

CBSE Class 11 Mathematics
Important Questions
Chapter 4
Principle of Mathematical Induction

4 Marks Questions

1. For every integer n, prove that $7^n - 3^n$ is divisible by 4.

Ans. $P(n) : 7^n - 3^n$ is divisible by 4

For $n=1$

$P(1) : 7^1 - 3^1 = 4$ which is divisible by 4. Thus, $P(1)$ is true

Let $P(k)$ be true

$7^k - 3^k$ is divisible by 4

$7^k - 3^k = 4\lambda$, where $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ (i)

we want to prove that $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true

$$\begin{aligned} 7^{k+1} - 3^{k+1} &= 7^k \cdot 7 - 3^k \cdot 3 \\ &= (4\lambda + 3^k) \cdot 7 - 3^k \cdot 3 \text{ (from i)} \\ &= 28\lambda + 7 \cdot 3^k - 3^k \cdot 3 \\ &= 28\lambda + 3^k(7 - 3) \\ &= 4(7\lambda + 3^k) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$7^{k+1} - 3^{k+1}$ is divisible by 4

thus $P(k+1)$ is true when $P(k)$ is true.

Therefore by P.M.I. the statement is true for every positive integer n .

2. Prove that $n(n+1)(n+5)$ is multiple of 3.

Ans. $P(n) : n(n+1)(n+5)$ is multiple of 3

for $n=1$

$P(1) : 1(1+1)(1+5) = 12$ is multiple of 3

let $P(k)$ be true

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

$\Rightarrow k(k+1)(k+5) = 3\lambda$ where $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ (i)

we want to prove that result is true for $n=k+1$

$P(k+1) : (k+1)(k+2)(k+6)$

$\Rightarrow (K+1)(k+2)(k+6) = [(k+1)(k+2)](k+6)$

$= k(k+1)(k+2) + 6(k+1)(k+2)$

$= k(k+1)(k+5-3) + 6(k+1)(k+2)$

$= k(k+1)(k+5) - 3k(k+1) + 6(k+1)(K+2)$

$= k(k+1)(k+5) + (k+1)[6(k+2) - 3k]$

$= k(k+1)(k+5) + (k+1)(3k+12)$

$= k(k+1)(k+5) + 3(k+1)(k+4)$

$= 3\lambda + 3(k+1)(k+4)$ (from i)

$= 3[\lambda + (K+1)(K+4)]$ which is multiple of three

Hence $P(k+1)$ is multiple of 3 .

3. Prove that $10^{2n-1} + 1$ is divisible by 11

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

for $n=1$

$P(1) = 10^{2^1-1} + 1 = 11$ is divisible by 11 Hence result is true for $n=1$

let $P(k)$ be true

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

$\Rightarrow 10^{2^k-1} + 1 = 11\lambda$ where $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$

we want to prove that result is true for $n=k+1$

$$= 10^{2^{k+1}-1} + 1 = 10^{2^k+2-1} + 1$$

$$= 10^{2^k+1} + 1$$

$$= 10^{2^k} \cdot 10^1 + 1$$

$$= (110\lambda - 10) \cdot 10 + 1 \text{ (from i)}$$

$$= 1100\lambda - 100 + 1$$

$$= 1100\lambda - 99$$

$$= 11(100\lambda - 9) \text{ is divisible by 11}$$

Hence by P.M.I. $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

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

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

for $n=1$

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

which is true

let $P(k)$ be true

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

we want to prove that $P(k+1)$ is true

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

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S. &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\dots\left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{k+1}\right) \\ &= (k+1)\left(1 + \frac{1}{k+1}\right) \quad [from(1)] \end{aligned}$$

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

$$= (k+2)$$

thus $P(k+1)$ is true whenever

$P(k)$ is true.

5. Prove $1.2+2.3+3.4+\dots+n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$

Ans. $p(n) : 1.2 + 2.3 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$

for $n=1$

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

$$p(1) = 2 = 2$$

hence $p(1)$ be true

$$p(k): 1.2 + 2.3 + \dots + k(k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

we want to prove that

$$p(k+1):$$

$$1.2 + 2.3 + \dots + (k+1)(k+2) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3}$$

L.H.S.

