

Assignment No 5.

MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

Question NO. 1.

Let us suppose that the maximum number of regions $R(n)$ the plane is divided into by n lines is given by the formula:

$$R(n) = \frac{1}{2} (n^2 + n + 2)$$

Base case:

$$R(0) = \frac{1}{2} (0^2 + 0 + 2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 2$$

$$= 1$$

\therefore This proves that the plane consists of 1 region.

Inductive Hypothesis:

Let us assume, $n = k$

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

Inductive Step:

Adding new lines increases the number of regions by $k+1$.

$$R(k+1) = \frac{1}{2} [(k+1)^2 + (k+1) + 2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [k^2 + 2k + 1 + k + 1 + 2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [k^2 + 3k + 4] \quad \text{--- GOAL}$$

Expanding the formula for $R(k+1)$:

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} [k^2 + 3k + 4]$$

∴ The maximum number of regions the plane is divided into by n lines is

$$R(n) = \frac{1}{2} (n^2 + n + 2)$$

Question No 2.

Given,

$$3^{2n+1} + (-1)^n \cdot 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

Base step ($n=0$)

$$3^{2(0)+1} + (-1)^0 \cdot 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

Inductive Hypothesis, For $n=k$

$$3^{2k+1} + (-1)^k \cdot 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

Inductive Step,

For $n=k+1$

$$3^{2(k+1)+1} + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$3^{2k+2+1} + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot 2$$

$$3^2 \cdot 3^{2k+1} + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot 2$$

$$9 \cdot 3^{2k+1} + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot 2$$

$$9 \pmod{5} = 4$$

$$\therefore 4 \cdot 3^{2k+1} + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot 2$$

Now, Using the Inductive Hypothesis, $3^{2k+1} = -(-1)^k \cdot 2$

$$4 \cdot (-(-1)^k \cdot 2) + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot 2$$

$$(-1)^{k+1} \cdot 8 + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot 2$$

$$(-1)^{k+1} (8+2)$$

$$10 (-1)^{k+1}$$

Finally, $10 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

This confirms the inductive step is correct.

Question No: 3

For all $(n \geq 1)$

$$\text{Prove: } 1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3n-2) = \frac{n(3n-1)}{2}$$

Base case:

$$1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3n-2) = \frac{n(3n-1)}{2}$$

Taking (1),

$$P(1) = \frac{1(3-1)}{2}$$

$$= 1$$

Inductive Hypothesis: Supposing $n = k$

$$1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3k-2) = \frac{k(3k-1)}{2}$$

Inductive case: for $n = k+1$

$$1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3k-2) + [3(k+1)-2] = \frac{(k+1)[3(k+1)-1]}{2}$$

$$\frac{k(3k-1)}{2} + \frac{3k+1}{1} = \frac{(k+1)(3k+2)}{2}$$

$$\text{L.H.S: } \frac{k(3k+1) + 6k+2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3k^2 + 5k + 2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(3k+2)(k+1)}{2} = \text{R.H.S proved,,}$$

Question No. 4.

Given,

$6^n - 1$ = divisible by 5 (for any positive integer n)

Base case

Taking $n = 1$,

$6 - 1 = 5$ (divisible by 5) [True]

Inductive Hypothesis (for $n = k$)

$6^k - 1$ is divisible by 5 ----- (1)

To prove, [Inductive case]

$n \rightarrow k + 1$

$$6^{k+1} - 1$$

$$6^k \cdot 6 - 1$$

$$6^k \cdot 6 - (6 - 5)$$

$$6^k \cdot 6 - 6 + 5$$

$$6(6^k - 1) + 5$$

\rightarrow divisible by 5 (from equation 1)

$\therefore 6^n - 1$ can be divisible by 5 for any positive integer n .

Question No. 5.

