

# **Chapter 9**

## MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

### **EXERCISE 9A**

**1** The  $n$ th term of the sequence 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, ... is  $4n - 1$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**2 a**  $3^1 = 3$        $1 + 2(1) = 3$   
 $3^2 = 9$        $1 + 2(2) = 5$   
 $3^3 = 27$        $1 + 2(3) = 7$   
 $3^4 = 81$        $1 + 2(4) = 9$

Our proposition is:  
 $3^n > 1 + 2n$  for  $n = 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$   
or for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \geq 2$

**b**  $11^1 - 1 = 10$

$$11^2 - 1 = 121 - 1 = 120$$

$$11^3 - 1 = 1331 - 1 = 1330$$

$$11^4 - 1 = 14641 - 1 = 14640$$

Our proposition is:

$11^n - 1$  is divisible by 10 for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**c**  $7^1 + 2 = 7 + 2 = 9 = 3 \times 3$

$$7^2 + 2 = 49 + 2 = 51 = 3 \times 17$$

$$7^3 + 2 = 343 + 2 = 345 = 3 \times 115$$

$$7^4 + 2 = 2401 + 2 = 2403 = 3 \times 801$$

Our proposition is:

$7^n + 2$  is divisible by 3 for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**d**  $(1 - \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$

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

$$(1 - \frac{1}{2})(1 - \frac{1}{3})(1 - \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(1 - \frac{1}{2})(1 - \frac{1}{3})(1 - \frac{1}{4})(1 - \frac{1}{5}) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

Our proposition is:  $(1 - \frac{1}{2})(1 - \frac{1}{3})(1 - \frac{1}{4}) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \frac{1}{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**3 a**  $2 = 2 = 1 \times 2$

$$2 + 4 = 6 = 2 \times 3$$

$$2 + 4 + 6 = 12 = 3 \times 4$$

$$2 + 4 + 6 + 8 = 20 = 4 \times 5$$

$$2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 10 = 30 = 5 \times 6$$

Our proposition is:

$2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + \dots + 2n = n(n+1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

↑  
nth term

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n 2i = n(n+1) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

**b**  $1! = 1$

$$1! + 2 \times 2! = 1 + 2(2) = 5$$

$$1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! = 1 + 4 + 18 = 23$$

$$1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + 4 \times 4! = 1 + 4 + 18 + 96 = 119$$

where each number result is 1 less than a factorial number

$$1 = 2! - 1$$

$$5 = 3! - 1$$

$$23 = 4! - 1$$

$$119 = 5! - 1$$

Our proposition is:

$1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + 4 \times 4! + \dots + n \times n! = (n+1)! - 1$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n i \times i! = (n+1)! - 1 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

**c**  $\frac{1}{2!} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2! - 1}{2!}$

$$\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6} = \frac{3! - 1}{3!}$$

$$\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{3}{24} = \frac{23}{24} = \frac{4! - 1}{4!}$$

$$\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \frac{4}{5!} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{3}{24} + \frac{4}{120} = \frac{119}{120} = \frac{5! - 1}{5!}$$

Our proposition is:  $\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \frac{4}{5!} + \dots + \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = \frac{(n+1)! - 1}{(n+1)!}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i}{(i+1)!} = \frac{(n+1)! - 1}{(n+1)!} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

**d**  $\frac{1}{2 \times 5} = \frac{1}{10}$

$$\frac{1}{2 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 8} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{40} = \frac{5}{40} = \frac{1}{8} = \frac{2}{16}$$

$$\frac{1}{2 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 8} + \frac{1}{8 \times 11} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{40} + \frac{1}{88} = \frac{3}{22}$$

$$\frac{1}{2 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 8} + \frac{1}{8 \times 11} + \frac{1}{11 \times 14} = \frac{1}{7} = \frac{4}{28}$$

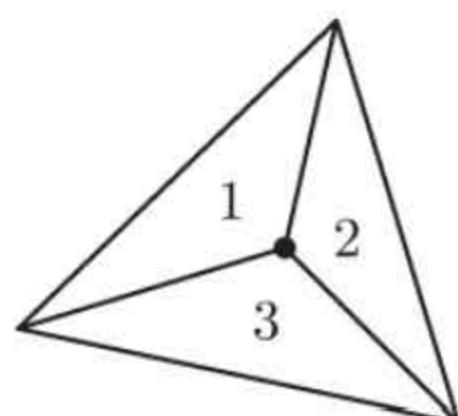
Our proposition is:

$$\frac{1}{2 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 8} + \frac{1}{8 \times 11} + \frac{1}{11 \times 14} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-1)(3n+2)} = \frac{n}{6n+4} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

{2, 5, 8, 11} are arithmetic with  $u_1 = 2$ ,  $d = 3 \therefore u_n = 2 + (n-1)3 = 3n - 1$

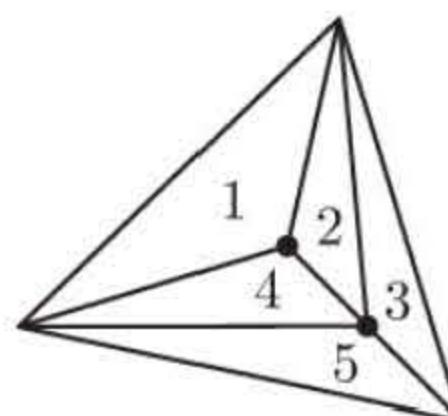
$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(3i-1)(3i+2)} = \frac{n}{6n+4} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

**4** For  $n = 1$



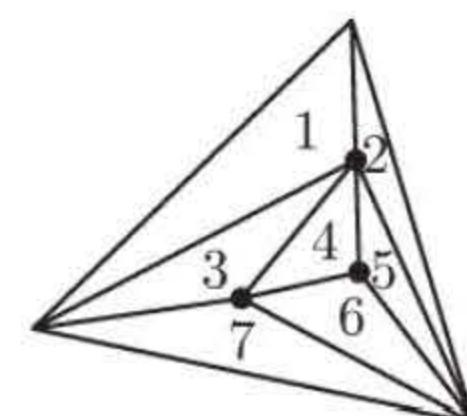
$$T_1 = 3 = 2 \times 1 + 1$$

For  $n = 2$



$$T_2 = 5 = 2 \times 2 + 1$$

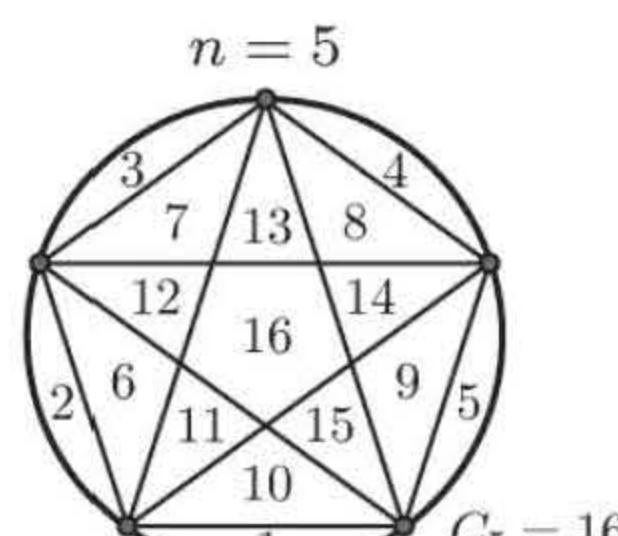
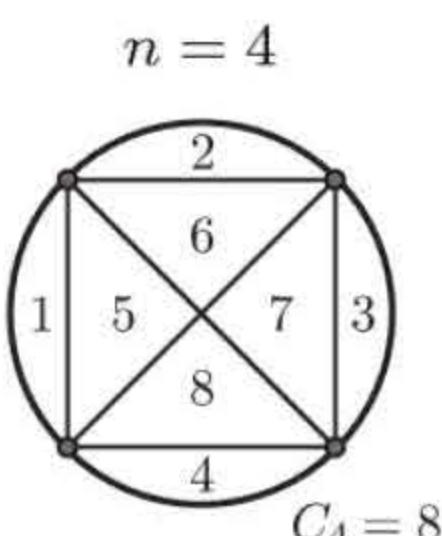
For  $n = 3$



$$T_3 = 7 = 2 \times 3 + 1$$

Our proposition is: The maximum number of triangles for  $n$  points within the original triangle is given by  $T_n = 2n + 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**5** **a**