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

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{1} \quad [from(i)]$$

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

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

hence $p(k+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true

6. Prove $(2n+7) < (n+3)^2$

Ans. $p(n): (2n+7) < (n+3)^2$

for $n=1$

$$9 < (4)^2$$

$$9 < 16$$

which is true

let $p(k)$ be true

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

now

$$2(k+1)+7 = (2k+7)+2$$

$$< (k+3)^2 + 2 = k^2 + 6k + 11$$

$$< k^2 + 8k + 16 = (k+4)^2$$

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

$$\therefore p(k+1): 2(k+1)+7 < (k+1+3)^2$$

$\Rightarrow p(k+1)$ is true, when ever $p(k)$ is true

hence by PMI $p(k)$ is true for all $n \in N$

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

Ans. $p(n): \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{(3n+1)}$

for $n=1$

$$p(1): \frac{1}{(3-2)(3+1)} = \frac{1}{(3+1)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

which is true

let $p(k)$ be true

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

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1): \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+4)} = \frac{k+1}{(3k+4)}$$

L.H.S.

$$= \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-2)(3k+1)} + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+4)}$$

$$= \frac{k}{3k+1} + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+4)} \quad [from \dots (i)]$$

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

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

$p(k+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true.

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

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

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

for $n=1$

$$p(1): 1.2^1 = (1-1)2^2 + 2$$

$2 = 2$ which is true

let $p(k)$ be true

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

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1): 1.2 + 2.2^2 + \dots + (k+1)2^{k+1} = k.2^{k+2} + 2$$

L.H.S.

$$1.2 + 2.2^2 + \dots + k.2^k + (k+1)2^{k+1} \quad [\text{from } \dots (i)]$$

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

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

$$= 2^{k+2}k + 2$$

This $p(k+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true

9. Prove that $2.7^n + 3.5^n - 5$ is divisible by 24 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Ans. $P(n) : 2.7^n + 3.5^n - 5$ is divisible by 24

for $n = 1$

$P(1) : 2.7^1 + 3.5^1 - 5 = 24$ is divisible by 24

Hence result is true for $n = 1$

Let $P(K)$ be true

$P(K) : 2.7^K + 3.5^K - 5$

$$\Rightarrow 2.7^K + 3.5^K - 5 = 24\lambda \text{ when } \lambda \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (i)}$$

we want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is True whenever $P(K)$ is true

$$2.7^{K+1} + 3.5^{K+1} - 5 = 2.7^K.7^1 + 3.5^K.5^1 - 5$$

$$= 7[2.7^K + 3.5^K - 5 - 3.5^K + 5] + 3.5^K.5^1 - 5$$

$$= 7[24\lambda - 3.5^K + 5] + 15.5^K - 5 \text{ (from i)}$$

$$= 7 \times 24\lambda - 21.5^K + 35 + 15.5^K - 5$$

$$= 7 \times 24\lambda - 6.5^K + 30$$

$$= 7 \times 24\lambda - 6(5^K - 5)$$

$$= 7 \times 24\lambda - 6.4p \left[\because 5^K - 5 \text{ is multiple of } 4 \right]$$

$$= 24(7\lambda - p), \quad 24 \text{ is divisible by } 24$$

Hence by P M I p (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

10. Prove that $41^n - 14^n$ is a multiple of 27

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

for $n = 1$

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

Let P (K) be True

P (K) : $41^K - 14^K$

$$\Rightarrow 41^K - 14^K = 27\lambda, \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (i)}$$

we want to prove that result is true for $n = K + 1$

$$41^{K+1} - 14^{K+1} = 41^K \cdot 41 - 14^K \cdot 14$$

$$= (27\lambda + 14^K) \cdot 41 - 14^K \cdot 14 \text{ (from i)}$$

$$= 27\lambda \cdot 41 + 14^K \cdot 41 - 14^K \cdot 14$$

$$= 27\lambda \cdot 41 + 14^K (41 - 14)$$

$$= 27\lambda \cdot 41 + 14^K (27) \text{ is a multiple of } 27$$

$$= 27(41\lambda + 14^K)$$

Hence by PMI p (n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

11. Using induction, prove that $10^n + 3.4^{n+2} + 5$ is divisible by 9 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ans. P (n) : $10^n + 3.4^{n+2} + 5$ is divisible by 9

