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151 Math Exercises

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Methods of Proof

**“Mathematical Induction”**

**( First principle )**

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**Mathematical Induction**

In general, mathematical induction \* can be used to prove statements that assert that  $P(n)$  is true for all positive integers  $n$ , where  $P(n)$  is a propositional function. A proof by mathematical induction has two parts, a **basis step**, where we show that  $P(1)$  is true, and an **inductive step**, where we show that for all positive integers  $k$ , if  $P(k)$  is true, then  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

**PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION** To prove that  $P(n)$  is true for all positive integers  $n$ , where  $P(n)$  is a propositional function, we complete two steps:

**BASIS STEP:** We verify that  $P(1)$  is true.

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** We show that the conditional statement  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1)$  is true for all positive integers  $k$ .

**Exercises**

1. Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \text{ where } n \text{ is a positive integer : } \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition,  $P(n)$ : " $1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ "

**BASIS STEP:**  $P(1)$ ? when  $n = 1$ , L H S = 1, R H S =  $\frac{1(1+1)}{2} = 1$   
 $\therefore \text{L H S} = \text{R H S} \Rightarrow \therefore P(1)$  is true.

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 1$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true,  $\Rightarrow$

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

Our goal is to show that  $p(k + 1)$  is also true

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + k + (k + 1) = \frac{(k + 1)(k + 2)}{2} \quad (\text{Our Goal})?$$

From (\*) add the term  $(k + 1)$  ( the term #  $n = k + 1$  ) to both sides  $\Rightarrow$

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

So  $p(k + 1)$  is true. #

## 2. Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{n}{2n+1} \quad : \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

Let  $p(n): "$   $\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{n}{2n+1}$  "

**BASIS STEP:**  $P(1)??$  When  $= 1$ , L H S =  $\frac{1}{(2(1)-1)(2(1)+1)} = \frac{1}{(1)(3)} = \frac{1}{3}$   
 R H S =  $\frac{1}{2(1)+1} = \frac{1}{3}$

$\therefore \text{L H S} = \text{R H S} \Rightarrow \therefore P(1)$  is true .

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 1$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true ,  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} = \frac{k}{2k+1} \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show that  $p(k+1)$  is also true

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} = \frac{k+1}{2k+3} \quad (\text{Our Goal}) ?$$

add the term  $\frac{1}{[2(k+1)-1][2(k+1)+1]}$  ( the term #  $n = k + 1$  ) to the both sides in  $(*) \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} = \frac{k}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)}$$

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

So  $p(k+1)$  is true . #

**3.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$1.2 + 2.3 + \cdots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} : \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

4. Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \cdots + n(n+1)(n+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4} : \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

## 5. Use mathematical induction to Show that

if  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n - 1) = n^2$

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$P(n): "1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n - 1) = n^2"$$

**BASIS STEP:**  $P(1)$  ? when  $n = 1 \Rightarrow$  L H S =  $2(1) - 1 = 1$  , R H S =  $1^2 = 1$   
 $\therefore$  L H S = R H S  $\Rightarrow \therefore P(1)$  is true .

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 1$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true ,

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2k - 1) = k^2 \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show that  $p(k + 1)$  is also true

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2k - 1) + (2k + 1) = (k + 1)^2 \quad (\text{Our Goal}) ?$$

add the term  $[2(k + 1) - 1]$  ( the term #  $n = k + 1$  ) to both sides in  $(*) \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2k - 1) + (2k + 1) &= k^2 + (2k + 1) \\ &\quad \text{( where } P(k) \text{ is true } * \text{ ) } \quad \text{[the term \# } n = k+1 \text{]} \\ &= k^2 + 2k + 1 \\ &= (k + 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

So  $p(k + 1)$  is true . #

**6. Use mathematical induction to Show that**

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n} \quad : \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

**7. Use mathematical induction to Show that**

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + \cdots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

for all nonnegative integers  $n$ .