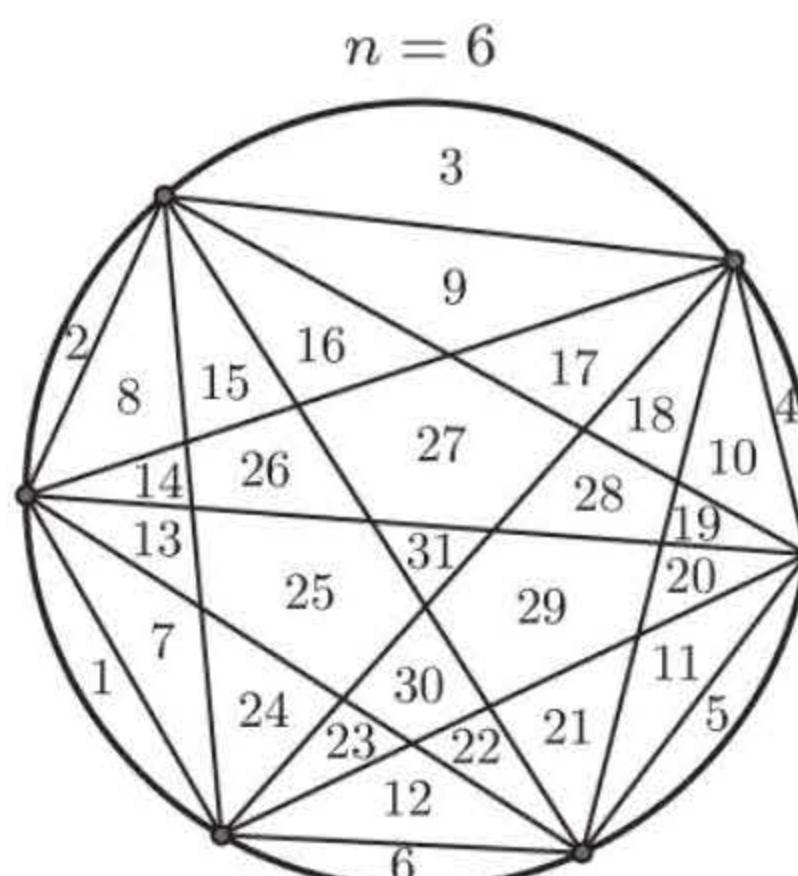
- b** When  $n = 1$ ,  $C_1 = 1 = 2^0 = 2^{1-1}$   
 $n = 2$ ,  $C_2 = 2 = 2^1 = 2^{2-1}$   
 $n = 3$ ,  $C_3 = 4 = 2^2 = 2^{3-1}$   
 $n = 4$ ,  $C_4 = 8 = 2^3 = 2^{4-1}$   
 $n = 5$ ,  $C_5 = 16 = 2^4 = 2^{5-1}$

So, from the cases  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ , our conjecture is:

The number of regions for  $n$  points placed around a circle is given by

$$C_n = 2^{n-1} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

**c**



By the conjecture we expect  $2^{6-1} = 2^5 = 32$  regions, but there are only 31.  
 So, we no longer believe the conjecture.

**EXERCISE 9B.1**

- 1 a** If  $n = 0$ ,  $3^n + 1 = 3^0 + 1 = 2$  which is divisible by 2.

$$3^n + 1 = (1+2)^n + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1^n + \binom{n}{1} 2 + \binom{n}{2} 2^2 + \binom{n}{3} 2^3 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} 2^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} 2^n + 1 \\ &= 2 + \binom{n}{1} 2 + \binom{n}{2} 2^2 + \binom{n}{3} 2^3 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} 2^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} 2^n \\ &= 2 \left( 1 + \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} 2 + \binom{n}{3} 2^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} 2^{n-2} + \binom{n}{n} 2^{n-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where the contents of the brackets is an integer.

$\therefore 3^n + 1$  is divisible by 2.

- b**  $P_n$  is:  $3^n + 1$  is divisible by 2 for all integers  $n \geq 0$ .

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 0$ ,  $3^0 + 1 = 2 = 1 \times 2 \therefore P_0$  is true.

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $3^k + 1 = 2A$  where  $A$  is an integer, and  $A \geq 1$ .

$$\text{Now } 3^{k+1} + 1 = 3^1 3^k + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3(2A - 1) + 1 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 6A - 3 + 1 \\ &= 6A - 2 \\ &= 2(3A - 1) \quad \text{where } 3A - 1 \text{ is an integer as } A \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $3^{k+1} + 1$  is divisible by 2 if  $3^k + 1$  is divisible by 2.

Since  $P_0$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all integers  $n \geq 0$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 2 a** If  $n = 0$ ,  $6^n - 1 = 6^0 - 1 = 0$  which is divisible by 5.

$$6^n - 1 = (5+1)^n - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 5^n + \binom{n}{1} 5^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2} 5^{n-2} + \binom{n}{3} 5^{n-3} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} 5 + 1^n - 1 \\ &= 5^n + \binom{n}{1} 5^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2} 5^{n-2} + \binom{n}{3} 5^{n-3} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} 5 \\ &= 5 \left( 5^{n-1} + \binom{n}{1} 5^{n-2} + \binom{n}{2} 5^{n-3} + \binom{n}{3} 5^{n-4} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where the contents of the brackets is an integer.

$\therefore 6^n - 1$  is divisible by 5.

- b**  $P_n$  is:  $6^n - 1$  is divisible by 5 for all integers  $n \geq 0$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 0$ ,  $6^0 - 1 = 0$  which is divisible by 5  $\therefore P_0$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $6^k - 1 = 5A$  where  $A \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{Now } 6^{k+1} - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 6^1 6^k - 1 \\ &= 6(5A + 1) - 1 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 30A + 6 - 1 \\ &= 30A + 5 \\ &= 5(6A + 1) \quad \text{where } 6A + 1 \text{ is an integer as } A \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $6^{k+1} - 1$  is divisible by 5 if  $6^k - 1$  is divisible by 5.

Since  $P_0$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all integers  $n \geq 0$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 3 a**  $P_n$  is:  $n^3 + 2n$  is divisible by 3 for all positive integers  $n$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $1^3 + 2(1) = 3$  which is divisible by 3
- (2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $k^3 + 2k = 3A$  where  $A \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } & (k+1)^3 + 2(k+1) \\ &= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 2k + 2 \\ &= (k^3 + 2k) + 3k^2 + 3k + 3 \\ &= 3A + 3k^2 + 3k + 3 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 3(A + k^2 + k + 1) \quad \text{where } A + k^2 + k + 1 \text{ is an integer} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{as } A \text{ and } k \text{ are integers} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1)$  is divisible by 3 if  $k^3 + 2k$  is divisible by 3.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all positive integers  $n$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- b**  $P_n$  is:  $n(n^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6 for all integers  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $1(1^2 + 5) = 1 \times 6 = 6$  which is divisible by 6  $\therefore P_1$  is true
- (2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $k(k^2 + 5) = 6A$  where  $A$  is an integer

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } & (k+1)[(k+1)^2 + 5] = (k+1)(k^2 + 2k + 1 + 5) \\ &= (k+1)(k^2 + 2k + 6) \\ &= k^3 + 2k^2 + 6k + k^2 + 2k + 6 \\ &= k^3 + 5k + [3k^2 + 3k + 6] \\ &= k(k^2 + 5) + 3k(k+1) + 6 \\ &= 6A + 6 + 3k(k+1) \end{aligned}$$