For n = 1

p (1) : $10^1 + 3.4^{1+2} + 5 = 207$, divisible by 9

Hence result is true for n = 1

Let p (K) be true

p (K) : $10^K + 3.4^{K+2} + 5$ is divisible by 9

$$\Rightarrow 10^K + 3.4^{K+2} + 5 = 9\lambda \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (i)}$$

we want to prove that result is true for n = K + 1

$$\begin{aligned} 10^{(K+1)} + 3.4^{K+1+2} + 5 &= 10^{K+1} + 3.4^{K+3} + 5 \\ &= 10^K \cdot 10 + 3.4^K \cdot 4^3 + 5 \\ &= (9\lambda - 3.4^{K+2} - 5) \cdot 10 + 3.4^K \cdot 4^3 + 5 \text{ (from i)} \\ &= 90\lambda - 30.4^{K+2} - 50 + 3.4^{K+3} + 5 \\ &= 90\lambda - 30.4^{K+2} - 45 + 3.4 \cdot 4^{K+2} \\ &= 90\lambda - 18.4^{K+2} - 45 \\ &= 9(10\lambda - 2.4^{K+2} - 5) \end{aligned}$$

which is divisible by 9.

12. Prove that $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

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

for $n = 1$

$$P(1) : 1^2 = \frac{1(2)(3)}{6} = 1$$

which is true

Let $P(K)$ be true

$$P(K) : 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + K^2 = \frac{K(K+1)(2K+1)}{6} \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true

$$P(K+1) : 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (K+1)^2 = \frac{(K+1)(K+2)(2K+3)}{6}$$

$$L.H.S = \underbrace{1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + K^2}_{\text{from (1)}} + (K+1)^2$$

$$= \frac{K(K+1)(2K+1)}{6} + \frac{(K+1)^2}{1} \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$= \frac{K(K+1)(2K+1) + 6(K+1)^2}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(K+1)[K(2K+1) + 6(K+1)]}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(K+1)(2K^2 + K + 6K + 6)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(K+1)(2K^2 + 7K + 6)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(K+1)(K+2)(2K+3)}{6}$$

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

Hence, from PMI, the statement $P(n)$ is true for all natural no. n .

13. Prove that $1+3+3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1} = \frac{3^n - 1}{2}$

Ans. Let

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

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

which is true

Let $P(K)$ be true

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

we want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true

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

$$\text{L.H.S} = 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{K-1} + 3^K$$

$$= \frac{3^K - 1}{2} + 3^K \quad [\text{From (1)}]$$

$$= \frac{3^K - 1 + 2 \cdot 3^K}{2}$$

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

$$= \frac{3^K \cdot 3 - 1}{2}$$

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

Hence $p(K+1)$ is true whenever $p(K)$ is True

14. By induction, prove that $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 > \frac{n^3}{3} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Ans. Let $P(n) : 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 > \frac{n^3}{3}$

for $n = 1$

$1^2 > \frac{1}{3}$ which is true

Let $P(K)$ be true

$$P(K) : 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + K^2 > \frac{K^3}{3} \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true

$$P(K+1) : 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (K+1)^2$$

$$= 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + K^2 + (K+1)^2$$

$$> \frac{K^3}{3} + (K+1)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} [K^3 + 3(K+1)^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} [K^3 + 3K^2 + 6K + 3]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} [(K+1)^3 + (3K+2)]$$

$$> \frac{1}{3} (K+1)^3$$

$\Rightarrow P(K+1)$ is true

Hence by PMI $P(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

15. Prove by PMI $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$

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

for $n = 1$

$ab = ab$ which is true

Let $P(K)$ be true

$$(ab)^K = a^K b^K \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true

$$(ab)^{K+1} = a^{K+1} \cdot b^{K+1}$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = (ab)^{K+1}$$

$$= (ab)^K \cdot (ab)^1$$

$$= a^K b^K \cdot (ab)^1 \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$= a^{K+1} \cdot b^{K+1}$$

$\Rightarrow P(K+1)$ is true.