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$P(n): " 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \cdots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1 "$$

**BASIS STEP:**  $P(0)$  ? when  $n = 0 \Rightarrow$  L H S  $= 2^0 = \boxed{1}$  , R H S  $= 2^{0+1} - 1 = 2 - 1 = \boxed{1}$

$\therefore$  L H S = R H S  $\Rightarrow \therefore P(0)$  is true .

**INDUCTIVE STEP** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 1$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true ,

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + \cdots + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 1 \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show that  $p(k + 1)$  is also true

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + \cdots + 2^n + 2^{n+1} = 2^{n+2} - 1 \quad (\text{ Our Goal } ) ?$$

add the term  $[2^{k+1}]$  ( the term #  $n = k + 1$  ) to both sides in  $(*) \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \cdots + 2^k + (2^{k+1}) &= 2^{k+1} - 1 + 2^{k+1} \\
 &\quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
 &\quad \text{( where } P(k) \text{ is true * )} \quad \text{[the term \# } n = k+1 \text{]} \\
 &= 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} - 1 \\
 &= 2^{(k+1)+1} - 1 \\
 &= 2^{n+2} - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $p(k + 1)$  is true . #



**8. Use mathematical induction to Show that**

$$2 + 2(-7) + 2(-7)^2 + 2(-7)^3 + \cdots + 2(-7)^n = \frac{1 - (-7)^{n+1}}{4} : n \geq 0$$

*Solution:*

**9. Use mathematical induction to Show that**

$$1 \times 2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3 \times 2^3 + \cdots + n \times 2^n = 2 + (n - 1)2^{n+1} : n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*



**11.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$1 + a + a^2 + \cdots + a^n = \frac{a^{n+1} - 1}{a - 1}, a \neq 1 : \text{ for all nonnegative integers } n.$$

*Solution:*

**12.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 2n = n(n + 1) \quad : n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

**13.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$4 + 8 + 12 + \cdots + 4n = 2n(n + 1) \quad : n \geq 1$$

**14.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$1 + 4 + 7 + \cdots + (3n - 2) = \frac{n(3n - 1)}{2} \quad : n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

**15.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$3 + 3^2 + 3^3 + \cdots + 3^n = \frac{3}{2}(3^n - 1) : \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*



**16.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$3 + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4^2} + \cdots + \frac{3}{4^n} = \frac{4^{n+1}-1}{4^n} : \forall n \geq 0$$

**17.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2^2} + \frac{3}{2^3} + \cdots + \frac{n}{2^n} = 2 - \frac{n+2}{2^n} \quad : n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

**18.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$2 + 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 3^2 + 2 \times 3^3 + \cdots + 2 \times 3^{n-1} = 3^n - 1 : n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

**19.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \cdots + (2n - 1)^2 = \frac{n(2n - 1)(2n + 1)}{3} : \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

**20.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \cdots + n^3 = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 : \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

**21.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$1 + 5 + 9 + \cdots + (4n - 3) = n(2n - 1) : \forall n \geq 1$$

**22. Use mathematical induction to Show that**

$$n < 2^n : \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$P(n): \quad " n < 2^n "$$

**BASIS STEP:**  $P(1)$  ? when  $n = 1$  ,  $1 < 2^1 = 2$  ,  $\therefore P(1)$  is true

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 1$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true ,

$$k < 2^k \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show that  $p(k + 1)$  is also true.

$$k + 1 < 2^{k+1} \quad ( \text{ Our Goal } ) ?$$

From  $(*) \Rightarrow k + 1 < 2^k + 1 < 2^k + 2^k = 2 \cdot 2^k = 2^{k+1}$  where  $1 < 2^k$

$$\therefore k + 1 < 2^{k+1} \Rightarrow \text{ So } P(k+1) \text{ is true .}$$

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**23. Use mathematical induction to Show that**

$$2^n < n! \text{ for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 4.$$

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$P(n): \quad 2^n < n!$$

**BASIS STEP:**  $P(4)$  ? when  $n = 4$  ,  $2^4 = 16 < 4! = 24$  ,  $\Rightarrow 2^4 < 4!$   $\therefore P(4)$  is true