We notice that  $k(k+1)$  is the product of consecutive integers,  
one of which must be even  $\therefore k(k+1) = 2B$  where  $B \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\therefore (k+1)[(k+1)^2 + 5] = 6A + 6 + 3(2B)$

$$= 6(A + 1 + B) \text{ where } A + 1 + B \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus  $(k+1)[(k+1)^2 + 5]$  is divisible by 6 if  $k(k^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all integers  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- c**  $P_n$  is:  $7^n - 4^n - 3^n$  is divisible by 12 for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $7^1 - 4^1 - 3^1 = 0$  which is divisible by 12  $\therefore P_1$  is true
- (2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $7^k - 4^k - 3^k = 12A$  where  $A \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } & 7^{k+1} - 4^{k+1} - 3^{k+1} \\ &= 7(7^k) - 4(4^k) - 3(3^k) \\ &= 7[12A + 4^k + 3^k] - 4(4^k) - 3(3^k) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 84A + 7(4^k) + 7(3^k) - 4(4^k) - 3(3^k) \\ &= 84A + 3(4^k) + 4(3^k) \\ &= 84A + 3 \times 4 \times 4^{k-1} + 4 \times 3 \times 3^{k-1} \\ &= 12(7A + 4^{k-1} + 3^{k-1}) \text{ where } k \geq 2, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ &= 12 \times \text{an integer} \quad \{\text{as } 4^{k-1} \text{ and } 3^{k-1} \text{ are integers}\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $7^{k+1} - 4^{k+1} - 3^{k+1}$  is divisible by 12 if  $7^k - 4^k - 3^k$  is divisible by 12.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**EXERCISE 9B.2**

- 1 a**  $P_n$  is:  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 1 \text{ and RHS} = \frac{1(2)}{2} = 1, \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true then } 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus } 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + k + (k+1)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + k+1 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{2(k+1)}{2} \quad \{\text{to equalise denominators}\}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad \{\text{common factor of } \frac{(k+1)}{2}\}$$

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

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- b**  $P_n$  is:  $1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 1 \times 2 = 2 \text{ and RHS} = \frac{1(2)(3)}{3} = 2, \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

(2) If  $P_k$  is true then

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

$$\therefore 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + \frac{3(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \quad \{\text{to equalise denominators}\}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3} \quad \{\text{common factor of } (k+1)(k+2)\}$$

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

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- c**  $P_n$  is:  $3 \times 5 + 6 \times 6 + 9 \times 7 + 12 \times 8 + \dots + 3n(n+4) = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+13)}{2}$   
for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 3 \times 5 = 15, \text{ RHS} = \frac{1 \times 2 \times (2+13)}{2} = 15, \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then

$$3 \times 5 + 6 \times 6 + 9 \times 7 + \dots + 3k(k+4) = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+13)}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } & 3 \times 5 + 6 \times 6 + 9 \times 7 + \dots + 3k(k+4) + 3(k+1)(k+5) \\
 &= \frac{k(k+1)(2k+13)}{2} + 3(k+1)(k+5) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\
 &= \frac{k(k+1)(2k+13)}{2} + \frac{6(k+1)(k+5)}{2} \quad \{\text{to equalise denominators}\} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)[k(2k+13) + 6(k+5)]}{2} \quad \{\text{common factor}\} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)[2k^2 + 19k + 30]}{2} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+15)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)([k+1]+1)(2[k+1]+13)}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- d**  $P_n$  is:  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 1^3 = 1, \text{ RHS} = \frac{1^2(2)^2}{4} = 1 \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 = \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4}$$

$$\text{Now } 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\
 &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + \frac{4(k+1)^3}{4} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2[k^2 + 4(k+1)]}{4} \quad \{\text{common factor}\} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2(k^2 + 4k + 4)}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 2 a** The sum of the first  $n$  odd numbers  $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + 2n - 1$  is the sum of the first  $n$  terms of an arithmetic series.

$$u_1 = 1, d = 2. \therefore u_n = u_1 + (n-1)d = 1 + 2(n-1) = 2n - 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Thus } S_n &= \frac{n}{2}(2u_1 + (n-1)d) \\
 &= \frac{n}{2}(2 \times 1 + 2(n-1)) \\
 &= \frac{n}{2}(2 + 2n - 2) \\
 &= \frac{n}{2}(2n) \\
 &= n^2
 \end{aligned}$$

So, the sum of the first  $n$  odd numbers is  $n^2$ .

- b**  $P_n$  is:  $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ , LHS = 1, RHS =  $1^2 = 1$   $\therefore P_1$  is true.
- (2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2k - 1) = k^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2k - 1) &+ [2(k + 1) - 1] \\ &= k^2 + [2(k + 1) - 1] \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= k^2 + 2k + 2 - 1 \\ &= k^2 + 2k + 1 \\ &= (k + 1)^2\end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 3**  $P_n$  is:  $1 \times 2^0 + 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 2^2 + 4 \times 2^3 + \dots + n \times 2^{n-1} = (n - 1) \times 2^n + 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ , LHS = 1, RHS =  $(0)2^0 + 1 = 1$ ,  $\therefore P_1$  is true
- (2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $1 \times 2^0 + 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 2^2 + 4 \times 2^3 + \dots + k \times 2^{k-1} = (k - 1)2^k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } 1 \times 2^0 + 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 2^2 + 4 \times 2^3 + \dots + k \times 2^{k-1} &+ (k + 1)2^k \\ &= (k - 1)2^k + 1 + (k + 1)2^k \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 2^k(k - 1 + k + 1) + 1 \\ &= 2^k(2k) + 1 \\ &= k2^{k+1} + 1\end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 4 a**  $P_n$  is:  $\frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ , LHS =  $\frac{1}{1 \times 2} = \frac{1}{2}$ , RHS =  $\frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2} \therefore P_1$  is true

- (2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $\frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \frac{k}{k+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } \frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} &+ \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= \frac{k}{k+1} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= \frac{k}{k+1} \left( \frac{k+2}{k+2} \right) + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\} \\ &= \frac{k(k+2)+1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= \frac{k^2+2k+1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)^2}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= \frac{k+1}{k+2} = \frac{k+1}{(k+1)+1}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**b**  $\frac{1}{10 \times 11} + \frac{1}{11 \times 12} + \frac{1}{12 \times 13} + \dots + \frac{1}{20 \times 21} = S_{20} - S_9 = \frac{20}{21} - \frac{9}{10} = \frac{11}{210}$

**c**  $P_n$  is:  $\frac{1}{1 \times 2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3 \times 4} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4 \times 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$   
for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , LHS =  $\frac{1}{1 \times 2 \times 3} = \frac{1}{6}$ , RHS =  $\frac{1(4)}{4(2)(3)} = \frac{1}{6}$   $\therefore P_1$  is true.

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3 \times 4} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4 \times 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)} = \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+1)(k+2)}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{1 \times 2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3 \times 4} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4 \times 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\ &= \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+1)(k+2)} \left( \frac{k+3}{k+3} \right) + \frac{4}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\} \\ &= \frac{k(k+3)^2 + 4}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\ &= \frac{k(k^2 + 6k + 9) + 4}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\ &= \frac{k^3 + 6k^2 + 9k + 4}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \quad -1 \begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & 6 & 9 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & -1 & -5 & -4 \\ \hline & 1 & 5 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k^2 + 5k + 4)}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+4)}{4(k+2)(k+3)} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)([k+1]+3)}{4([k+1]+1)([k+1]+2)} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**5 a**  $P_n$  is:  $1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots + n \times n! = (n+1)! - 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , LHS =  $1 \times 1!$  RHS =  $2! - 1$   
 $= 1 \times 1$   $= 2 - 1$   
 $= 1$   $= 1$   $\therefore P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots + k \times k! = (k+1)! - 1$