16. Prove by PMI $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$

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

for $n = 1$

$P(1) = a = a$ which is true

Let $P(K)$ be true

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

we want to prove that

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

$$\text{L.H.S} = \underbrace{a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{K-1}} + ar^K$$

$$= \frac{a(r^K - 1)}{r - 1} + ar^K \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

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

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

Thus $P(K+1)$ is true whenever $P(K)$ is true

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

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

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

for $n = 1$

$$p(1) : x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y), \text{ which is divisible by } x + y$$

Hence result is true for $n = 1$

Let $P(K)$ be true

$p(K) : x^{2K} - y^{2K}$ is divisible by $x + y$

$$\Rightarrow x^{2K} - y^{2K} = (x+y)\lambda, \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (i)}$$

we want to prove the result is true for $n = K + 1$

$$x^{2(K+1)} - y^{2(K+1)} = x^{2K+2} - y^{2K+2}$$

$$= x^{2K} \cdot x^2 - y^{2K} \cdot y^2$$

$$= \left((x+y)\lambda + y^{2K} \right) x^2 - y^{2K} y^2 \text{ (from i)}$$

$$= (x+y)\lambda x^2 + x^2 y^{2K} - y^{2K} y^2$$

$$= (x+y)\lambda x^2 + y^{2K} (x^2 - y^2)$$

$$= (x+y)\lambda x^2 + y^{2K} (x+y)(x-y)$$

$$= (x+y) \left[x^2 \lambda + y^{2K} (x-y) \right] \text{ is divisible by } (x+y)$$

$$\Rightarrow p(K+1) \text{ is true whenever } p(K) \text{ is true}$$

Hence by P.M.I, $p(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

18. Prove that $n(n+1)(2n+1)$ is divisible by 6.

Ans. $P(n) : n(n+1)(2n+1)$ is divisible by 6 for $n = 1$

$$P(1) : (1)(2)(3) = 6 \text{ is divisible by 6}$$

Hence result is true for $n = 1$

Let $P(K)$ be true

$P(K) : K(K+1)(2K+1)$ is divisible by 6

$$\Rightarrow K(K+1)(2K+1) = 6\lambda \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (i)}$$

we want to prove that result is true for $n = K+1$

$$\begin{aligned} (K+1)(K+2)(2K+3) &= (K+1)(K+2)[(2K+1)+2] \\ &= (K+1)(K+2)(2K+1) + 2(K+1)(K+2) \\ &= (K+2)[(K+1)(2K+1)] + 2(K+1)(K+2) \\ &= K(K+1)(2K+1) + 2(K+1)(2K+1) + 2(K+1)(K+2) \\ &= 6\lambda + 2(K+1)(2K+1) + 2(K+1)(K+2) \text{ (by i)} \\ &= 6\lambda + 2(K+1)[2K+1+K+2] \\ &= 6\lambda + 2(K+1)(3K+3) \\ &= 6\lambda + 6(K+1)(K+1) \\ &= 6[\lambda + (K+1)(K+1)] \\ &\text{is divisible by 6.} \end{aligned}$$

19. Show that $2^{3n} - 1$ is divisible by 7 .

Ans. $P(n) : 2^{3n} - 1$ is divisible by 7

for $n = 1$

$P(1) : 2^3 - 1 = 7$ which is divisible by 7

Let $P(K)$ be true

$P(K) : 2^{3K} - 1$ is divisible by 7

$$\Rightarrow 2^{3K} - 1 = 7\lambda \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (i)}$$

we want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true whenever $P(K)$ is true

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2^{3K} \cdot 2^3 - 1 \\
&= (7\lambda + 1) \cdot 8 - 1 \text{ (from i)} \\
&= 56\lambda + 8 - 1 \\
&= 56\lambda + 7 \\
&= 7(8\lambda + 1) \text{ which is divisible by 7's}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus P (K+1) is true

Hence by P.M.I P (n) is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

20. Prove by P M I.

$$1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + n(n+1)(n+2)$$

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

Ans. Let P (n) : $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + n(n+1)(n+2)$

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

For n = 1

$$P(1) = 1(2)(3) = \frac{(1)(2)(3)(4)}{4}$$

P (1) = 6 = 6 which is true

Let P (K) be true

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

$$= \frac{K(K+1)(K+2)(K+3)}{4} \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that

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

$$\text{L.H.S} = 1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \dots + K(K+1)(K+2) + (K+1)(K+2)(K+3)$$

$$= \frac{K(K+1)(K+2)(K+3)}{4} + \frac{(K+1)(K+2)(K+3)}{1} \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$= \frac{(K+1)(K+2)(K+3)[K+4]}{4},$$

Thus $P(K+1)$ is true whenever $P(K)$ is true.

