) 10^n (B) 4^n (C) 10^{10} (D) None of these
20. For positive integer n, $10^{n-2} > 81n$ when-
- (A) $n < 5$ (B) $n > 5$ (C) $n \geq 5$ (D) $n > 6$
21. $1 + 3 + 6 + 10 + \dots$ upto n terms is equal to-
- (A) $\frac{1}{3}n(n+1)(n+2)$ (B) $\frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(n+2)$
(C) $\frac{1}{12}n(n+2)(n+3)$ (D) $\frac{1}{12}n(n+1)(n+2)$
22. Sum of n terms of the series $\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1+2} + \frac{1}{1+2+3} + \dots$ is-
- (A) $\frac{n}{n+1}$ (B) $\frac{2}{n(n+1)}$ (C) $\frac{2n}{n+1}$ (D) $\frac{2(n+1)}{n+2}$

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23. The inequality $n! > 2^{n-1}$ is true-
 (A) for all $n > 1$ (B) for all $n > 2$ (C) for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (D) None of these
24. $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n < \frac{(n+2)^2}{8}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, is true for
 (A) $n \geq 1$ (B) $n \geq 2$ (C) all n (D) none of these
25. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $7^{2n} - 48n - 1$ is divisible by-
 (A) 25 (B) 26 (C) 1234 (D) 2304
26. A student was asked to prove a statement by induction. He proved
 (i) $P(5)$ is true and
 (ii) Truth of $P(n) \Rightarrow$ truth of $P(n+1)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$
 On the basis of this, he could conclude that $P(n)$ is true for
 (A) no $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (B) all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (C) all $n \geq 5$ (D) None of these
27. $\frac{1}{1.3} + \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \dots$ upto n terms is-
 (A) $\frac{1}{2n+1}$ (B) $\frac{n}{2n+1}$ (C) $\frac{1}{2n-1}$ (D) $\frac{2n}{3(n+1)}$
28. The difference between an +ve integer and its cube is divisible by-
 (A) 4 (B) 6 (C) 9 (D) None of these
29. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, Σn
 (A) $< \frac{(2n+1)^2}{8}$ (B) $> \frac{(2n+1)^2}{8}$ (C) $= \frac{(2n+1)^2}{8}$ (D) None of these
30. If P is a prime number then $n^p - n$ is divisible by p when n is a
 (A) natural number greater than 1 (B) odd number
 (C) even number (D) None of these
31. For natural number n , $2^n(n-1)! < n^n$, if-
 (A) $n < 2$ (B) $n > 2$ (C) $n \geq 2$ (D) never
32. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\cos \theta \cos 2\theta \cos 4\theta \dots \cos 2^{n-1}\theta$ equals to-
 (A) $\frac{\sin 2^n \theta}{2^n \sin \theta}$ (B) $\frac{\sin 2^n \theta}{\sin \theta}$ (C) $\frac{\cos 2^n \theta}{2^n \cos 2\theta}$ (D) $\frac{\cos 2^n \theta}{2^n \sin \theta}$
33. If $x \neq y$, then for every natural number n , $x^n - y^n$ is divisible by
 (A) $x - y$ (B) $x + y$ (C) $x^2 - y^2$ (D) all of these
34. $1.2^2 + 2.3^2 + 3.4^2 + \dots$ upto n terms, is equal to-
 (A) $\frac{1}{12} n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)$ (B) $\frac{1}{12} n(n+1)(n+2)(n+5)$
 (C) $\frac{1}{12} n(n+1)(n+2)(3n+5)$ (D) None of these

35. If n is a natural number then $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n \geq n!$ is true when-
- (A) $n > 1$ (B) $n \geq 1$ (C) $n > 2$ (D) Never
36. The n^{th} term of the series
 $4 + 14 + 30 + 52 + 80 + 114 + \dots$ is-
- (A) $5n - 1$ (B) $2n^2 + 2n$ (C) $3n^2 + n$ (D) $2n^2 + 2$
37. The sum of the series
 $\frac{3}{1^2} + \frac{5}{1^2 + 2^2} + \frac{7}{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} + \dots$ upto n terms
- (A) $\frac{2n}{n+1}$ (B) $\frac{3n}{n+1}$ (C) $\frac{3n}{2(n+1)}$ (D) $\frac{6n}{n+1}$
38. $n^3 + (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3$ is divisible for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by
- (A) 3 (B) 9 (C) 27 (D) 81
39. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $11^{n+2} + 12^{2n+1}$ is divisible by-
- (A) 113 (B) 123 (C) 133 (D) None of these
40. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{8} + \frac{15}{16} + \dots$ upto n terms equal to-
- (A) $n + \frac{1}{2^n}$ (B) $2n + \frac{1}{2^n}$ (C) $n - 1 + \frac{1}{2^n}$ (D) $n + 1 + \frac{1}{2^n}$

