

EXERCISE 12.1

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1. If $P(n)$ is the statement “ $n(n + 1)$ is even”, then what is $P(3)$?

Solution:

Given:

$$P(n) = n(n + 1) \text{ is even.}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} P(3) &= 3(3 + 1) \\ &= 3(4) \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $P(3) = 12$, $P(3)$ is also even.

2. If $P(n)$ is the statement “ $n^3 + n$ is divisible by 3”, prove that $P(3)$ is true but $P(4)$ is not true.

Solution:

Given:

$$P(n) = n^3 + n \text{ is divisible by 3}$$

$$\text{We have } P(n) = n^3 + n$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} P(3) &= 3^3 + 3 \\ &= 27 + 3 \\ &= 30 \end{aligned}$$

$P(3) = 30$, So it is divisible by 3

Now, let's check with $P(4)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(4) &= 4^3 + 4 \\ &= 64 + 4 \\ &= 68 \end{aligned}$$

$P(4) = 68$, so it is not divisible by 3

Hence, $P(3)$ is true and $P(4)$ is not true.

3. If $P(n)$ is the statement “ $2^n \geq 3n$ ”, and if $P(r)$ is true, prove that $P(r + 1)$ is true.

Solution:

Given:

$$P(n) = “2^n \geq 3n” \text{ and } p(r) \text{ is true.}$$

$$\text{We have, } P(n) = 2^n \geq 3n$$

Since, $P(r)$ is true

So,

$$2^r \geq 3r$$

Now, let's multiply both sides by 2

$$2 \times 2^r \geq 3r \times 2$$

$$2^{r+1} \geq 6r$$

$$2^{r+1} \geq 3r + 3r \text{ [since } 3r > 3 = 3r + 3r \geq 3 + 3r]$$

$$\therefore 2^{r+1} \geq 3(r+1)$$

Hence, P (r + 1) is true.

4. If P (n) is the statement “ $n^2 + n$ ” is even”, and if P (r) is true, then P (r + 1) is true

Solution:

Given:

P (n) = $n^2 + n$ is even and P (r) is true, then $r^2 + r$ is even

Let us consider $r^2 + r = 2k \dots$ (i)

Now, $(r+1)^2 + (r+1)$

$$r^2 + 1 + 2r + r + 1$$

$$(r^2 + r) + 2r + 2$$

$$2k + 2r + 2 \text{ [from equation (i)]}$$

$$2(k + r + 1)$$

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$$\therefore (r+1)^2 + (r+1) \text{ is Even.}$$

Hence, P (r + 1) is true.

5. Given an example of a statement P (n) such that it is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Solution:

Let us consider

$$P(n) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = n(n+1)/2$$

So,

P (n) is true for all natural numbers.

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

6. If P (n) is the statement “ $n^2 - n + 41$ is prime”, prove that P (1), P (2) and P (3) are true. Prove also that P (41) is not true.

Solution:

Given:

$$P(n) = n^2 - n + 41 \text{ is prime.}$$

$$P(n) = n^2 - n + 41$$

$$P(1) = 1 - 1 + 41$$

$$= 41$$

P (1) is Prime.

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}P(2) &= 2^2 - 2 + 41 \\ &= 4 - 2 + 41 \\ &= 43\end{aligned}$$

P (2) is prime.

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}P(3) &= 3^2 - 3 + 41 \\ &= 9 - 3 + 41 \\ &= 47\end{aligned}$$