21. Prove that $\frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$

Ans. $P(n) : \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ which is true}$$

Let $P(K)$ be true

$$P(K) : \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \dots + \frac{1}{K(K+1)} = \frac{K}{K+1} \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true

$$P(K+1) : \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \dots + \frac{1}{(K+1)(K+2)} = \frac{K+1}{K+2}$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \dots + \frac{1}{K(K+1)} + \frac{1}{(K+1)(K+2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{K}{K+1} + \frac{1}{(K+1)(K+2)} \quad [\text{from (1)}] \\
&= \frac{K(K+2)+1}{(K+1)(K+2)} \\
&= \frac{K^2+2K+1}{(K+1)(K+2)} = \frac{(K+1)^2}{(\cancel{K}+1)(K+2)} \\
&= \frac{K+1}{K+2},
\end{aligned}$$

Thus P (K+1) is for whenever P (K) is true.

22. Show that the sum of the first n odd natural no is n^2 .

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

For n = 1

P (1) = 1 = 1 which is true

Let P (K) be true

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

we want to prove that P (K+1) is true

P (K+1) : $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2K+1) = (K+1)^2$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \underline{1+3+5+\dots+(2K-1)} + (2K+1)$$

$$= K^2 + 2K + 1 \quad [\text{From (1)}]$$

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

Thus P (K+1) is true whenever P(K) is true.

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

23. Prove by P M I

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

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

For $n = 1$

$P(1) : 1^3 = 1^3$ which is true

Let $P(K)$ be true

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

we want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true

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

$$L.H.S = \underbrace{1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + K^3}_{\text{from (1)}} + (K+1)^3$$

$$= \left(\frac{K(K+1)}{2} \right)^2 + (K+1)^3 \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(K+1)^2 [K^2 + 4(K+1)]}{4} \\
&= \frac{(K+1)^2 (K^2 + 4K + 4)}{4} \\
&= \frac{(K+1)^2 (K+2)^2}{4} \\
&= \left[\frac{(K+1)(K+2)}{2} \right]^2
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $P(K+1)$ is true whenever $P(K)$ is true.

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

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

For $n = 1$

$P(1) : 4 = 4$ which is true

Let $P(K)$ be true

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

We want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true

$$\begin{aligned}
P(K+1) : &\left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{5}{4}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{(2K+3)}{(K+1)^2}\right) = (K+2)^2 \\
L.H.S = &\left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{5}{4}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{(2K+1)}{K^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(2K+3)}{(K+1)^2}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (K+1)^2 \left(1 + \frac{(2K+3)}{(K+1)^2} \right) \quad [\because \text{from (1)}] \\
&= (K+1)^2 \left[\frac{(K+1)^2 + 2K+3}{(K+1)^2} \right]^2 \\
&= \frac{(K+1)^2 (K^2 + 4K + 4)}{(K+1)^2} \\
&= \frac{(K+1)^2 (K+2)^2}{(K+1)^2} \\
&= (K+2)^2
\end{aligned}$$

Thus P (K+1) is true whenever P (K) is true.

25. Prove that $3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 8

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

For n = 1

$$P(1) : 3^{2+2} - 8 - 9 = 64$$

which is divisible by 8

Hence result is true for n = 1

Let P (K) be true

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

$$\Rightarrow 3^{2K+2} - 8K - 9 = 8\lambda, \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (i)}$$

we want to prove that result is true for n = K+1

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 3^{2K+4} - 8K - 17 \\
&= 3^{2K} \cdot 3^4 - 8K - 17 \\
&= 3^{2k+2} \cdot 3^2 - 8K - 17 \\
&= (8\lambda + 8K + 9) \cdot 9 - 8K - 17 \\
&= 72\lambda + 72K + 81 - 8K - 17 \\
&= 64\lambda + 64K + 64 \\
&= 8(8\lambda + 8K + 8)
\end{aligned}$$

(from i)

which is divisible by 8

Hence $P(K+1)$ is true whenever $P(K)$ is true.