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 4$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true ,

$$2^k < k! \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show that  $p(k + 1)$  is also true

$$2^{k+1} < (k + 1)! \quad ( \text{ Our Goal } ) ?$$

$$2^{k+1} = 2 \cdot 2^k < 2 \cdot k! \quad ( \text{ from inductive hypothesis } *)$$

$$< (k + 1) \cdot k! \quad ( \text{ because } 2 < k + 1 )$$

$$= (k + 1)! \quad ( \text{ by definition of factorial function } )$$

$$\therefore 2^{k+1} < (k + 1)! \Rightarrow \text{ So } P(k+1) \text{ is true .} \quad \#$$

**24.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$3^n < n! \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 7.$$

*Solution:*

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**25.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$n! < n^n \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 2.$$

*Solution:*



**26. Use mathematical induction to Show that**

$$2^n \geq n + 12 \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 4.$$

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$P(n): \quad " 2^n \geq n + 12 \quad "$$

*BASIS STEP:*  $P(4)$ ? when  $n = 4 \Rightarrow 2^4 = 16 \geq 16 = 4 + 12 \Rightarrow \therefore P(4)$  is true .

*INDUCTIVE STEP:* Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 4$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true ,

$$2^k \geq k + 12 \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show that  $p(k + 1)$  is also true

$$[ 2^{k+1} \geq k + 13 ] \quad ( \text{ Our Goal } ) ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{k+1} &= 2 \cdot 2^k \geq 2 \cdot (k + 12) && ( \text{ from inductive hypothesis } * ) \\ &= 2k + 24 = k + 13 + (k + 11) \\ &\geq k + 13 && ( \text{ because } k + 11 > 1 : k \geq 4 ) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2^{k+1} \geq k + 13 \Rightarrow \therefore P(k+1) \text{ is true .}$$

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**27.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$2^n > n^2 \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 5.$$

*Solution:*

**28.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$n^2 > 4 + n \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 3.$$

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$P(n): \quad " \quad n^2 > 4 + n \quad "$$

*BASIS STEP:*  $P(3)$ ? when  $n = 3 \Rightarrow 3^2 = 9 > 7 = 4 + 3$

$$\Rightarrow 3^2 > 4 + 3 \quad \therefore p(3) \text{ is true}$$

*INDUCTIVE STEP:* Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 3$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true ,

$$k^2 > 4 + k \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show  $p(k + 1)$  is also true

$$(k + 1)^2 > 4 + (k + 1) \quad ( \text{ Our Goal } ) ?$$

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

$$> 4 + k + 2k + 1 \quad ( \text{ from inductive hypothesis } * )$$

$$> 4 + k + 1 \quad ( \text{ because } 2k > 1 : k \geq 3 )$$

$$\therefore (k + 1)^2 > 4 + (k + 1) \Rightarrow \therefore P(k+1) \text{ is true .}$$

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**29.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$2^n > n^2 + 19 \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 6.$$

*Solution:*

**30.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$n^3 > 2n + 1 \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 2.$$

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$P(n): \quad " \quad n^3 > 2n + 1 \quad "$$

**BASIS STEP:**  $P(2)$ ? when  $n = 2 \Rightarrow$

$$2^3 = 8 > 5 = 4 + 1 = 2(2) + 1 \Rightarrow 2^3 > 2(2) + 1 \therefore P(2) \text{ is true}$$