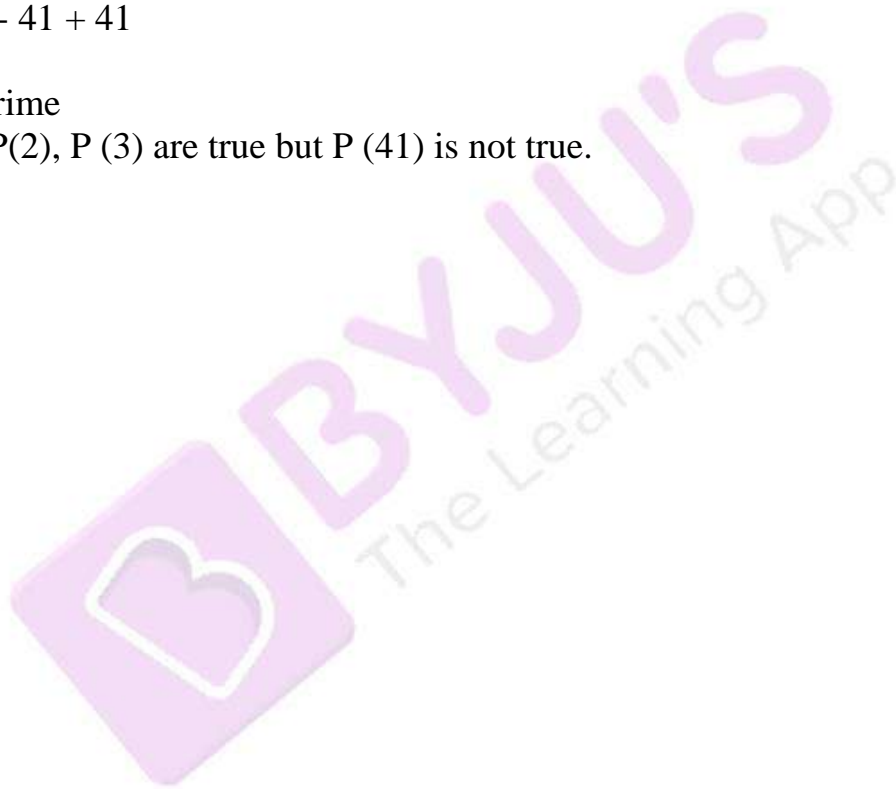
P (3) is prime

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}P(41) &= (41)^2 - 41 + 41 \\ &= 1681\end{aligned}$$

P (41) is not prime

Hence, P (1), P(2), P (3) are true but P (41) is not true.



EXERCISE 12.2

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Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

1. $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = n(n+1)/2$ i.e., the sum of the first n natural numbers is $n(n+1)/2$.

Solution:

Let us consider $P(n) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = n(n+1)/2$

For, $n = 1$

LHS of $P(n) = 1$

RHS of $P(n) = 1(1+1)/2 = 1$

So, LHS = RHS

Since, $P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$

Let us consider $P(n)$ be true for $n = k$, so

$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k = k(k+1)/2 \dots (i)$

Now,

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

$P(n)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

$P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

So, by the principle of Mathematical Induction

Hence, $P(n) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = n(n+1)/2$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

2. $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = [n(n+1)(2n+1)]/6$

Solution:

Let us consider $P(n) = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = [n(n+1)(2n+1)]/6$

For, $n = 1$

$P(1) = [1(1+1)(2+1)]/6$

$1 = 1$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$

Let $P(n)$ is true for $n = k$, so

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

Let's check for $P(n) = k + 1$, so

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (k+1) [(2k^2 + k)/6 + (k+1)/1] \\
 &= (k+1) [2k^2 + k + 6k + 6]/6 \\
 &= (k+1) [2k^2 + 7k + 6]/6 \\
 &= (k+1) [2k^2 + 4k + 3k + 6]/6 \\
 &= (k+1) [2k(k+2) + 3(k+2)]/6 \\
 &= [(k+1) (2k+3) (k+2)] / 6
 \end{aligned}$$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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

Solution:

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

Now, For $n = 1$

$$P(1) = 1 = (3^1 - 1)/2 = 2/2 = 1$$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$

Now, let's check for P (n) is true for $n = k$

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

Now, we have to show P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

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

Then, $\{1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{k-1}\} + 3^{k+1-1}$

$$= (3k - 1)/2 + 3^k \text{ using equation (i)}$$

$$= (3k - 1 + 2 \times 3^k)/2$$

$$= (3 \times 3^k - 1)/2$$

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

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

4. $1/1.2 + 1/2.3 + 1/3.4 + \dots + 1/n(n+1) = n/(n+1)$

Solution:

Let $P(n) = 1/1.2 + 1/2.3 + 1/3.4 + \dots + 1/n(n+1) = n/(n+1)$

For, $n = 1$

$$P(n) = 1/1.2 = 1/1+1$$

$$1/2 = 1/2$$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$

Let's check for P (n) is true for $n = k$,

$$1/1.2 + 1/2.3 + 1/3.4 + \dots + 1/k(k+1) + k/(k+1) (k+2) = (k+1)/(k+2)$$

Then,

$$1/1.2 + 1/2.3 + 1/3.4 + \dots + 1/k(k+1) + k/(k+1) (k+2)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1/(k+1) [k(k+2)+1]/(k+2) \\
 &= 1/(k+1) [k^2 + 2k + 1]/(k+2) \\
 &= 1/(k+1) [(k+1) (k+1)]/(k+2) \\
 &= (k+1) / (k+2)
 \end{aligned}$$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

5. $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$ i.e., the sum of first n odd natural numbers is n^2 .