Hence by P.M.I $P(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

26. Prove by PMI.

$x^n - y^n$ is divisible by $(x-y)$ whenever $x-y \neq 0$

Ans. $P(n) : x^n - y^n$ is divisible by $(x-y)$

For $n = 1$

$P(1) : x - y$ is divisible by $(x - y)$

Let $P(K)$ be true

$P(K) : x^K - y^K$ is divisible by $(x - y)$

$$\Rightarrow x^K - y^K = \lambda(x-y) \quad (i)$$

we want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true whenever $P(K)$ is true

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

$$= (\lambda(x-y) + y^K) \cdot x - y^K \cdot y \text{ (from i)}$$

$$= \lambda(x-y) \cdot x + y^K \cdot x - y^K \cdot y$$

$$= \lambda(x-y) \cdot x + y^K (x-y)$$

$$= (x-y) [\lambda x + y^K]$$

which is divisible by $x-y$

Hence $P(K+1)$ is true

27. Prove $(x^{2n}-1)$ is divisible by $(x-1)$.

Ans. $P(n) : (x^{2n}-1)$ is divisible by $(x-1)$.

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) : (x^2 - 1) = (x - 1)(x + 1)$$

which is divisible by $(x - 1)$

Let $P(K)$ be true

$$P(K) : (x^{2K} - 1) \text{ is divisible by } x-1 \text{ (i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{2K} - 1 = \lambda(x-1)$$

we want to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true

$$P(K+1) : x^{2(K+1)} - 1$$

L.H.S

$$= x^{2K+2} - 1$$

$$= x^{2K} \cdot x^2 - 1$$

$$= (\lambda(x-1)+1).x^2-1 \text{ (from i)}$$

$$= \lambda(x-1).x^2+x^2-1$$

$$= \lambda(x-1).x^2+(x-1)(x+1)$$

$$= (x-1)[\lambda x^2+(x+1)]$$

which is divisible by (x-1)

Hence $p(K+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true

28. Prove

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

$$\text{Ans. } P(n) : 1 + \frac{1}{(1+2)} + \frac{1}{(1+2+3)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+2+\dots+n)} = \frac{2n}{(n+1)}$$

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

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

for $n = 1$

$$P(1) : \frac{2}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

which is true

Let $p(k)$ be true

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

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

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

$$L.H.S = 1 + \frac{1}{(1+2)} + \frac{1}{(1+2+3)} + \dots + \frac{2}{k(k+1)} + \frac{2}{(k+1)(k+2)}$$

$$= \frac{2k}{k+1} + \frac{2}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

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

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

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

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

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

thus $p(k+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true

Hence by PMI $p(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

29. Prove $1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2n-1)(2n+1)$

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

Ans. Let $p(n) : 1.3 + 3.5 + \dots + (2n-1)(2n+1)$

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

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) = (1)(3) = \frac{1(4+6-1)}{3}$$

$P(1) = 3 = 3$ Hence $p(1)$ is true

Let (k) be true

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

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1) : 1.3 + 3.5 + \dots + (2k+1)(2k+3) = \frac{(k+1)[4(k+1)^2+6(k+1)-1]}{3}$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{4k^3+18k^2+23k+9}{3} [\text{put } k = -1 \text{ (k+1) is one factor}]$$

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

Thus $p(k+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true.

30. Prove by PMI

$$3 \cdot 2^2 + 3^2 \cdot 2^3 + 3^3 \cdot 2^4 + \dots + 3^n \cdot 2^{n+1} = \frac{12}{5}(6^n - 1) \quad n \in N.$$

Ans. Let $p(n) : 3 \cdot 2^2 + 3^2 \cdot 2^3 + 3^3 \cdot 2^4 + \dots + 3^n \cdot 2^{n+1} = \frac{12}{5}(6^n - 1)$

For $n = 1$

$$p(1) : 3^1 \cdot 2^2 = \frac{12}{5}(6^1 - 1)$$

$$p(1) = 12 = 12$$

$p(1)$ is true

Let $p(k)$ be true

$$p(k) : 3 \cdot 2^2 + 3^2 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + 3^k \cdot 2^{k+1} = \frac{12}{5}(6^k - 1) \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1) : 3 \cdot 2^2 + 3^2 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + 3^{k+1} \cdot 2^{k+2} = \frac{12}{5}(6^{k+1} - 1)$$

$$L.H.S = 3 \cdot 2^2 + 3^2 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + 3^k \cdot 2^{k+1} + 3^{k+1} \cdot 2^{k+2}$$