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 2$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true ,

$$k^3 > 2k + 1 \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show that  $p(k + 1)$  is also true

$$(k + 1)^3 > 2k + 3 \quad (\text{Our Goal}) ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} (k + 1)^3 &= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 \\ &> 2k + 1 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 \quad (\text{from inductive hypothesis } *) \\ &= 2k + 2 + [3k(k + 1)] \\ &> 2k + 2 + 1 = 2k + 3 \quad (\text{because } 3k(k + 1) > 1 : k \geq 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (k + 1)^3 > 2(k + 1) + 1 = 2k + 3$$

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

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

**31.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \geq \sqrt{n} \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 1.$$

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$p(n): \quad " \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \geq \sqrt{n} "$$

**BASIS STEP:**  $p(1)$ ? when  $n = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} = 1 \geq \sqrt{1} = 1 \Rightarrow \therefore p(1)$  is true .

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 1$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \geq \sqrt{k} \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show  $p(k + 1)$  is also true

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \geq \sqrt{k+1} \quad (\text{ Our Goal } ) ?$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \right] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \geq \left[ \sqrt{k} \right] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \quad (\text{ from inductive hypothesis } *)$$

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

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

$$\geq \frac{\sqrt{k(k)} + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} = \frac{\sqrt{k^2} + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \quad (\text{because } k + 1 > k)$$

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

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \geq \sqrt{k+1}$$

$$\therefore p(k + 1) \text{ is true .}$$

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**32.** Use mathematical induction to prove that

$$3^{n-1} \geq 2^n + 1 \quad \text{for all integers } n \geq 3.$$

*Solution:*

**33.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^n} < 1 \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 1.$$

*Solution:*



**34.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$n^2 - 7n + 12 \geq 0 \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 3.$$

*Solution:*  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$P(n): \quad " \quad n^2 - 7n + 12 \geq 0 \quad "$$

**BASIS STEP:**  $P(3)$ ? when  $n = 3 \Rightarrow$

$$3^2 - 7(3) + 12 = 9 - 21 + 12 = 21 - 21 = 0 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \therefore P(3) \text{ is true}$$

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 3$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true

$$k^2 - 7k + 12 \geq 0 \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show  $p(k+1)$  is also true

$$(k+1)^2 - 7(k+1) + 12 \geq 0 \quad (\text{Our Goal}) ?$$

$$(k+1)^2 - 7(k+1) + 12 = k^2 + 2k + 1 - 7k - 7 + 12$$

$$= [k^2 - 7k + 12] + 2(k-3)$$

$$\geq 0 + 0 \geq 0 \quad (\text{from inductive hypothesis } *) \text{ and } \\ (\text{because } 2(k-3) \geq 0 : k \geq 3)$$

$$\therefore (k+1)^2 - 7(k+1) + 12 \geq 0$$

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

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**35.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 2.$$

*Solution:*  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$P(n): \quad " 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{n} "$$

*BASIS STEP:*  $P(2)$ ? when  $n = 2 \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{4} < 2 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} = \frac{6}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{4} < \frac{6}{4} \quad \therefore P(2) \text{ is true}$$

*INDUCTIVE STEP:* Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 2$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \cdots + \frac{1}{k^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{k} \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show  $p(k+1)$  is also true

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \cdots + \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{k+1} \quad (\text{Our Goal}) ?$$

Add the term  $\frac{1}{(k+1)^2}$  ( the term #  $n = k+1$ ) to the both sides in (\*)

$$\left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \cdots + \frac{1}{k^2} \right] + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} < \left[ 2 - \frac{1}{k} \right] + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \quad (\text{from inductive hypothesis } *)$$

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

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

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

$$\therefore 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \cdots + \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{k+1} \Rightarrow \therefore P(k+1) \text{ is true . } \#$$

**36.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$3^n \geq 2^{n+2} \quad \text{for every integer } n \text{ with } n \geq 4.$$

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$P(n): \quad " 3^n \geq 2^{n+2} "$$