Solution:

Let P (n): $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$

Let us check P (n) is true for $n = 1$

$$P(1) = 1 = 1^2$$

$$1 = 1$$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$

Now, Let's check P (n) is true for $n = k$

$$P(k) = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) = k^2 \dots (i)$$

We have to show that

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) + 2(k + 1) - 1 = (k + 1)^2$$

Now,

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

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

6. $1/2.5 + 1/5.8 + 1/8.11 + \dots + 1/(3n-1)(3n+2) = n/(6n+4)$

Solution:

Let P (n) = $1/2.5 + 1/5.8 + 1/8.11 + \dots + 1/(3n-1)(3n+2) = n/(6n+4)$

Let us check P (n) is true for $n = 1$

$$P(1): 1/2.5 = 1/6.1+4 \Rightarrow 1/10 = 1/10$$

P (1) is true.

Now,

Let us check for P (k) is true, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

$$P(k): 1/2.5 + 1/5.8 + 1/8.11 + \dots + 1/(3k-1)(3k+2) = k/(6k+4)$$

$$P(k+1): 1/2.5 + 1/5.8 + 1/8.11 + \dots + 1/(3k-1)(3k+2) + 1/(3k+3-1)(3k+3+2)$$

$$: k/(6k+4) + 1/(3k+2)(3k+5)$$

$$: [k(3k+5)+2] / [2(3k+2)(3k+5)]$$

$$: (k+1) / (6(k+1)+4)$$

P (k + 1) is true.

Hence proved by mathematical induction.

7. $1/1.4 + 1/4.7 + 1/7.10 + \dots + 1/(3n-2)(3n+1) = n/3n+1$

Solution:

Let P (n) = $1/1.4 + 1/4.7 + 1/7.10 + \dots + 1/(3n-2)(3n+1) = n/3n+1$

Let us check for n = 1,

P (1): $1/1.4 = 1/4$

$1/4 = 1/4$

P (n) is true for n = 1.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

P (k) = $1/1.4 + 1/4.7 + 1/7.10 + \dots + 1/(3k-2)(3k+1) = k/3k+1 \dots$ (i)

So,

$$\begin{aligned} & [1/1.4 + 1/4.7 + 1/7.10 + \dots + 1/(3k-2)(3k+1)] + 1/(3k+1)(3k+4) \\ &= k/(3k+1) + 1/(3k+1)(3k+4) \\ &= 1/(3k+1) [k/1 + 1/(3k+4)] \\ &= 1/(3k+1) [k(3k+4)+1]/(3k+4) \\ &= 1/(3k+1) [3k^2 + 4k + 1]/ (3k+4) \\ &= 1/(3k+1) [3k^2 + 3k+k+1]/(3k+4) \\ &= [3k(k+1) + (k+1)] / [(3k+4) (3k+1)] \\ &= [(3k+1)(k+1)] / [(3k+4) (3k+1)] \\ &= (k+1) / (3k+4) \end{aligned}$$

P (n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all n ∈ N.

8. $1/3.5 + 1/5.7 + 1/7.9 + \dots + 1/(2n+1)(2n+3) = n/3(2n+3)$

Solution:

Let P (n) = $1/3.5 + 1/5.7 + 1/7.9 + \dots + 1/(2n+1)(2n+3) = n/3(2n+3)$

Let us check for n = 1,

P (1): $1/3.5 = 1/3(2.1+3)$

$: 1/15 = 1/15$

P (n) is true for n = 1.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

P (k) = $1/3.5 + 1/5.7 + 1/7.9 + \dots + 1/(2k+1)(2k+3) = k/3(2k+3) \dots$ (i)

So,

$1/3.5 + 1/5.7 + 1/7.9 + \dots + 1/(2k+1)(2k+3) + 1/[2(k+1)+1][2(k+1)+3]$

$1/3.5 + 1/5.7 + 1/7.9 + \dots + 1/(2k+1)(2k+3) + 1/(2k+3)(2k+5)$

Now substituting the value of P (k) we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= k/3(2k+3) + 1/(2k+3)(2k+5) \\
 &= [k(2k+5)+3] / [3(2k+3)(2k+5)] \\
 &= (k+1) / [3(2(k+1)+3)] \\
 &P(n) \text{ is true for } n = k + 1 \\
 &\text{Hence, } P(n) \text{ is true for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.
 \end{aligned}$$

