

1. Keep track of the leftovers

1. Let $Q(n)$ be " $\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{(i-1)i} = \frac{i-1}{i}$ ", we'll show $Q(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 2$ by Induction

2. Base case ($n=2$): $\sum_{i=2}^2 \frac{1}{(i-1)i} = \frac{1}{(2-1)2} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2-1}{2}$ therefore $Q(2)$ is true

3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $Q(m)$ is true for some arbitrary integer $m \geq 2$

4 Inductive step: Goal: Show $Q(m+1)$ is true.

$$\text{which is } \sum_{i=2}^{m+1} \frac{1}{(i-1)i} = \frac{m}{m+1}$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^m \frac{1}{(i-1)i} = \frac{m-1}{m} \text{ by IH. we add } \frac{1}{m(m+1)} \text{ to both sides}$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^m \frac{1}{(i-1)i} + \frac{1}{m(m+1)} = \frac{m-1}{m} + \frac{1}{m(m+1)}$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^{m+1} \frac{1}{(i-1)i} = \frac{(m-1)(m+1) + 1}{m(m+1)} = \frac{m^2 - 1 + 1}{m(m+1)}$$

$$= \frac{m^2}{m(m+1)} = \frac{m}{m+1} \text{ which is exactly } Q(m+1)$$

5. So $Q(n) := \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{(i-1)i} = \frac{i-1}{i}$ is true for all integers $n \geq 2$

let $P(n)$ be " $\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{(i-1)i} < 1$ " Since $\frac{i-1}{i} < 1$

→ we can get $Q(n) \rightarrow P(n)$. we proved that $Q(n)$ is true for every integer $n \geq 2$, so by modus ponens, $P(n)$ is true for every integers $n \geq 2$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{(i-1)i} < 1 \text{ for all integers } n \geq 2$$

Assume $Q(n)$ is true

$$\therefore \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{(i-1)i} = \frac{i-1}{i} \text{ Since } \frac{i-1}{i} < 1$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{(i-1)i} < 1. \therefore P(n) \text{ is true}$$

so by direct proof rule