

### Exercise 4.1

**Question 1:**

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1): 1 = \frac{(3^1 - 1)}{2} = \frac{3 - 1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{k-1} + 3^{(k+1)-1} \\ = (1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{k-1}) + 3^k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(3^k - 1)}{2} + 3^k \quad [\text{Using (i)}] \\ &= \frac{(3^k - 1) + 2 \cdot 3^k}{2} \\ &= \frac{(1+2)3^k - 1}{2} \\ &= \frac{3 \cdot 3^k - 1}{2} \\ &= \frac{3^{k+1} - 1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

**Question 2:**

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

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

, which is true.

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k + 1)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left( \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right)^2 + (k+1)^3 && [\text{Using (i)}] \\
 &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3 \\
 &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2 + 4(k+1)^3}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2 \{k^2 + 4(k+1)\}}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2 \{k^2 + 4k + 4\}}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2 (k+2)^2}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2 (k+1+1)^2}{4} \\
 &= \left( \frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)}{2} \right)^2 \\
 &= (1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3) + (k+1)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

### Question 3:

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

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

**Answer**

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , 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  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1): 1 = \frac{2 \cdot 1}{1+1} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \quad \text{which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Consider

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

#### Question 4:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ : 1.2.3

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$\frac{1(1+1)(1+2)(1+3)}{4} = \frac{1.2.3.4}{4} = 6 \quad P(1): 1.2.3 = 6 = \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)(1+3)}{4}, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

$$\frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} \quad \dots (\text{i}) \quad 1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2)$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2) + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3) \\ & = \{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2)\} + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3) \quad [\text{Using (i)}] \\ & = (k+1)(k+2)(k+3)\left(\frac{k}{4} + 1\right) \\ & = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)(k+4)}{4} \\ & = \frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)(k+1+2)(k+1+3)}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

#### Question 5:

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1) : 1 \cdot 3 = 3 = \frac{(2 \cdot 1 - 1)3^{1+1} + 3}{4} = \frac{3^2 + 3}{4} = \frac{12}{4} = 3, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

$$1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3^2 + 3 \cdot 3^3 + \dots + k \cdot 3^k = \frac{(2k-1)3^{k+1} + 3}{4} \quad \dots (\text{i})$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + k3^k + (k+1)3^{k+1} \\
 &= (1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + k.3^k) + (k+1)3^{k+1} \\
 &= \frac{(2k-1)3^{k+1} + 3}{4} + (k+1)3^{k+1} \quad [\text{Using (i)}] \\
 &= \frac{(2k-1)3^{k+1} + 3 + 4(k+1)3^{k+1}}{4} \\
 &= \frac{3^{k+1}\{2k-1+4(k+1)\} + 3}{4} \\
 &= \frac{3^{k+1}\{6k+3\} + 3}{4} \\
 &= \frac{3^{k+1}.3\{2k+1\} + 3}{4} \\
 &= \frac{3^{(k+1)+1}\{2k+1\} + 3}{4} \\
 &= \frac{\{2(k+1)-1\}3^{(k+1)+1} + 3}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

#### Question 6:

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(1): \quad 1.2 = 2 = \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3} = \frac{1.2.3}{3} = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + k.(k+1) + (k+1).(k+2) \\ &= [1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + k.(k+1)] + (k+1).(k+2) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2) \quad [\text{Using (i)}] \\ &= (k+1)(k+2)\left(\frac{k}{3} + 1\right) \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)(k+1+2)}{3} \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

### Question 7:

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1): 1.3 = \frac{1(4.1^2 + 6.1 - 1)}{3} = \frac{4+6-1}{3} = \frac{9}{3} = 3, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Consider

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{4k^3 + 18k^2 + 23k + 9}{3}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

**Question 8:**

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :  $1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + n.2^n = (n - 1) 2^{n+1} + 2$

**Answer**

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

$$P(n): 1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + n.2^n = (n - 1) 2^{n+1} + 2$$

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1): 1.2 = 2 = (1 - 1) 2^{1+1} + 2 = 0 + 2 = 2, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

$$1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + k.2^k = (k - 1) 2^{k+1} + 2 \dots (\text{i})$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \{1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + k.2^k\} + (k + 1) \cdot 2^{k+1} \\ &= (k - 1) 2^{k+1} + 2 + (k + 1) 2^{k+1} \\ &= 2^{k+1} \{(k - 1) + (k + 1)\} + 2 \\ &= 2^{k+1} \cdot 2k + 2 \\ &= k \cdot 2^{(k+1)+1} + 2 \\ &= \{(k + 1) - 1\} 2^{(k+1)+1} + 2 \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

**Question 9:**

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

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

**Answer**

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

$$P(n): \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$\text{P(1): } \frac{1}{2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^1} = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