9. $1/3.7 + 1/7.11 + 1/11.15 + \dots + 1/(4n-1)(4n+3) = n/3(4n+3)$

Solution:

Let $P(n) = 1/3.7 + 1/7.11 + 1/11.15 + \dots + 1/(4n-1)(4n+3) = n/3(4n+3)$

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$P(1): 1/3.7 = 1/(4.1-1)(4+3)$
 $: 1/21 = 1/21$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$.

Now, let us check for $P(n)$ is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that $P(k + 1)$ is true.

$P(k): 1/3.7 + 1/7.11 + 1/11.15 + \dots + 1/(4k-1)(4k+3) = k/3(4k+3) \dots (i)$

So,

$1/3.7 + 1/7.11 + 1/11.15 + \dots + 1/(4k-1)(4k+3) + 1/(4k+3)(4k+7)$

Substituting the value of $P(k)$ we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= k/(4k+3) + 1/(4k+3)(4k+7) \\
 &= 1/(4k+3) [k(4k+7)+3] / [3(4k+7)] \\
 &= 1/(4k+3) [4k^2 + 7k + 3] / [3(4k+7)] \\
 &= 1/(4k+3) [4k^2 + 3k+4k+3] / [3(4k+7)] \\
 &= 1/(4k+3) [4k(k+1)+3(k+1)] / [3(4k+7)] \\
 &= 1/(4k+3) [(4k+3)(k+1)] / [3(4k+7)] \\
 &= (k+1) / [3(4k+7)]
 \end{aligned}$$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

10. $1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + n.2^n = (n-1) 2^{n+1} + 2$

Solution:

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

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$P(1): 1.2 = 0.2^0 + 2$
 $: 2 = 2$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$.

Now, let us check for $P(n)$ is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that $P(k + 1)$ is true.

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

So,

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

Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= [(k - 1)2^{k+1} + 2] + (k + 1)2^{k+1} \text{ using equation (i)} \\
 &= (k - 1)2^{k+1} + 2 + (k + 1)2^{k+1} \\
 &= 2^{k+1}(k - 1 + k + 1) + 2 \\
 &= 2^{k+1} \times 2k + 2 \\
 &= k \times 2^{k+2} + 2
 \end{aligned}$$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

11. $2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \dots + (3n - 1) = 1/2 n (3n + 1)$

Solution:

Let $P (n) = 2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \dots + (3n - 1) = 1/2 n (3n + 1)$

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P (1): 2 &= 1/2 \times 1 \times 4 \\
 &: 2 = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

$$P (k) = 2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \dots + (3k - 1) = 1/2 k (3k + 1) \dots (i)$$

So,

$$2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \dots + (3k - 1) + (3k + 2)$$

Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1/2 \times k (3k + 1) + (3k + 2) \text{ by using equation (i)} \\
 &= [3k^2 + k + 2 (3k + 2)] / 2 \\
 &= [3k^2 + k + 6k + 2] / 2 \\
 &= [3k^2 + 7k + 2] / 2 \\
 &= [3k^2 + 4k + 3k + 2] / 2 \\
 &= [3k (k+1) + 4(k+1)] / 2 \\
 &= [(k+1) (3k+4)] / 2
 \end{aligned}$$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

12. $1.3 + 2.4 + 3.5 + \dots + n. (n+2) = 1/6 n (n+1) (2n+7)$

Solution:

Let $P (n): 1.3 + 2.4 + 3.5 + \dots + n. (n+2) = 1/6 n (n+1) (2n+7)$

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P (1): 1.3 &= 1/6 \times 1 \times 2 \times 9 \\
 &: 3 = 3
 \end{aligned}$$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