Exercise # 2

[Subjective Type Questions]

1. By using PMI, prove that $2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n = n(n+1)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$
2. Prove that $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n < \frac{1}{8} (2n+1)^2$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
3. Let $P(n)$ be the statement " $n^3 + n$ is divisible by 3". Write $P(1)$, $P(4)$
4. Prove that $2^n > n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
5. Use the principle of mathematical induction to prove that $n(n+1)(n+2)$ is a multiple of 6 for all natural numbers n .
6. Prove that $\sin\theta + \sin 2\theta + \dots + \sin\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\theta\right) = \sin\frac{n\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \operatorname{cosec}\frac{\theta}{2}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
7. Prove that $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
8. By using PMI, prove that $1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3^2 + 3 \cdot 3^3 + \dots + n \cdot 3^n = \frac{(2n-1)3^{n+1} + 3}{4}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$
9. If 3^{2n} , where n is a natural number, is divided by 8, prove that the remainder is always 1.
10. Prove that $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{n}$ where $n (> 1) \in \mathbb{N}$, by using P.M.I
11. Prove that $2n + 7 < (n+3)^2$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Using this, prove that $(n+3)^2 \leq 2^{n+3}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Exercise # 3

[Previous Year Questions] [AIEEE/JEE-MAIN]

- Let $S(k) = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) = 3 + k^2$, then which of the following is true? [AIEEE-2004]
 - (1) $S(1)$ is true
 - (2) $S(k) \Rightarrow S(k + 1)$
 - (3) $S(k) \not\Rightarrow S(k + 1)$
 - (4) Principle of mathematical Induction can be used to prove that formula
- The sum of first n terms of the given series $1^2 + 2.2^2 + 3^2 + 2.4^2 + 5^2 + 2.6^2 + \dots$ is $\frac{n(n+1)^2}{2}$, when n is even. When n is odd, then sum will be- [AIEEE-2004]
 - (1) $\frac{n(n+1)^2}{2}$
 - (2) $\frac{1}{2} n^2(n+1)$
 - (3) $n(n+1)^2$
 - (4) None of these
- If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then which one of the following holds for all $n \geq 1$, (by the principal of mathematical induction) [AIEEE-2005]
 - (1) $A^n = nA + (n - 1)I$
 - (2) $A^n = 2^{n-1}A + (n + 1)I$
 - (3) $A^n = nA - (n - 1)I$
 - (4) $A^n = 2^{n-1}A - (n - 1)I$
- Statement -1 :** For every natural number $n \geq 2$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > \sqrt{n}$$

Statement -2 : For every natural number $n \geq 2$, $\sqrt{n(n+1)} < n + 1$. [AIEEE-2008]

 - (1) Statement -1 is false, Statement -2 is true
 - (2) Statement -1 is true, Statement -2 is false
 - (3) Statement -1 is true, Statement -2 is true; Statement -2 is a correct explanation for Statement -1
 - (4) Statement -1 is true, Statement -2 is true; Statement -2 is not a correct explanation for Statement -1
- Statement - 1:** For each natural number n , $(n + 1)^7 - n^7 - 1$ is divisible by 7.

Statement - 2: For each natural number n , $n^7 - n$ is divisible by 7. [AIEEE-2011]

 - (1) Statement -1 is false, Statement -2 is true
 - (2) Statement -1 is true, Statement -2 is false
 - (3) Statement -1 is true, Statement -2 is true; Statement -2 is a correct explanation for Statement -1
 - (4) Statement -1 is true, Statement -2 is true; Statement -2 is not a correct explanation for Statement -1

ANSWER KEY

EXERCISE - 1

1. C 2. D 3. A 4. A 5. C 6. C 7. A 8. D 9. D 10. A 11. B 12. C 13. D
14. A 15. D 16. A 17. A 18. B 19. A 20. C 21. B 22. C 23. B 24. D 25. D 26. C
27. B 28. B 29. A 30. A 31. B 32. A 33. A 34. C 35. B 36. C 37. D 38. B 39. C
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EXERCISE - 3

1. 2 2. 2 3. 3 4. 3 5. 2