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

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

#### Question 10:

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1) = \frac{1}{2.5} = \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{6.1+4} = \frac{1}{10}, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-1)(3k+2)} + \frac{1}{\{3(k+1)-1\}\{3(k+1)+2\}} \\ &= \frac{k}{6k+4} + \frac{1}{(3k+3-1)(3k+3+2)} \quad [\text{Using (i)}] \\ &= \frac{k}{6k+4} + \frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)} \\ &= \frac{k}{2(3k+2)} + \frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \left( \frac{k}{2} + \frac{1}{3k+5} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \left( \frac{k(3k+5)+2}{2(3k+5)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \left( \frac{3k^2+5k+2}{2(3k+5)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \left( \frac{(3k+2)(k+1)}{2(3k+5)} \right) \\ &= \frac{(k+1)}{6k+10} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)}{6(k+1)+4} \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

**Question 11:**

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

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$$

**Answer**

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

$$P(n): \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$$

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1): \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = \frac{1 \cdot (1+3)}{4(1+1)(1+2)} = \frac{1 \cdot 4}{4 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)} = \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+1)(k+2)} \quad \dots (i)$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[ \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)} \right] + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\
 &= \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \quad [\text{Using (i)}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k(k+3)}{4} + \frac{1}{k+3} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k(k^2+6k+9)+4}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k^3+6k^2+9k+4}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k^3+2k^2+k+4k^2+8k+4}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k(k^2+2k+1)+4(k^2+2k+1)}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left\{ \frac{k(k+1)^2+4(k+1)^2}{4(k+3)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+4)}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)\{(k+1)+3\}}{4\{(k+1)+1\}\{(k+1)+2\}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

**Question 12:**

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1) : a = \frac{a(r^1 - 1)}{(r - 1)} = a$$

, which is true.

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} \right\} + ar^{(k+1)-1} \\ &= \frac{a(r^k - 1)}{r - 1} + ar^k \quad [\text{Using (i)}] \\ &= \frac{a(r^k - 1) + ar^k(r - 1)}{r - 1} \\ &= \frac{a(r^k - 1) + ar^{k+1} - ar^k}{r - 1} \\ &= \frac{ar^k - a + ar^{k+1} - ar^k}{r - 1} \\ &= \frac{ar^{k+1} - a}{r - 1} \\ &= \frac{a(r^{k+1} - 1)}{r - 1} \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

**Question 13:**

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

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

**Answer**

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1): \left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right) = 4 = (1+1)^2 = 2^2 = 4, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right)\left(1 + \frac{5}{4}\right)\left(1 + \frac{7}{9}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{(2k+1)}{k^2}\right) \right] \left\{ 1 + \frac{2(k+1)+1}{(k+1)^2} \right\} \\ &= (k+1)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{2(k+1)+1}{(k+1)^2} \right) \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\ &= (k+1)^2 \left[ \frac{(k+1)^2 + 2(k+1)+1}{(k+1)^2} \right] \\ &= (k+1)^2 + 2(k+1)+1 \\ &= \{(k+1)+1\}^2 \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

**Question 14:**

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1): \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) = 2 = (1+1) \text{, which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

$$P(k): \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) = (k+1) \quad \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \right] \left(1 + \frac{1}{k+1}\right) \\ &= (k+1) \left(1 + \frac{1}{k+1}\right) \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\ &= (k+1) \left(\frac{(k+1)+1}{(k+1)}\right) \\ &= (k+1)+1 \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

**Question 15:**

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

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

**Answer**

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n=1$ , we have

$$P(1) = 1^2 = 1 = \frac{1(2 \cdot 1 - 1)(2 \cdot 1 + 1)}{3} = \frac{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 3}{3} = 1, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 \right\} + \left\{ 2(k+1)-1 \right\}^2 \\ &= \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} + (2k+2-1)^2 \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\ &= \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} + (2k+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1) + 3(2k+1)^2}{3} \\ &= \frac{(2k+1)\{k(2k-1) + 3(2k+1)\}}{3} \\ &= \frac{(2k+1)\{2k^2 - k + 6k + 3\}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

#### Question 16:

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , 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  $n=1$ , we have

$$P(1) = \frac{1}{1.4} = \frac{1}{3.1+1} = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{1.4}, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\{ \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-2)(3k+1)} \right\} + \frac{1}{\{3(k+1)-2\}\{3(k+1)+1\}} \\
 &= \frac{k}{3k+1} + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+4)} \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ k + \frac{1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ \frac{k(3k+4)+1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ \frac{3k^2+4k+1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ \frac{3k^2+3k+k+1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{(3k+1)(k+1)}{(3k+1)(3k+4)} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)}{3(k+1)+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