$$P(k): 1.3 + 2.4 + 3.5 + \dots + k.(k+2) = \frac{1}{6} k(k+1)(2k+7) \dots (i)$$

So,

$$1.3 + 2.4 + 3.5 + \dots + k.(k+2) + (k+1)(k+3)$$

Now, substituting the value of $P(k)$ we get,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{6} k(k+1)(2k+7) + (k+1)(k+3) \text{ by using equation (i)} \\ &= (k+1) \left[\frac{k(2k+7)}{6} + \frac{(k+3)}{1} \right] \\ &= (k+1) \left[\frac{2k^2 + 7k + 6k + 18}{6} \right] \\ &= (k+1) \left[\frac{2k^2 + 13k + 18}{6} \right] \\ &= (k+1) \left[\frac{2k^2 + 9k + 4k + 18}{6} \right] \\ &= (k+1) \left[\frac{2k(k+2) + 9(k+2)}{6} \right] \\ &= (k+1) \left[\frac{(2k+9)(k+2)}{6} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{6} (k+1)(k+2)(2k+9) \end{aligned}$$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$13. 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2n - 1)(2n + 1) = \frac{n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)}{3}$$

Solution:

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

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(1): (2.1 - 1)(2.1 + 1) &= \frac{1(4.1^2 + 6.1 - 1)}{3} \\ &: 1 \times 3 = \frac{1(4 + 6 - 1)}{3} \\ &: 3 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$.

Now, let us check for $P(n)$ is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that $P(k + 1)$ is true.

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

So,

$$1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2k - 1)(2k + 1) + (2k + 1)(2k + 3)$$

Now, substituting the value of $P(k)$ we get,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{k(4k^2 + 6k - 1)}{3} + (2k + 1)(2k + 3) \text{ by using equation (i)} \\ &= \frac{[k(4k^2 + 6k - 1) + 3(4k^2 + 6k + 2k + 3)]}{3} \\ &= \frac{[4k^3 + 6k^2 - k + 12k^2 + 18k + 6k + 9]}{3} \\ &= \frac{[4k^3 + 18k^2 + 23k + 9]}{3} \\ &= \frac{[4k^3 + 4k^2 + 14k^2 + 14k + 9k + 9]}{3} \\ &= \frac{[(k+1)(4k^2 + 8k + 4 + 6k + 6 - 1)]}{3} \\ &= \frac{[(k+1)4[(k+1)^2 + 6(k+1) - 1]]}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$14. 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{[n(n+1)(n+2)]}{3}$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } P(n): 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + n(n+1) = [n(n+1)(n+2)] / 3$$

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$$P(1): 1(1+1) = [1(1+1)(1+2)] / 3$$

$$: 2 = 2$$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$.

Now, let us check for $P(n)$ is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that $P(k + 1)$ is true.

$$P(k): 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + k(k+1) = [k(k+1)(k+2)] / 3 \dots (i)$$

So,

$$1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2)$$

Now, substituting the value of $P(k)$ we get,

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

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

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

$P(n)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

15. $1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots + 1/2^n = 1 - 1/2^n$

Solution:

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

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$$P(1): 1/2^1 = 1 - 1/2^1$$

$$: 1/2 = 1/2$$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$.

Now, let us check for $P(n)$ is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that $P(k + 1)$ is true.

$$\text{Let } P(k): 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots + 1/2^k = 1 - 1/2^k \dots (i)$$

So,

$$1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots + 1/2^k + 1/2^{k+1}$$

Now, substituting the value of $P(k)$ we get,

$$= 1 - 1/2^k + 1/2^{k+1} \text{ by using equation (i)}$$

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

$P(n)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

16. $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n - 1)^2 = 1/3 n (4n^2 - 1)$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } P(n): 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n - 1)^2 = 1/3 n (4n^2 - 1)$$

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$$P(1): (2.1 - 1)^2 = 1/3 \times 1 \times (4 - 1)$$

$$: 1 = 1$$

P (n) is true for n = 1.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

$$P (k): 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k - 1)^2 = 1/3 k (4k^2 - 1) \dots (i)$$

So,

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k - 1)^2 + (2k + 1)^2$$

Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,

$$= 1/3 k (4k^2 - 1) + (2k + 1)^2 \text{ by using equation (i)}$$

$$= 1/3 k (2k + 1) (2k - 1) + (2k + 1)^2$$

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

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

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

$$= [(2k+1) 2k^2 + 5k + 3] / 3$$

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

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

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

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

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

P (n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all n ∈ N.

$$17. a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = a [(r^n - 1)/(r - 1)], r \neq 1$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } P (n): a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = a [(r^n - 1)/(r - 1)]$$

Let us check for n = 1,

$$P (1): a = a (r^1 - 1)/(r-1)$$

$$: a = a$$

P (n) is true for n = 1.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

$$P (k): a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} = a [(r^k - 1)/(r - 1)] \dots (i)$$

