

1. $\forall n \in \mathbf{N}_0$, prove that

- (a) 5 divides $n^5 - n$.
- (b) 3 divides $2^{2n+1} + 1$.
- (c) if $0 < a < 1$, then $(1 - a)^n \geq 1 - na$.

2. $\forall n \in \mathbf{N}$, prove that

(a)

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

(b)

$$\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$$

(c) if $n \geq 3$, then $2^n \geq 2n + 1$.

3. Guess a formula for the given sum; then use induction to prove it.

(a)

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$$

(b)

$$4\left(\frac{1}{2 \times 3}\right) + 8\left(\frac{2}{3 \times 4}\right) + \cdots + 2^{n+1}\left(\frac{n}{(n+1)(n+2)}\right)$$

4. Use induction to show that n straight lines divide the plane into $(n^2 + n + 2)/2$ regions. Assume that no two lines are parallel, and that no three lines have a common point.

5. What's wrong with the following "proof" ?

Theorem:

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(n-1) \times n} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{n}$$

Proof: Using induction on n . For $n = 1$, $3/2 - 1/n = 1/(1 \times 2)$ and assuming the result is true for n ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(n-1) \times n} + \frac{1}{n \times (n+1)} &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{n} + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$