

**Q1.** Prove that for any integer  $n$ , the expression  $n^3 - n$  is always divisible by 6.

**Q2.** Prove by contradiction that  $\log_2(3)$  is an irrational number.

**Q3.** Prove that for any integer  $n$ , the square  $n^2$  leaves a remainder of either 0 or 1 when divided by 3

**Q4.** Prove that the number 23 cannot be written as the sum of three distinct square numbers.

**Q5.** For any three non-zero vectors  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$ , if  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$ , then it must follow that  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$ .  
Prove this fact, else find a counterexample to disprove it.

**Q6.** Prove that the sum of any rational number and any irrational number is always an irrational number.

**Q7.** Prove by mathematical induction that the sum of the squares of the first  $n$  positive integers is given by the formula:

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$$

**Q8.** Prove by mathematical induction that for all positive integers  $n$ , the expression  $3^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 8.

**Q9.** A sequence is defined by the recurrence relation  $u_{n+1} = 4u_n - 3$ , with the first term  $u_1 = 2$ . Prove by mathematical induction that the  $n^{th}$  term of the sequence is given by the formula:

$$u_n = 4^{n-1} + 1$$

**Q10.** Given the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , prove by mathematical induction that for all positive integers  $n$ :

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Using basis vectors, work out what transformation matrix  $A$  represents, and thus what matrix  $A^n$  represents. Does this agree with the result from your proof by induction?

**Q11.** Prove that for any real numbers  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ :

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq xy + yz + zx$$

**Q12.** Prove that for all  $x > 0$ , the inequality  $e^x > 1 + x$  holds true.

**Q13.** For every integer  $n \geq 0$ , the expression  $n^2 + n + 41$  produces a prime number. Prove this fact, else find a counterexample to disprove it.

**Q14.** Prove that there are no integer solutions  $(x, y)$  to the equation  $x^2 - 4y = 2$ .

**Q15.** Prove by mathematical induction that for all integers  $n \geq 5$ , the following inequality holds:

$$2^n > n^2$$