So,

$$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} + ar^k$$

Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,

$$= a [(r^k - 1)/(r - 1)] + ar^k \text{ by using equation (i)}$$

$$= a[r^k - 1 + r^k(r-1)] / (r-1)$$

$$= a[r^k - 1 + r^{k+1} - r^k] / (r-1)$$

$$= a[r^{k+1} - 1] / (r-1)$$

P (n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all n ∈ N.

$$18. a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \dots + (a + (n-1)d) = n/2 [2a + (n-1)d]$$

Solution:

Let P (n): $a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \dots + (a + (n-1)d) = n/2 [2a + (n-1)d]$

Let us check for $n = 1$,

P (1): $a = 1/2 [2a + (1-1)d]$

: $a = a$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

P (k): $a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \dots + (a + (k-1)d) = k/2 [2a + (k-1)d] \dots (i)$

So,

$a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \dots + (a + (k-1)d) + (a + (k)d)$

Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,

$= k/2 [2a + (k-1)d] + (a + kd)$ by using equation (i)

$= [2ka + k(k-1)d + 2(a+kd)] / 2$

$= [2ka + k^2d - kd + 2a + 2kd] / 2$

$= [2ka + 2a + k^2d + kd] / 2$

$= [2a(k+1) + d(k^2 + k)] / 2$

$= (k+1)/2 [2a + kd]$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$19. 5^{2n} - 1 \text{ is divisible by } 24 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Solution:

Let P (n): $5^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 24

Let us check for $n = 1$,

P (1): $5^2 - 1 = 25 - 1 = 24$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$. Where, P (n) is divisible by 24

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

P (k): $5^{2k} - 1$ is divisible by 24

: $5^{2k} - 1 = 24\lambda \dots (i)$

We have to prove,

$5^{2k+1} - 1$ is divisible by 24

$5^{2(k+1)} - 1 = 24\mu$

So,

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

$= 5^{2k} \cdot 5^2 - 1$

$= 25 \cdot 5^{2k} - 1$

$= 25 \cdot (24\lambda + 1) - 1$ by using equation (1)

$$= 25.24\lambda + 24$$
$$= 24\lambda$$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

20. $3^{2n} + 7$ is divisible by 8 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Solution:

Let P (n): $3^{2n} + 7$ is divisible by 8

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$$P (1): 3^2 + 7 = 9 + 7 = 16$$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$. Where, P (n) is divisible by 8

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that P ($k + 1$) is true.

P (k): $3^{2k} + 7$ is divisible by 8

$$: 3^{2k} + 7 = 8\lambda$$

$$: 3^{2k} = 8\lambda - 7 \dots (i)$$

We have to prove,

$3^{2(k+1)} + 7$ is divisible by 8

$$3^{2k+2} + 7 = 8\mu$$

So,

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

$$= 3^{2k} \cdot 3^2 + 7$$

$$= 9 \cdot 3^{2k} + 7$$

$$= 9 \cdot (8\lambda - 7) + 7 \text{ by using equation (i)}$$

$$= 72\lambda - 63 + 7$$

$$= 72\lambda - 56$$

$$= 8(9\lambda - 7)$$

$$= 8\mu$$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

21. $5^{2n+2} - 24n - 25$ is divisible by 576 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Solution:

Let P (n): $5^{2n+2} - 24n - 25$ is divisible by 576

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$$P (1): 5^{2 \cdot 1 + 2} - 24 \cdot 1 - 25$$

$$: 625 - 49$$

$$: 576$$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$. Where, P (n) is divisible by 576

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that P ($k + 1$) is true.

P (k): $5^{2k+2} - 24k - 25$ is divisible by 576
 $: 5^{2k+2} - 24k - 25 = 576\lambda \dots (i)$

We have to prove,

$5^{2k+4} - 24(k+1) - 25$ is divisible by 576

$5^{(2k+2)+2} - 24(k+1) - 25 = 576\mu$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} &= 5^{(2k+2)+2} - 24(k+1) - 25 \\ &= 5^{(2k+2)} \cdot 5^2 - 24k - 24 - 25 \\ &= (576\lambda + 24k + 25)25 - 24k - 49 \text{ by using equation (i)} \\ &= 25 \cdot 576\lambda + 576k + 576 \\ &= 576(25\lambda + k + 1) \\ &= 576\mu \end{aligned}$$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