For all $n \geq 1$,

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (2n)^2 = \frac{n(2n+1)(4n+1)}{3}$$

Base case:

Taking $n = 1$,

$$1^2 + 2^2 = \frac{1(2+1)(4+1)}{3}$$

$$5 = \frac{1 \times 3 \times 5}{3} \quad 5 = 5 \text{ [True]}$$

Inductive Hypothesis $n = k$

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (2k)^2 = \frac{k(2k+1)(4k+1)}{3}$$

Inductive Step: for $n = k+1$

$$1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (2(k+1))^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (2k)^2 + (2k+1)^2 + (2k+2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k(2k+1)(4k+1)}{3} + 8k^2 + 12k + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(2k^2+k)(4k+1) + 24k^2 + 36k + 15}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8k^3 + 30k^2 + 37k + 15}{3}$$

By factorization,

$$k = (-1)$$

$$2(-1)^3 + 30(-1)^2 + (37)(-1) + 15 = 0$$

$(k+1)$ is a factor of this:

$$\begin{array}{r} k+1 \overline{) 8k^3 + 30k^2 + 37k + 15} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 8k^2 + 22k + 15 \\ + 8k^3 + 8k^2 \\ \hline 22k^2 + 37k + 15 \\ + 22k^2 + 22k - \\ \hline 15k + 15 \\ 15k + 15 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

$$8k^2 + 22k + 15$$

$$\text{or, } 8k^2 + 12k + 10k + 15$$

$$\text{or, } 4k(2k+3) + 5(2k+3)$$

$(4k+5)(2k+3)$ are also factors of the cubic equation.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(k+1)(4k+5)(2k+3)}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(k+1)[4(k+1)+1][2(k+1)+1]}{3}$$

= R.H.S.

Thus, the formula holds for $n = k+1$.

Question NO.6.

For n , any positive integer, $2^{2n}-1$ is divisible by 3.

Base case For $(n=1)$

$$2^{2n}-1$$

$$2^{2(1)}-1$$

$$4-1=3 \text{ (which is divisible by 3) [True]}$$

Inductive Hypothesis, for $n=k$

$$2^{2k}-1 \text{ is divisible by 3} \dots (1)$$

To prove, Inductive Case [By Mathematical Induction]

$$n \rightarrow k+1$$

$$2^{2(k+1)}-1$$

$$2^{2k} \cdot 2^2 - 1$$

$$2^{2k} \cdot 4 - (4-3)$$

$$2^{2k} \cdot 4 - 4 + 3$$

$$4(2^{2k}-1) + 3$$

— which is divisible by 3. From eq(1)

proved,,

Question No. 7

$2n+1 < 2^n$, for all natural numbers $n \geq 3$.

Base Case (For $n=3$)

$$2(3) + 1 < 2^3$$

$$7 < 8 \text{ (True)}$$

Inductive Hypothesis

Assume inequality holds for some natural number $k \geq 3$

$$2k+1 < 2^k$$

Inductive case,

For $n = k+1$

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

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

From Inductive Hypothesis,

$$2k+1 < 2^k$$

Adding 2 on both sides:-

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

We can even replace 2 with 2^k , because 2^k is greater than or equal to 2.

$$\Rightarrow (2k+1) + 2 < 2^k + 2^k$$

$$\Rightarrow (2k+1) + 2 < 2^{k+1}$$

\therefore This shows that if the inequality is true for k , it is also true for $k+1$

Question No 8:

Let $P(n)$ denote the statement 'There is a survivor (who is not hit) in the odd pie fight with $2n+1$ people.'

Base case: Taking $P(1)$.

There are only three people. Out of the three people, let's suppose that the closest pair is ' A & ' B ' and C is the third pair. Since distances between people are different, the distances between A and C , and B and C are greater than that between A and B . Therefore, A and B throw pie at each other, and C survive.

Inductive Case:

Suppose that $P(k)$ is True, that is in the pie fight with $2k+1$ people, there is a survivor. Consider the fight with $2(k+1)+1$ people. Let A and B be the closest pair of people in this group of $2k+3$ people. Then they throw pies at each other. If someone else throws a pie at one of them, then for the remaining $2k+1$ people, there are only $2k$ pies and one of them survives. Otherwise, the remaining $2k+1$ people throw pies at each other, playing the pie fight with $2k+1$ people.

By the Inductive Hypothesis, there is a survivor in such a fight.