

- 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:

$$2^n > n^2$$