22. $3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 8 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Solution:

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

Let us check for $n = 1$,

P (1): $3^{2 \cdot 1 + 2} - 8 \cdot 1 - 9$

$$: 81 - 17$$

$$: 64$$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$. Where, P (n) is divisible by 8

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

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

$$: 3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 = 8\lambda \dots (i)$$

We have to prove,

$3^{2k+4} - 8(k+1) - 9$ is divisible by 8

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

So,

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3^{2(k+1)} \cdot 3^2 - 8(k+1) - 9 \\ &= (8\lambda + 8k + 9)9 - 8k - 8 - 9 \\ &= 72\lambda + 72k + 81 - 8k - 17 \text{ using equation (1)} \\ &= 72\lambda + 64k + 64 \\ &= 8(9\lambda + 8k + 8) \\ &= 8\mu \end{aligned}$$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

23. $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Solution:

Let $P(n): (ab)^n = a^n b^n$

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$P(1): (ab)^1 = a^1 b^1$

: $ab = ab$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$.

Now, let us check for $P(n)$ is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that $P(k + 1)$ is true.

$P(k): (ab)^k = a^k b^k \dots$ (i)

We have to prove,

$(ab)^{k+1} = a^{k+1} b^{k+1}$

So,

$$= (ab)^{k+1}$$

$$= (ab)^k (ab)$$

$$= (a^k b^k) (ab) \text{ using equation (1)}$$

$$= (a^{k+1}) (b^{k+1})$$

$P(n)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

24. $n(n + 1)(n + 5)$ is a multiple of 3 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Solution:

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

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$P(1): 1(1 + 1)(1 + 5)$

: 2×6

: 12

$P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$. Where, $P(n)$ is a multiple of 3

Now, let us check for $P(n)$ is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that $P(k + 1)$ is true.

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

: $k(k + 1)(k + 5) = 3\lambda \dots$ (i)

We have to prove,

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

$(k + 1)[(k + 1) + 1][(k + 1) + 5] = 3\mu$

So,

$$= (k + 1) [(k + 1) + 1] [(k + 1) + 5]$$

$$= (k + 1) (k + 2) [(k + 1) + 5]$$

$$= [k(k + 1) + 2(k + 1)] [(k + 5) + 1]$$

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

$$= 3\lambda + k^2 + k + 2(k^2 + 6k + 5) + 2k + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3\lambda + k^2 + k + 2k^2 + 12k + 10 + 2k + 2 \\
 &= 3\lambda + 3k^2 + 15k + 12 \\
 &= 3(\lambda + k^2 + 5k + 4) \\
 &= 3\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

25. $7^{2n} + 2^{3n-3} \cdot 3n - 1$ is divisible by 25 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Solution:

Let P (n): $7^{2n} + 2^{3n-3} \cdot 3n - 1$ is divisible by 25

Let us check for $n = 1$,

$$P(1): 7^2 + 2^0 \cdot 3^0$$

$$: 49 + 1$$

$$: 50$$

P (n) is true for $n = 1$. Where, P (n) is divisible by 25

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for $n = k$, and have to prove that P ($k + 1$) is true.

P (k): $7^{2k} + 2^{3k-3} \cdot 3k - 1$ is divisible by 25

$$: 7^{2k} + 2^{3k-3} \cdot 3k - 1 = 25\lambda \dots (i)$$

We have to prove that:

$7^{2k+2} + 2^{3k} \cdot 3k$ is divisible by 25

$$7^{2k+2} + 2^{3k} \cdot 3k = 25\mu$$

So,

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

$$= 7^{2k} \cdot 7^2 + 2^{3k} \cdot 3k$$

$$= (25\lambda - 2^{3k-3} \cdot 3k - 1) \cdot 49 + 2^{3k} \cdot 3k \text{ by using equation (i)}$$

$$= 25\lambda \cdot 49 - 2^{3k-3} \cdot 3k \cdot 49 + 2^{3k} \cdot 3k$$

$$= 24 \times 25 \times 49\lambda - 2^{3k} \cdot 3k \cdot 49 + 24 \cdot 2^{3k} \cdot 3k$$

$$= 24 \times 25 \times 49\lambda - 25 \cdot 2^{3k} \cdot 3k$$

$$= 25(24 \cdot 49\lambda - 2^{3k} \cdot 3k)$$

$$= 25\mu$$

P (n) is true for $n = k + 1$

Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.