Now  $1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots + k \times k! + (k+1)(k+1)!$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (k+1)! - 1 + (k+1)(k+1)! \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= (k+1)!(1+k+1) - 1 \\ &= (k+1)!(k+2) - 1 \\ &= (k+2)! - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**b**  $P_n$  is:  $\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots + \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = \frac{(n+1)! - 1}{(n+1)!}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , LHS =  $\frac{1}{2!} = \frac{1}{2}$ , RHS =  $\frac{2! - 1}{2!} = \frac{2 - 1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$   $\therefore P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots + \frac{k}{(k+1)!} = \frac{(k+1)! - 1}{(k+1)!}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } & \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots + \frac{k}{(k+1)!} + \frac{k+1}{(k+2)!} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)! - 1}{(k+1)!} + \frac{k+1}{(k+2)!} \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= \left(\frac{k+2}{k+2}\right) \left[\frac{(k+1)! - 1}{(k+1)!}\right] + \frac{k+1}{(k+2)!} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\} \\ &= \frac{(k+2)! - (k+2) + k+1}{(k+2)!} \\ &= \frac{(k+2)! - k - 2 + k + 1}{(k+2)!} \\ &= \frac{(k+2)! - 1}{(k+2)!} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**c**  $\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots + \frac{9}{10!} = \frac{10! - 1}{10!} = \frac{3628799}{3628800}$

**6**  $P_n$  is:  $1 \times n + 2 \times (n-1) + 3 \times (n-2) + \dots + (n-1) \times 2 + n \times 1 = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{6}$   
for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , LHS =  $1 \times 1 = 1$ , RHS =  $\frac{1(2)(3)}{6} = 1$   $\therefore P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $1 \times k + 2(k-1) + 3(k-2) + \dots + (k-1)2 + k \times 1 = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{6}$

Now  $1(k+1) + 2(k) + 3(k-1) + \dots + k2 + (k+1)1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1(k) + 2(k-1) + 3(k-2) + \dots + k1 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k + k + 1 \\ &\quad \{\text{using the hint}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{6} + \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad \{\text{using } P_k \text{ and the sum of an arithmetic series}\}$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{6} + \frac{3(k+1)(k+2)}{6} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{6}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**7 a**  $P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = 5$  and  $u_{n+1} = u_n + 8n + 5$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $u_n = 4n^2 + n$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $u_1 = 4(1)^2 + 1 = 5$  which is true and so  $P_1$  is true.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } u_k &= 4k^2 + k \text{ and } u_{k+1} = u_k + 8k + 5 \\
 &= 4k^2 + k + 8k + 5 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\
 &= 4(k^2 + 2k + 1) + k + 1 \\
 &= 4(k+1)^2 + (k+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is also true.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- b**  $P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = 1$  and  $u_{n+1} = 2 + 3u_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $u_n = 2(3^{n-1}) - 1$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, u_1 = 2(3^{1-1}) - 1 = 1 \text{ which is true and so } P_1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } u_k &= 2(3^{k-1}) - 1 \text{ and } u_{k+1} = 2 + 3u_k \\
 &= 2 + 3(2[3^{k-1}] - 1) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\
 &= 2 + 2 \times 3^k - 3 \\
 &= 2(3^k) - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is also true.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- c**  $P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = 2$  and  $u_{n+1} = \frac{u_n}{2(n+1)}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $u_n = \frac{2^{2-n}}{n!}$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, u_1 = \frac{2^{2-1}}{1!} = 2^1 = 2 \text{ which is true and so } P_1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } u_k &= \frac{2^{2-k}}{k!} \text{ and } u_{k+1} = \frac{u_k}{2(k+1)} = \frac{2^{2-k}}{k! 2(k+1)} \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\
 &= \frac{2^{2-k-1}}{(k+1)k!} \\
 &= \frac{2^{2-(k+1)}}{(k+1)!}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is also true.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- d**  $P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = 1$  and  $u_{n+1} = u_n + (-1)^n(n+1)^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$\text{then } u_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}n(n+1)}{2}$$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, u_1 = \frac{(-1)^0 \times 1 \times 2}{2} = 1 \text{ which is true and so } P_1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } u_k &= \frac{(-1)^{k-1}k(k+1)}{2} \\
 \text{and } u_{k+1} &= u_k + (-1)^k(k+1)^2 \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{k-1}k(k+1)}{2} + (-1)^k(k+1)^2 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{k-1}k(k+1) + 2(-1)^k(k+1)^2}{2} \\
 &= \frac{2(-1)^k(k+1)^2 - (-1)^k k(k+1)}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore u_{k+1} &= \frac{(-1)^k(k+1)[2(k+1)-k]}{2} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^k(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad \therefore P_{k+1} \text{ is also true.}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**8 a**  $u_1 = 1 = 1^2$

$$u_2 = u_1 + 2(1) + 1 = 1 + 2 + 1 = 4 = 2^2$$

$$u_3 = u_2 + 2(2) + 1 = 4 + 4 + 1 = 9 = 3^2$$

$$u_4 = u_3 + 2(3) + 1 = 9 + 6 + 1 = 16 = 4^2$$

We conjecture that  $u_n = n^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**b**  $P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = 1$  and  $u_{n+1} = u_n + (2n+1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $u_n = n^2$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , then  $u_1 = 1 = 1^2$ , so  $P_1$  is true.

$$\begin{aligned}(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } u_k &= k^2 \text{ and } u_{k+1} = u_k + (2k+1) \\ &= k^2 + 2k + 1 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= (k+1)^2 \quad \therefore P_{k+1} \text{ is also true.}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**9 a**  $u_1 = \frac{1}{3} \quad u_2 = u_1 + \frac{1}{(2(1)+1)(2(1)+3)} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} = \frac{5+1}{15} = \frac{6}{15} = \frac{2}{5}$

$$u_3 = u_2 + \frac{1}{(2(2)+1)(2(2)+3)} = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} = \frac{14+1}{35} = \frac{15}{35} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$u_4 = u_3 + \frac{1}{(2(3)+1)(2(3)+3)} = \frac{3}{7} + \frac{1}{7 \times 9} = \frac{27+1}{63} = \frac{28}{63} = \frac{4}{9}$$

We conjecture that  $u_n = \frac{n}{2n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**b**  $P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $u_{n+1} = u_n + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+3)}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $u_n = \frac{n}{2n+1}$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , then  $u_1 = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2(1)+1}$ , so  $P_1$  is true.

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $u_k = \frac{k}{2k+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and } u_{k+1} &= u_k + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \\ &= \frac{k}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= \frac{k(2k+3)+1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \\ &= \frac{2k^2+3k+1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \\ &= \frac{(2k+1)(k+1)}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \\ &= \frac{k+1}{2(k+1)+1} \quad \therefore P_{k+1} \text{ is also true.}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**10 a**  $(2 + \sqrt{3})^1 = 2 + \sqrt{3}$   $\therefore A_1 = 2, B_1 = 1$

$$(2 + \sqrt{3})^2 = 4 + 4\sqrt{3} + 3 \\ = 7 + 4\sqrt{3} \quad \therefore A_2 = 7, B_2 = 4$$

$$(2 + \sqrt{3})^3 = (7 + 4\sqrt{3})(2 + \sqrt{3}) \\ = 14 + 7\sqrt{3} + 8\sqrt{3} + 4(3) \\ = 26 + 15\sqrt{3} \quad \therefore A_3 = 26, B_3 = 15$$

$$(2 + \sqrt{3})^4 = (7 + 4\sqrt{3})^2 \\ = 49 + 56\sqrt{3} + 16(3) \\ = 97 + 56\sqrt{3} \quad \therefore A_4 = 97, B_4 = 56$$

**b**  $(2 + \sqrt{3})^n = A_n + B_n\sqrt{3}$

$$\therefore (2 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} = (2 + \sqrt{3})^n (2 + \sqrt{3}) \\ = (A_n + B_n\sqrt{3})(2 + \sqrt{3}) \\ = 2A_n + A_n\sqrt{3} + 2B_n\sqrt{3} + B_n(3) \\ = 2A_n + 3B_n + (A_n + 2B_n)\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore A_{n+1} = 2A_n + 3B_n, B_{n+1} = A_n + 2B_n$$

**c**  $A_1^2 - 3B_1^2 = 2^2 - 3(1)^2 = 4 - 3 = 1$

$$A_2^2 - 3B_2^2 = 7^2 - 3(4)^2 = 49 - 3 \times 16 = 1$$

$$A_3^2 - 3B_3^2 = 26^2 - 3(15)^2 = 676 - 3 \times 225 = 1$$

$$A_4^2 - 3B_4^2 = 97^2 - 3(56)^2 = 9409 - 3 \times 3136 = 1$$

$\therefore$  we conjecture  $(A_n)^2 - 3(B_n)^2 = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**d**  $P_n$  is: if  $(2 + \sqrt{3})^n = A_n + B_n\sqrt{3}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $A_n^2 - 3B_n^2 = 1$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $A_1 = 2$ ,  $B_1 = 1$ , and  $A_1^2 - 3B_1^2 = 2^2 - 3(1)^2 = 1$ , so  $P_1$  is true.