$$= \frac{12}{5}(6^k - 1) + 3^{k+1} \cdot 2^{k+2} \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} \cdot 6 \cdot 6^k - \frac{12}{5} + 3^{k+1} \cdot 2^{k+1} \cdot 2^1$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} 6^{k+1} - \frac{12}{5} + 6^{k+1} \cdot 2$$

$$= 6^{k+1} \left(\frac{2}{5} + 2 \right) - \frac{12}{5}$$

$$= 6^{k+1} \left(\frac{12}{5} \right) - \frac{12}{5} = \frac{12}{5} [6^{k+1} - 1]$$

Thus $p(k+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true.

$$\text{31. Prove } 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + n.3^n = \frac{(2n-1)3^{n+1} + 3}{4}$$

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

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) : 1.3 = \frac{(2-1).3^2 + 3}{4}$$

$$p(1) : 3 = \frac{3}{1}$$

hence $p(1)$ is true

Let $p(k)$ be true

$$p(k) : 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + k.3^k = \frac{(2k-1)3^{k+1} + 3}{4} \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1) : 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + (k+1).3^{k+1} = \frac{(2k+1)3^{k+2} + 3}{4}$$

$$L.H.S = 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + k.3^k + (k+1).3^{k+1}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(2k-1+4k+4).3^{k+1}+3}{4} \\
&= \frac{(6k+3).3^{k+1}+3}{4} \\
&= \frac{3(2k+1).3^{k+1}+3}{4} \\
&= \frac{(2k+1)3^{k+2}+3}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $p(k+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true.

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

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

For $n = 1$

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

$$p(1) = \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{15} \text{ Hence } p(1) \text{ is true}$$

Let $p(k)$ be true

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

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1) : \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k+3)(2k+5)} = \frac{(k+1)}{3(2k+5)}$$

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

Thus $p(k+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true

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

33. The sum of the cubes of three consecutive natural no. is divisible by 9.

Ans. $P(n) [k^3 + (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3]$ is divisible by 9

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) : 1 + 8 + 9 = 18$$

which is divisible by 9

Let $p(k)$ be true

$p(k) : [k^3 + (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3]$ is divisible by 9

$$\Rightarrow k^3 + (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3 = 9\lambda(i)$$

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1) : (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3 + (k+3)^3$$

$$L.H.S = (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3 + (k+3)^3$$

$$= (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3 + k^3 + 9k^2 + 27k + 27$$

$$= \underbrace{k^3 + (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3}_{\text{from i}} + 9(k^2 + 3k + 3)$$

$$= 9\lambda + 9(k^2 + 3k + 3) \text{ (from i)}$$

$$= 9[\lambda + (k^2 + 3k + 3)] \text{ which is } \div \text{ by } 9.$$

34. Prove that $12^n + 25^{n-1}$ is divisible by 13

Ans. $P(n) : 12^n + 25^{n-1}$ is divisible by 13

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) : 12 + (25)^0 = 13$$

which is divisible by 13

Let $p(k)$ be true

$$P(k) : 12^k + 25^{k-1} \text{ is divisible by } 13$$

$$\Rightarrow 12^k + 25^{k-1} = 13\lambda(i)$$

we want to prove that result is true for $n = k+1$

$$12^{(k+1)} + 25^{k+1-1} = 12^k \cdot 12 + 25^k$$

$$= (13\lambda - 25^{k-1}) \cdot 12 + 25^k \text{ (from i)}$$

$$= 13 \times 12\lambda - 25^{k-1} \cdot 12 + 25^k$$

$$= 13 \times 12\lambda + 25^{k-1}(-12 + 25)$$

$$= 13(12\lambda + 25^{k-1})$$

which is divisible by 13.

35. Prove $11^{n+2} + 12^{2n+1}$ is divisible by 133.

Ans. $P(n) : 11^{n+2} + 12^{2n+1}$ is divisible by 133.