### Question 17:

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$P(1): \frac{1}{3.5} = \frac{1}{3(2.1+3)} = \frac{1}{3.5}, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \right] + \frac{1}{\{2(k+1)+1\}\{2(k+1)+3\}} \\ &= \frac{k}{3(2k+3)} + \frac{1}{(2k+3)(2k+5)} \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[ \frac{k}{3} + \frac{1}{(2k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[ \frac{k(2k+5)+3}{3(2k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[ \frac{2k^2+5k+3}{3(2k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[ \frac{2k^2+2k+3k+3}{3(2k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[ \frac{2k(k+1)+3(k+1)}{3(2k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(2k+3)}{3(2k+3)(2k+5)} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)}{3\{2(k+1)+3\}} \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

#### Question 18:

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

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

It can be noted that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = 1$  since

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} (1+2+\dots+k)+(k+1) &< \frac{1}{8}(2k+1)^2 + (k+1) && [\text{Using (1)}] \\ &< \frac{1}{8}\{(2k+1)^2 + 8(k+1)\} \\ &< \frac{1}{8}\{4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 8k + 8\} \\ &< \frac{1}{8}\{4k^2 + 12k + 9\} \\ &< \frac{1}{8}(2k+3)^2 \\ &< \frac{1}{8}\{2(k+1)+1\}^2 \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence,

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

**Question 19:**

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :  $n(n+1)(n+5)$  is a multiple of 3.

**Answer**

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

$P(n)$ :  $n(n+1)(n+5)$ , which is a multiple of 3.

It can be noted that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = 1$  since  $1(1+1)(1+5) = 12$ , which is a multiple of 3.

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

$k(k+1)(k+5)$  is a multiple of 3.

$$\therefore k(k+1)(k+5) = 3m, \text{ where } m \in \mathbf{N} \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & (k+1)\{(k+1)+1\}\{(k+1)+5\} \\ &= (k+1)(k+2)\{(k+5)+1\} \\ &= (k+1)(k+2)(k+5)+(k+1)(k+2) \\ &= \{k(k+1)(k+5)+2(k+1)(k+5)\}+(k+1)(k+2) \\ &= 3m+(k+1)\{2(k+5)+(k+2)\} \\ &= 3m+(k+1)\{2k+10+k+2\} \\ &= 3m+(k+1)(3k+12) \\ &= 3m+3(k+1)(k+4) \\ &= 3\{m+(k+1)(k+4)\} = 3 \times q, \text{ where } q = \{m+(k+1)(k+4)\} \text{ is some natural number} \\ &\text{Therefore, } (k+1)\{(k+1)+1\}\{(k+1)+5\} \text{ is a multiple of 3.} \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

#### Question 20:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :  $10^{2n-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11.

**Answer**

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

$P(n)$ :  $10^{2n-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11.

It can be observed that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = 1$  since  $P(1) = 10^{2 \cdot 1 - 1} + 1 = 11$ , which is divisible by 11.

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

$$\therefore 10^{2k-1} + 1 = 11m, \text{ where } m \in \mathbf{N} \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & 10^{2(k+1)-1} + 1 \\ &= 10^{2k+2-1} + 1 \\ &= 10^{2k+1} + 1 \\ &= 10^2 (10^{2k-1} + 1 - 1) + 1 \\ &= 10^2 (10^{2k-1} + 1) - 10^2 + 1 \\ &= 10^2 \cdot 11m - 100 + 1 \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\ &= 100 \times 11m - 99 \\ &= 11(100m - 9) \\ &= 11r, \text{ where } r = (100m - 9) \text{ is some natural number} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $10^{2(k+1)-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11.

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

### Question 21:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :  $x^{2n} - y^{2n}$  is divisible by  $x + y$ .

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

$P(n)$ :  $x^{2n} - y^{2n}$  is divisible by  $x + y$ .

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

This is so because  $x^{2 \times 1} - y^{2 \times 1} = x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)$  is divisible by  $(x + y)$ .

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

$$\therefore x^{2k} - y^{2k} = m(x + y), \text{ where } m \in \mathbf{N} \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Consider

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

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

### Question 22:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :  $3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$  is divisible by 8.

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

$P(n)$ :  $3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$  is divisible by 8.

It can be observed that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = 1$  since  $3^{2 \times 1 + 2} - 8 \times 1 - 9 = 64$ , which is divisible by 8.