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $A_k^2 - 3B_k^2 = 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} A_{k+1}^2 - 3B_{k+1}^2 &= (2A_k + 3B_k)^2 - 3(A_k + 2B_k)^2 \quad \{\text{using b}\} \\ &= 4A_k^2 + 12A_kB_k + 9B_k^2 - 3(A_k^2 + 4A_kB_k + 4B_k^2) \\ &= 4A_k^2 + \cancel{12A_kB_k} + 9B_k^2 - 3A_k^2 - \cancel{12A_kB_k} - 12B_k^2 \\ &= A_k^2 - 3B_k^2 \\ &= 1 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**11**  $P_n$  is:  $\frac{2^n - (-1)^n}{3}$  is an odd number for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $\frac{2^1 - (-1)^1}{3} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$  which is odd  $\therefore P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $\frac{2^k - (-1)^k}{3} = 2A + 1$  where  $A \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \frac{2^{k+1} - (-1)^{k+1}}{3} &= \frac{2(2^k) - (-1)^{k+1}}{3} \\ &= \frac{2[6A + 3 + (-1)^k] - (-1)^{k+1}}{3} \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \frac{2^{k+1} - (-1)^{k+1}}{3} &= \frac{12A + 6 + 2(-1)^k - (-1)(-1)^k}{3} \\&= \frac{12A + 6 + 2(-1)^k + (-1)^k}{3} \\&= \frac{12A + 6 + 3(-1)^k}{3} \\&= 4A + 2 + (-1)^k\end{aligned}$$

Now  $4A + 2$  is always even and  $(-1)^k$  is either  $+1$  or  $-1$

$\therefore 4A + 2 + (-1)^k$  is odd

$\therefore \frac{2^{k+1} - (-1)^{k+1}}{3}$  is odd

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 12 a**  $P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = 11$ ,  $u_2 = 37$ , and  $u_{n+2} = 5u_{n+1} - 6u_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  
then  $u_n = 5(3^n) - 2^{n+1}$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $5(3^1) - 2^{1+1} = 15 - 2^2 = 11 = u_1$ , so  $P_1$  is true.

If  $n = 2$ ,  $5(3^2) - 2^{2+1} = 5 \times 9 - 2^3 = 37 = u_2$ , so  $P_2$  is true.

(2) If  $P_k$  and  $P_{k+1}$  are true, then  $u_k = 5(3^k) - 2^{k+1}$  and  $u_{k+1} = 5(3^{k+1}) - 2^{k+2}$   
and  $u_{k+2} = 5u_{k+1} - 6u_k$

$$\begin{aligned}&= 5[5(3^{k+1}) - 2^{k+2}] - 6[5(3^k) - 2^{k+1}] \quad \{\text{using } P_k \text{ and } P_{k+1}\} \\&= 25(3^{k+1}) - 5(2^{k+2}) - 30(3^k) + 6(2^{k+1}) \\&= 25(3^{k+1}) - 5(2^{k+2}) - 10(3^{k+1}) + 3(2^{k+2}) \\&= 15(3^{k+1}) - 2(2^{k+2}) \\&= 5(3^{k+2}) - 2^{k+3} \quad \therefore P_{k+2} \text{ is true.}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are true, and  $P_{k+2}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  and  $P_{k+1}$  are true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**b**

$$\begin{aligned}u_{n+2} &= au_{n+1} + bu_n \\ \therefore (3 + \sqrt{5})^{n+2} + (3 - \sqrt{5})^{n+2} &= a[(3 + \sqrt{5})^{n+1} + (3 - \sqrt{5})^{n+1}] \\ &\quad + b[(3 + \sqrt{5})^n + (3 - \sqrt{5})^n]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore (3 + \sqrt{5})^2 (3 + \sqrt{5})^n + (3 - \sqrt{5})^2 (3 - \sqrt{5})^n &= a[(3 + \sqrt{5})(3 + \sqrt{5})^n \\ &\quad + (3 - \sqrt{5})(3 - \sqrt{5})^n] \\ &\quad + b[(3 + \sqrt{5})^n + (3 - \sqrt{5})^n]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore (14 + 6\sqrt{5})(3 + \sqrt{5})^n + (14 - 6\sqrt{5})(3 - \sqrt{5})^n &= (3a + a\sqrt{5})(3 + \sqrt{5})^n \\ &\quad + (3a - a\sqrt{5})(3 - \sqrt{5})^n \\ &\quad + b(3 + \sqrt{5})^n + b(3 - \sqrt{5})^n\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (14 + 6\sqrt{5})(3 + \sqrt{5})^n + (14 - 6\sqrt{5})(3 - \sqrt{5})^n = (3a + b + a\sqrt{5})(3 + \sqrt{5})^n \\ + (3a + b - a\sqrt{5})(3 - \sqrt{5})^n$$

Equating coefficients of  $(3 + \sqrt{5})^n$ ,  $14 + 6\sqrt{5} = 3a + b + a\sqrt{5}$

Equating rational and irrational parts,

$$3a + b = 14 \quad \text{and} \quad a = 6$$

$$\therefore a = 6 \quad \text{and} \quad b = -4 \quad \{\text{this checks with the coefficients of } (3 - \sqrt{5})^n\}$$

$$\therefore u_{n+2} = 6u_{n+1} - 4u_n$$

$P_n$  is: if  $u_n = (3 + \sqrt{5})^n + (3 - \sqrt{5})^n$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $u_n$  is a multiple of  $2^n$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, u_1 = (3 + \sqrt{5}) + (3 - \sqrt{5}) \\ = 6 \text{ which is a multiple of } 2^1 = 2, \text{ so } P_1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } n = 2, u_2 &= (3 + \sqrt{5})^2 + (3 - \sqrt{5})^2 \\ &= 9 + 6\cancel{\sqrt{5}} + 5 + 9 - 6\cancel{\sqrt{5}} + 5 \\ &= 28 \text{ which is a multiple of } 2^2 = 4, \text{ so } P_2 \text{ is true.} \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ and } P_{k+1} \text{ are true, then } u_k = A \times 2^k, \text{ where } A \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \text{and } u_{k+1} = B \times 2^{k+1}, \text{ where } B \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } u_{k+2} &= 6u_{k+1} - 4u_k \quad \{\text{using the above result}\} \\ &= 6(B \times 2^{k+1}) - 4(A \times 2^k) \\ &= 3B \times 2^{k+2} - A \times 2^{k+2} \\ &= (3B - A) \times 2^{k+2} \end{aligned}$$

which is a multiple of  $2^{k+2}$  since  $3B - A \in \mathbb{Z}$  {as  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$ }  
 $\therefore P_{k+2}$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are true, and  $P_{k+2}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  and  $P_{k+1}$  are true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

### EXERCISE 9B.3

**1 a**  $P_n$  is:  $(1 - \frac{1}{2})(1 - \frac{1}{3})(1 - \frac{1}{4}) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{n+1}) = \frac{1}{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

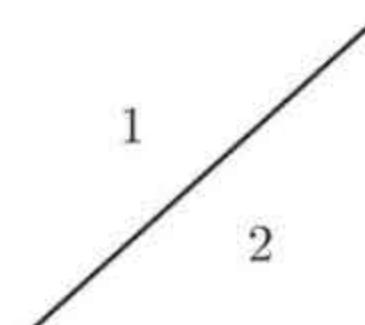
$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = (1 - \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ RHS} = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2} \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } (1 - \frac{1}{2})(1 - \frac{1}{3})(1 - \frac{1}{4}) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{k+1}) = \frac{1}{k+1}$$