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) : 11^3 + 12^3 = 3059$$

which is divisible by 133

Let $p(k)$ be true

$$p(k) : 11^{k+2} + 12^{2k+1} \text{ is divisible by } 133$$

$$\Rightarrow 11^{k+2} + 12^{2k+1} = 133\lambda \quad (i)$$

we want to prove that

result is true for $n = k+1$

$$\text{L.H.S} = 11^{k+1+2} + 12^{2(k+1)+1}$$

$$= 11^{k+3} + 12^{2k+2+1}$$

$$= 11^{k+3} + 12^{2k+3}$$

$$= 11^k \cdot 11^3 + 12^{2k} \cdot 12^3$$

$$= 11^{k+2} \cdot 11 + 12^{2k} \cdot 12^3$$

$$= (133\lambda - 12^{2k+1}) \cdot 11 + 12^{2k} \cdot 12^3 \quad (\text{from } i)$$

$$= 133 \times 11\lambda - 12^{2k+1} \cdot 11 + 12^{2k} \cdot 12^3$$

$$= 133 \times 11 \times \lambda + 12^k (-12 \times 11 + 12^3)$$

$$= 133 [(11\lambda + 12^k (1596))]$$

which is $\div 133$.

36. Prove $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$

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

For $n = 1$

$$p(1) : 1^3 = \frac{1^2(2)^2}{4} = 1$$

which is true

Let $p(k)$ be true

$$p(k) : 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 = \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

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

$$\text{L.H.S} = 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

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

Thus $p(k+1)$ is true whenever $p(k)$ is true.

37. Prove $(a) + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \dots + [a + (n - 1)d] = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$

Ans. $P(n) : (a) + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \dots + [a + (n - 1)d] = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$

For $n = 1$

$$p(1) : a + (1-1)d = \frac{1}{2} [2a + (1-1)d] = a$$

which is true

Let $p(k)$ be true

$$p(k) : (a) + (a+d) + (a+2d) + \dots + (a + (k-1)d) = \frac{k}{2} [2a + (k-1)d] \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1) : (a) + (a+d) + \dots + (a+kd) = \frac{k+1}{2} [2a + kd]$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = a + (a+d) + \dots + a+kd$$

$$= a + (a + d) + \dots + a + (k-1)d + a + kd$$

$$= \frac{k}{2} [2a + (k-1)d] + a + kd \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$= ka + \frac{k}{2}(k-1)d + a + kd$$

$$= \frac{2ak + k^2d - kd + 2a + 2kd}{2}$$

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

proved.

38. Prove that $2^n > n \quad \forall$ positive integers n .

Ans. Let $p(n) : 2^n > n$

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) : 2^1 > 1$$

Which is true

Let $p(k)$ be true

$$P(k) : 2^k > k$$

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$2^k > k \text{ by (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^k \cdot 2 > 2k$$

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

$$2^{k+1} > 2k = k+k > k+1$$

Hence provd.

39. Prove $\frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$

Ans. $P(n) : \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$

For $n = 1$

$$p(1) = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ which is true}$$

Let $p(k)$ be true

$$p(k) : \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \frac{k}{k+1} \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1) : \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \dots + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} = \frac{k+1}{k+2}$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{k+1}{k+2}$$

proved.

40. Prove $\frac{1}{3.6} + \frac{1}{6.9} + \frac{1}{9.12} + \dots + \frac{1}{3n(3n+3)} = \frac{n}{9(n+1)}.$

Ans. $P(n) : \frac{1}{3.6} + \frac{1}{6.9} + \frac{1}{9.12} + \dots + \frac{1}{3n(3n+3)} = \frac{n}{9(n+1)}.$

For $n = 1$

$$p(1) : \frac{1}{3(6)} = \frac{1}{9(2)} = \frac{1}{18} \text{ which is true}$$

Let $p(k)$ be true

$$p(k) : \frac{1}{3.6} + \frac{1}{6.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{3k(3k+3)} = \frac{k}{9(k+1)} \quad (1)$$

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1) : \frac{1}{3.6} + \frac{1}{6.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{3(k+1)(3k+6)} = \frac{k+1}{9(k+2)}$$

$$L.H.S = \frac{1}{3.6} + \frac{1}{6.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{3k(3k+3)} + \frac{1}{3(k+1)(3k+6)}$$

$$= \frac{k}{9(k+1)} + \frac{1}{3(k+1)3(k+2)} \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$= \frac{k(k+2)+1}{9(k+1)(k+2)}$$

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

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2}{9(\cancel{k+1})(k+2)}$$

$$= \frac{k+1}{9(k+2)}$$

proved.