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

$$\therefore 3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 = 8m; \text{ where } m \in \mathbf{N} \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 3^{2(k+1)+2} - 8(k+1) - 9 \\
 &= 3^{2k+2} \cdot 3^2 - 8k - 8 - 9 \\
 &= 3^2(3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 + 8k + 9) - 8k - 17 \\
 &= 3^2(3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9) + 3^2(8k + 9) - 8k - 17 \\
 &= 9 \cdot 8m + 9(8k + 9) - 8k - 17 \\
 &= 9 \cdot 8m + 72k + 81 - 8k - 17 \\
 &= 9 \cdot 8m + 64k + 64 \\
 &= 8(9m + 8k + 8) \\
 &= 8r, \text{ where } r = (9m + 8k + 8) \text{ is a natural number}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $3^{2(k+1)+2} - 8(k+1) - 9$  is divisible by 8.

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

### Question 23:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$ :  $41^n - 14^n$  is a multiple of 27.

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

It can be observed that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = 1$  since  $41^1 - 14^1 = 27$ , which is a multiple of 27.

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

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

$\therefore 41^k - 14^k = 27m$ , where  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  ... (1)

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 41^{k+1} - 14^{k+1} \\
 &= 41^k \cdot 41 - 14^k \cdot 14 \\
 &= 41(41^k - 14^k) + 41 \cdot 14^k - 14^k \cdot 14 \\
 &= 41(41^k - 14^k) + 41 \cdot 14^k - 14^k \cdot 14 \\
 &= 41 \cdot 27m + 14^k(41 - 14) \\
 &= 41 \cdot 27m + 27 \cdot 14^k \\
 &= 27(41m - 14^k) \\
 &= 27 \times r, \text{ where } r = (41m - 14^k) \text{ is a natural number}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $41^{k+1} - 14^{k+1}$  is a multiple of 27.

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

#### Question 24:

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

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

Answer

Let the given statement be  $P(n)$ , i.e.,

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

It can be observed that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = 1$  since  $2 \cdot 1 + 7 = 9 < (1 + 3)^2 = 16$ , which is true.

Let  $P(k)$  be true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

$$(2k + 7) < (k + 3)^2 \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Consider

$$\{2(k+1)+7\} = (2k+7) + 2$$

$$\therefore \{2(k+1)+7\} = (2k+7) + 2 < (k+3)^2 + 2 \quad [\text{using (1)}]$$

$$2(k+1)+7 < k^2 + 6k + 9 + 2$$

$$2(k+1)+7 < k^2 + 6k + 11$$

$$\text{Now, } k^2 + 6k + 11 < k^2 + 8k + 16$$

$$\therefore 2(k+1)+7 < (k+4)^2$$

$$2(k+1)+7 < \{(k+1)+3\}^2$$

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers i.e.,  $n$ .

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## CHAPTER - 4

# PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

### KEY POINTS

- Induction and deduction are two basic processes of reasoning.
- Deduction is the application of a general case to a particular case. In contrast to deduction, induction is process of reasoning from particular to general.
- Principle of Mathematical Induction :

Let  $P(n)$  be any statement involving natural number  $n$  such that

- (i)  $P(1)$  is true, and
- (ii) If  $P(k)$  is true implies that  $P(k + 1)$  is also true for some natural number  $k$

then  $P(n)$  is true  $\forall n \in N$

### SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (4 MARKS)

Using the principle of mathematical induction prove the following for all  $n \in N$  :

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

Verify  $P(n)$  for  $n = 1, 2, 10$

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

Verify  $P(n)$  for  $n = 1, 2$

3.  $P(n) " 3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$  is a multiple of 64

Verify P(n) for n = 1 and 2.

4.  $3.6 + 6.9 + 9.12 + \dots + 3n(3n+3) = 3n(n+1)(n+2)$
5.  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \frac{1}{n+1}$
6.  $n^2 + n$  is an even natural number.
7.  $2^{3n} - 1$  is divisible by 7
8.  $3^{2n}$  when divided by 8 leaves the remainder 1.
9.  $4^n + 15n - 1$  is divisible by 9
10.  $n^3 + (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3$  is a multiple of 9.
11.  $x^{2n-1} - 1$  is divisible by  $x - 1$ ,  $x \neq 1$
12.  $3^n > n$
13. If x and y are any two distinct integers then  $x^n - y^n$  is divisible by  $(x - y)$
14.  $n < 2^n$
15.  $a + (a+d) + (a+2d) + \dots + [a+(n-1)d] = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$
16.  $3x + 6x + 9x + \dots$  to n terms  $= \frac{3}{2}n(n+1)x$
17.  $11^{n+2} + 12^{2n+1}$  is divisible by 133.
18. Using induction prove that
$$\sin x + \sin 2x + \sin 3x + \dots + \sin nx = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n+1}{2}x\right) \sin\frac{nx}{2}}{\sin\frac{x}{2}}$$
19. Using PMI, Prove
$$7 + 77 + 777 + \dots + \text{to } n \text{ terms} = \frac{7}{81}(10^{n+1} - 9n - 10) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$