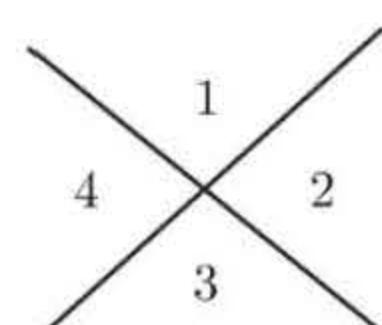
$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (1 - \frac{1}{2})(1 - \frac{1}{3})(1 - \frac{1}{4}) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{k+1}) &(1 - \frac{1}{k+2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{k+1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k+2}\right) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= \frac{1}{k+1} \left(\frac{k+2-1}{k+2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{k+1} \left(\frac{k+1}{k+2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{k+2} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

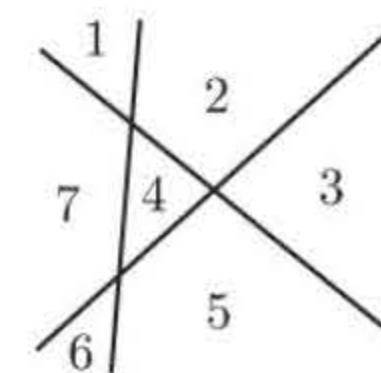
**b**



1 line,  $R_1 = 2$



2 lines,  $R_2 = 4$



3 lines,  $R_3 = 7$ , and so on.

$P_n$  is: For  $n$  lines as described,  $R_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, R_1 = \frac{1(2)}{2} + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2 \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

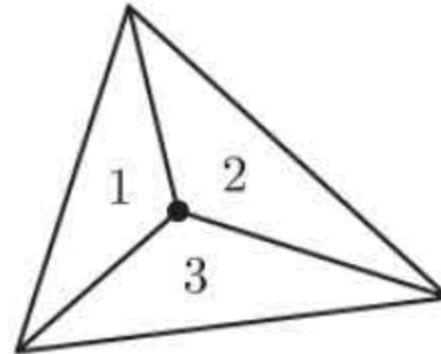
$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } R_k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + 1$$

The addition of another line creates another  $k+1$  regions

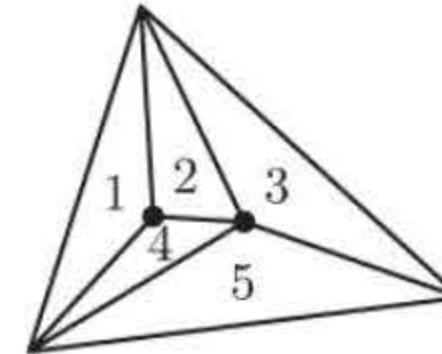
$$\begin{aligned} \therefore R_{k+1} &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + 1 + k + 1 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{2(k+1)}{2} + 1 \\ &= \frac{k^2 + k + 2k + 2}{2} + 1 \\ &= \frac{k^2 + 3k + 2}{2} + 1 \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

C



$$n = 1, T_1 = 3$$



$$n = 2, T_2 = 5$$

$P_n$  is: For  $n$  points inside the triangle (as described) there are  $T_n = 2n + 1$  triangular partitions for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, T_1 = 2(1) + 1 = 3 \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

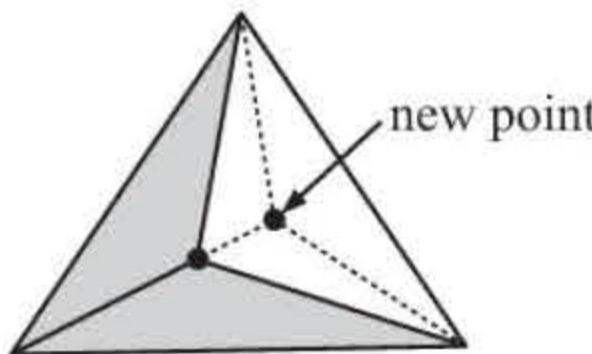
$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } T_k = 2k + 1$$

Adding an extra point within the triangle gives the  $(k+1)$ th case.

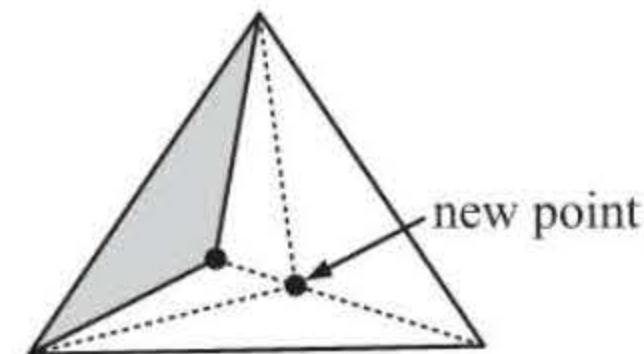
This point could be either

- in an existing triangle      or

- on an existing line between 2 triangles



So, 1 triangle becomes 3,  
a net increase of 2.



So, 2 triangles become 4,  
a net increase of 2.

In each case 2 triangles are added

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore T_{k+1} &= T_k + 2 \\ &= 2k + 1 + 2 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 2(k+1) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- d**  $P_n$  is:  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2n}$  for all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 2, \quad \text{LHS} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{RHS} = \frac{2+1}{2(2)} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \therefore P_2 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2}\right) = \frac{k+1}{2k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } & \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{k+1}{2k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}\right) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= \frac{k+1}{2k} \left(\frac{(k+1)^2 - 1}{(k+1)^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{k+1}{2k} \left(\frac{k^2 + 2k + 1 - 1}{(k+1)^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{k^2 + 2k}{2k(k+1)} \\ &= \frac{k(k+2)}{2k(k+1)} \\ &= \frac{k+2}{2(k+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_2$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 2 a**  $P_n$  is:  $3^n \geq 1 + 2n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 0, \text{ we have } 3^0 \geq 1 + 2(0) \quad \therefore 1 \geq 1 \text{ which is true} \quad \therefore P_0 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 3^k \geq 1 + 2k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } 3^{k+1} &= 3^k \times 3 \geq (1 + 2k) \times 3 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &\geq 3 + 6k \\ &\geq 3 + 2k \quad \{k \geq 0\} \\ &\geq 1 + 2(k+1) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true.

Since  $P_0$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- b**  $P_n$  is:  $n! \geq 2^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 4$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 4, \text{ we have } 4! \geq 2^4$$

$$\therefore 24 \geq 16 \text{ which is true} \quad \therefore P_4 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true then } k! \geq 2^k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (k+1)! &= (k+1) \times k! \geq (k+1) \times 2^k \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &\geq 2 \times 2^k \quad \{k \geq 4\} \\ &\geq 2^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true.

Since  $P_4$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 4$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- c)  $P_n$  is:  $8^n \geq n^3$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ , we have  $8^1 \geq 1^3$

$$\therefore 8 \geq 1 \text{ which is true, so } P_1 \text{ is true}$$

- (2) If  $P_k$  is true then  $8^k \geq k^3$

$$\text{Now } 8^{k+1} = 8 \times 8^k \geq 8 \times k^3 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$\geq (2k)^3$$

$$\geq (k+1)^3 \quad \{k \geq 1, \text{ so } 2k \geq k+1\}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- d)  $P_n$  is:  $(1-h)^n \leq \frac{1}{1+nh}$  for  $0 \leq h \leq 1$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ , we have  $(1-h) \leq \frac{1}{1+h}$

$$\therefore (1-h)(1+h) \leq 1 \quad \{1+h \geq 0\}$$

$$\therefore 1-h^2 \leq 1$$

$\therefore h^2 \geq 0$  which is true for  $0 \leq h \leq 1$ , so  $P_1$  is true