**BASIS STEP:**  $P(4)$ ? when  $n = 4 \Rightarrow 3^4 = 81 \geq 64 = 2^6 = 2^{4+2}$

$$3^4 \geq 2^{4+2} \Rightarrow \therefore P(4) \text{ is true}$$

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 4$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true

$$3^k \geq 2^{k+2} \quad . \quad (*)$$

Our goal is to show  $p(k+1)$  is also true

$$3^{k+1} \geq 2^{k+3} \quad ( \text{ Our Goal } ) ?$$

$$3^{k+1} = 3 \cdot 3^k \geq 3 \cdot 2^{k+2} \quad ( \text{ from inductive hypothesis } * )$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \swarrow \searrow \\ \geq 2 \cdot 2^{k+2} = 2^{k+3} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore 3^{k+1} \geq 2^{k+3} \quad \Rightarrow \therefore P(k+1) \text{ is true .}$$

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**37.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$n^2 - 3n + 5 \quad \text{is odd} \quad \text{for all nonnegative integers } n.$$

*Solution:*

**38.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$3|4^n - 1 \quad \text{for all nonnegative integers } n.$$

*Solution:* Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition ,

$$p(n): \quad " 3|4^n - 1 " \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exists c \in \mathbb{Z} : \quad 4^n - 1 = 3c$$

**BASIS STEP:**  $p(0)$ ? when  $n = 0 \Rightarrow 4^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0 = 3(0) : 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow 3|4^0 - 1 \Rightarrow \therefore p(0) \text{ is true .}$$

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Let  $k$  is integer where  $k \geq 0$  and assume that  $p(k)$  is true  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} & 3|4^k - 1 \\ \Rightarrow & 4^k - 1 = 3c \Rightarrow 4^k = 3c + 1 \quad : c \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Our goal is to show that  $p(k + 1)$  is also true

$$3|4^{k+1} - 1 \quad (\text{ Our Goal } ) ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4^{k+1} - 1 &= 4 \cdot 4^k - 1 \\ &= 4 ( 3c + 1 ) - 1 \quad (\text{ from inductive hypothesis } *) \\ &= 12c + 4 - 1 = 12c + 3 \\ &= 3(4c + 1) = 3h \quad : h = (4c + 1) \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &\Rightarrow 3|4^{k+1} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore p(k + 1) \text{ is true}$$

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**39.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$3|(n^3 + 2n) \quad \text{for all positive integer } n$$

*Solution:*

**40.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$5 \mid 7^n - 2^n \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

**41.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$3 \mid 5^n - 2^{n+2} \quad \text{for all nonnegative integers } n.$$

*Solution:*



**42.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$7 \mid 9^{2n} - 5^{2n} \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

**43.** Use mathematical induction to prove that  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 3 whenever  $n$  is a positive integer .

$$3|n^3 - n \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

- 44.** Use mathematical induction to prove that  $n(n^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6 whenever  $n$  is a positive integer .

$$6|n(n^2 + 5) \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

- 45.** Use mathematical induction to prove that  $n^3 - n + 3$  is divisible by 3 whenever  $n$  is a nonnegative integer .

$$3|n^3 - n + 3 \quad \forall n \geq 0$$

*Solution:*

**46.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$5 \mid 2^{2n-1} + 3^{2n-1} \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

*Solution:*

**47.** Use mathematical induction to Show that

$$2|n^2 + n \quad \forall n \geq 0$$

*Solution:*

- 48.** Use mathematical induction to prove that  $n^5 - n$  is divisible by 5 whenever  $n$  is a nonnegative integer .

$$5|n^5 - n \quad \forall n \geq 0$$

*Solution:*

**49.** Prove that 21 divides  $4^{n+1} + 5^{2n-1}$  whenever  $n$  is a positive integer .

*Solution:*



**50.** Prove that if  $n$  is a positive integer, then 133 divides  $11^{n+1} + 12^{2n-1}$

*Solution:*

**51.** Use mathematical induction to prove that  $7^{n+2} + 8^{2n+1}$  is divisible by 57 for every nonnegative integer  $n$ .

*Solution:*