- (2) If  $P_k$  is true then  $(1-h)^k \leq \frac{1}{1+kh}$  for  $0 \leq h \leq 1$

$$\text{Now } (1-h)^{k+1} = (1-h)(1-h)^k$$

$$\therefore (1-h)^{k+1} \leq (1-h) \left( \frac{1}{1+kh} \right) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$\therefore (1-h)^{k+1} \leq \left( \frac{1-h}{1+kh} \right) \times \left( \frac{1+kh+h}{1+kh+h} \right)$$

$$\therefore (1-h)^{k+1} \leq \frac{1+kh+h-h-kh^2-h^2}{(1+kh)(1+kh+h)}$$

$$\therefore (1-h)^{k+1} \leq \frac{(1+kh)-(kh^2+h^2)}{(1+kh)(1+(k+1)h)}$$

$$\therefore (1-h)^{k+1} \leq \frac{1-\frac{kh^2+h^2}{1+kh}}{1+(k+1)h}$$

$$\therefore (1-h)^{k+1} \leq \frac{1}{1+(k+1)h} \quad \{k, h \geq 0, \text{ so } \frac{kh^2+h^2}{1+kh} \geq 0\}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 3 a)  $P_n$  is:  $(z_1 + z_2 + \dots + z_n)^* = z_1^* + z_2^* + \dots + z_n^*$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and complex  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $(z_1)^* = z_1^* \therefore P_1$  is true

- (2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $(z_1 + z_2 + \dots + z_k)^* = z_1^* + z_2^* + \dots + z_k^*$

$$\text{Now } (z_1 + z_2 + \dots + z_k + z_{k+1})^*$$

$$= ((z_1 + z_2 + \dots + z_k) + z_{k+1})^*$$

$$= (z_1 + z_2 + \dots + z_k)^* + z_{k+1}^* \quad \{\text{using } (z_1 + z_2)^* = z_1^* + z_2^*\}$$

$$= z_1^* + z_2^* + \dots + z_k^* + z_{k+1}^* \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- b**  $P_n$  is:  $(z_1 z_2 \dots z_n)^* = z_1^* z_2^* \dots z_n^*$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and complex  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, (z_1)^* = z_1^* \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } (z_1 z_2 \dots z_k)^* = z_1^* z_2^* \dots z_k^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (z_1 z_2 \dots z_k z_{k+1})^* &= ((z_1 z_2 \dots z_k) z_{k+1})^* \\ &= (z_1 z_2 \dots z_k)^* z_{k+1}^* \quad \{\text{using } (z_1 z_2)^* = z_1^* z_2^*\} \\ &= z_1^* z_2^* \dots z_k^* z_{k+1}^* \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- c**  $P_n$  is:  $(z_n)^* = (z^*)^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and complex  $z$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, (z^1)^* = z^* = (z^*)^1 \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } (z^k)^* = (z^*)^k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (z^{k+1})^* &= (zz^k)^* \\ &= z^*(z^k)^* \quad \{\text{using } (z_1 z_2)^* = z_1^* z_2^*\} \\ &= z^*(z^*)^k \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= (z^*)^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

## REVIEW SET 9A

- 1**  $P_n$  is:  $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 1 \text{ and RHS} = 1^2 = 1 \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2k - 1) = k^2$$

$$\therefore 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2k - 1) + (2[k + 1] - 1)$$

$$= k^2 + 2k + 2 - 1 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= k^2 + 2k + 1$$

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

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 2**  $P_n$  is:  $7^n + 2$  is divisible by 3 for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, 7^1 + 2 = 9 \text{ which is divisible by 3} \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 7^k + 2 = 3A \text{ where } A \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore 7^{k+1} + 2 = 7 \times 7^k + 2$$

$$= 7(3A - 2) + 2 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= 21A - 14 + 2$$

$$= 21A - 12$$

$$= 3(7A - 4) \text{ where } 7A - 4 \text{ is an integer as } A \text{ is an integer}$$

$$\therefore 7^{k+1} + 2 \text{ is divisible by 3}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 3**  $P_n$  is:  $1 \times 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 3 \times 4 + 3 \times 4 \times 5 + \dots + n(n+1)(n+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$   
for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 1 \times 2 \times 3 = 6, \text{ RHS} = \frac{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4}{4} = 6 \quad \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

- (2) If  $P_k$  is true, then

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

$$\therefore 1 \times 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 3 \times 4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2) + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} + \frac{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\}$$

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

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 4**  $P_n$  is:  $1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{n-1} = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, r \neq 1$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 1 \text{ and RHS} = \frac{1 - r}{1 - r} = 1 \text{ as } r \neq 1 \quad \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{k-1} = \frac{1 - r^k}{1 - r}$$

$$\text{Now } 1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{k-1} + r^k = \frac{1 - r^k}{1 - r} + r^k \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= \frac{1 - r^k}{1 - r} + r^k \left( \frac{1 - r}{1 - r} \right) \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\}$$

$$= \frac{1 - r^k + r^k - r^{k+1}}{1 - r}$$

$$= \frac{1 - r^{k+1}}{1 - r}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 5**  $P_n$  is:  $5^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 24 for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, 5^2 - 1 = 25 - 1 = 24 \text{ is divisible by 24} \quad \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 5^{2k} - 1 = 24A \text{ where } A \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Now } 5^{2(k+1)} - 1 = 5^{2k}5^2 - 1$$

$$= 25[24A + 1] - 1 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= 25 \times 24A + 25 - 1$$

$$= 25 \times 24A + 24$$

$$= 24(25A + 1) \text{ where } 25A + 1 \text{ is an integer}$$

$$\therefore 5^{2(k+1)} - 1 \text{ is divisible by 24}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 6**  $P_n$  is:  $5^n \geq 1 + 4n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ we have } 5^1 \geq 1 + 4(1) \\ \therefore 5 \geq 5 \text{ which is true, so } P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 5^k \geq 1 + 4k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } 5^{k+1} &= 5 \times 5^k \geq 5 \times (1 + 4k) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &\geq 5 + 20k \\ &\geq 5 + 4k \quad \{k \geq 0\} \\ &\geq 1 + 4(k + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 7**  $P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = 1$  and  $u_{n+1} = 3u_n + 2^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $u_n = 3^n - 2^n$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, u_1 = 1 = 3^1 - 2^1, \text{ so } P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } u_k = 3^k - 2^k \text{ and } u_{k+1} &= 3u_k + 2^k \\ &= 3(3^k - 2^k) + 2^k \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 3^{k+1} - 3 \times 2^k + 2^k \\ &= 3^{k+1} - 2 \times 2^k \\ &= 3^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

## REVIEW SET 9B

- 1**  $P_n$  is:  $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + 7^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n(2n+1)(2n-1)}{3}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 1^2 = 1, \text{ RHS} = \frac{1 \times 3 \times 1}{3} = 1 \quad \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 = \frac{k(2k+1)(2k-1)}{3}$$

$$\therefore 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 + (2k+1)^2$$

$$= \frac{k(2k+1)(2k-1)}{3} + (2k+1)^2 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= \frac{k(2k+1)(2k-1)}{3} + \frac{3(2k+1)^2}{3} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\}$$

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

$$= \frac{(2k+1)[2k^2 - k + 6k + 3]}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(2k+1)(2k^2 + 5k + 3)}{3}$$

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

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

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 2**  $P_n$  is:  $3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$  is divisible by 64 for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $3^4 - 8 - 9 = 81 - 17 = 64$  which is divisible by 64  $\therefore P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 = 64A$  where  $A \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } & 3^{2(k+1)+2} - 8(k+1) - 9 \\ &= 3^{2k+2} \times 3^2 - 8k - 8 - 9 \\ &= 9[64A + 8k + 9] - 8k - 17 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 9 \times 64A + 72k + 81 - 8k - 17 \\ &= 9 \times 64A + 64k + 64 \\ &= 64(9A + k + 1) \text{ where } 9A + k + 1 \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ as } A, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \therefore & 3^{2(k+1)+2} - 8(k+1) - 9 \text{ is divisible by 64} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 3**  $P_n$  is:  $3 + 5 \times 2 + 7 \times 2^2 + 9 \times 2^3 + \dots + (2n+1)2^{n-1} = 1 + (2n-1) \times 2^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , LHS = 3 and RHS =  $1 + 1 \times 2^1 = 1 + 2 = 3 \therefore P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $3 + 5 \times 2 + 7 \times 2^2 + 9 \times 2^3 + \dots + (2k+1)2^{k-1} = 1 + (2k-1) \times 2^k$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore & 3 + 5 \times 2 + 7 \times 2^2 + 9 \times 2^3 + \dots + (2k+1)2^{k-1} + (2k+3)2^k \\ &= 1 + (2k-1)2^k + (2k+3)2^k \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 1 + 2^k(2k-1 + 2k+3) \\ &= 1 + 2^k(4k+2) \\ &= 1 + 2^k(2)(2k+1) \\ &= 1 + (2k+1)2^{k+1} \\ &= 1 + (2[k+1]-1)2^{[k+1]} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 4**  $P_n$  is:  $5^n + 3$  is divisible by 4 for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 0$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 0$ ,  $5^0 + 3 = 4$  which is divisible by 4  $\therefore P_0$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $5^k + 3 = 4A$  where  $A \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } & 5^{k+1} + 3 = 5 \times 5^k + 3 \\ &= 5[4A - 3] + 3 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 20A - 15 + 3 \\ &= 20A - 12 \\ &= 4(5A - 3) \text{ where } 5A - 3 \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ as } A \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

So,  $5^{k+1} + 3$  is divisible by 4

Since  $P_0$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 5**  $P_n$  is:  $1 \times 2^2 + 2 \times 3^2 + 3 \times 4^2 + \dots + n(n+1)^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(3n+5)}{12}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , LHS =  $1 \times 2^2 = 4$  and RHS =  $\frac{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 8}{12} = \frac{48}{12} = 4 \therefore P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $1 \times 2^2 + 2 \times 3^2 + 3 \times 4^2 + \dots + k(k+1)^2 = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(3k+5)}{12}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \therefore 1 \times 2^2 + 2 \times 3^2 + 3 \times 4^2 + \dots + k(k+1)^2 + (k+1)(k+2)^2 \\
& = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(3k+5)}{12} + (k+1)(k+2)^2 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\
& = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(3k+5)}{12} + \frac{12(k+1)(k+2)^2}{12} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\} \\
& = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)[k(3k+5) + 12(k+2)]}{12} \\
& = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)[3k^2 + 5k + 12k + 24]}{12} \\
& = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(3k^2 + 17k + 24)}{12} \\
& = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)(3k+8)}{12} \\
& = \frac{(k+1)([k+1]+1)([k+1]+2)(3[k+1]+5)}{12}
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 6**  $P_n$  is:  $5^n + 3^n \geq 2^{2n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ , we have  $5^1 + 3^1 \geq 2^3$

$$\therefore 8 \geq 8 \text{ which is true, so } P_1 \text{ is true}$$

- (2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $5^k + 3^k \geq 2^{2k+1}$ , so  $5^k \geq 2^{2k+1} - 3^k$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now } 5^{k+1} + 3^{k+1} &= 5 \times 5^k + 3 \times 3^k \\
&\geq 5(2^{2k+1} - 3^k) + 3 \times 3^k \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 5^{k+1} + 3^{k+1} \geq 5 \times 2^{2k+1} - 5 \times 3^k + 3 \times 3^k$$

$$\therefore 5^{k+1} + 3^{k+1} \geq 5 \times 2^{2k+1} - 2 \times 3^k$$

$$\geq 5 \times 2^{2k+1} - 2 \times 4^k \quad \{4^k \geq 3^k \text{ as } k \geq 0\}$$

$$\therefore 5^{k+1} + 3^{k+1} \geq 5 \times 2^{2k+1} - 2^{2k+1}$$

$$\therefore 5^{k+1} + 3^{k+1} \geq 4 \times 2^{2k+1}$$

$$\therefore 5^{k+1} + 3^{k+1} \geq 2^{2k+3}$$

$$\therefore 5^{k+1} + 3^{k+1} \geq 2^{2(k+1)+1} \quad \therefore P_{k+1} \text{ is true.}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 7**  $P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = 9$  and  $u_{n+1} = 2u_n + 3(5^n)$  then  $u_n = 2^{n+1} + 5^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

- (1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $u_1 = 2^2 + 5^1 = 9 \checkmark$  so  $P_1$  is true

- (2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $u_k = 2^{k+1} + 5^k$  and  $u_{k+1} = 2u_k + 3(5^k)$

$$= 2(2^{k+1} + 5^k) + 3(5^k) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= 2^{k+2} + 2(5^k) + 3(5^k)$$

$$= 2^{k+2} + 5(5^k)$$

$$= 2^{k+2} + 5^{k+1} \quad \therefore P_{k+1} \text{ is true.}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

**REVIEW SET 9C**

- 1**  $P_n$  is:  $1 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 + 3 \times 5 + 4 \times 6 + \dots + n(n+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+7)}{6}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 1 \times 3 = 3 \text{ and RHS} = \frac{1 \times 2 \times 9}{6} = \frac{18}{6} = 3 \therefore P_1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 + 3 \times 5 + \dots + k(k+2) = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+7)}{6}$$

$$\therefore 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 + 3 \times 5 + \dots + k(k+2) + (k+1)(k+3)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(2k+7)}{6} + (k+1)(k+3) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(2k+7)}{6} + \frac{6(k+1)(k+3)}{6} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)[k(2k+7) + 6(k+3)]}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)[2k^2 + 13k + 18]}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+9)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)([k+1]+1)(2[k+1]+7)}{6} \quad \therefore P_{k+1} \text{ is true.}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 2**  $P_n$  is:  $7^n - 1$  is divisible by 6 for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, 7^1 - 1 = 6 \text{ which is divisible by 6} \therefore P_1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 7^k - 1 = 6A \text{ where } A \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } 7^{k+1} - 1 &= 7 \times 7^k - 1 \\ &= 7[6A + 1] - 1 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 42A + 7 - 1 \\ &= 42A + 6 \\ &= 6(7A + 1) \text{ where } 7A + 1 \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $7^{k+1} - 1$  is divisible by 6.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 3**  $P_n$  is:  $1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots + (2n-1)^3 = n^2(2n^2-1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 1^3 = 1 \text{ and RHS} = 1^2(2-1) = 1 \times 1 = 1 \therefore P_1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots + (2k-1)^3 = k^2(2k^2-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots + (2k-1)^3 + (2k+1)^3 &= k^2(2k^2-1) + (2k+1)^3 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 2k^4 - k^2 + (2k)^3 + 3(2k)^2 1 + 3(2k)1^2 + 1^3 \\ &= 2k^4 - k^2 + 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 1 \\ &= 2k^4 + 8k^3 + 11k^2 + 6k + 1 \\ &= (k+1)^2(2k^2 + 4k + 1) \\ &= (k+1)^2(2[k^2 + 2k + 1] - 1) \\ &= (k+1)^2(2[k+1]^2 - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|ccccc} -1 & 2 & 8 & 11 & 6 & 1 \\ \hline -1 & 0 & -2 & -6 & -5 & -1 \\ \hline -1 & 2 & 6 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline -1 & 0 & -2 & -4 & -1 & \\ \hline & 2 & 4 & 1 & 0 & \end{array}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 4**  $P_n$  is:  $3^n - 1 - 2n$  is divisible by 4 for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 0, 3^0 - 1 - 2(0) = 1 - 1 - 0 = 0 \text{ which is divisible by 4} \therefore P_0 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 3^k - 1 - 2k = 4A \text{ where } A \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } 3^{k+1} - 1 - 2(k+1) &= 3 \times 3^k - 1 - 2k - 2 \\ &= 3[4A + 1 + 2k] - 2k - 3 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 12A + 3 + 6k - 2k - 3 \\ &= 12A + 4k \\ &= 4(3A + k) \text{ where } 3A + k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 3^{k+1} - 1 - 2(k+1) \text{ is divisible by 4}$$

Since  $P_0$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 5**  $P_n$  is:  $\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{n}{2n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = \frac{1}{1 \times 3} = \frac{1}{3}, \text{ RHS} = \frac{1}{2+1} = \frac{1}{3} \therefore P_1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } \frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} = \frac{k}{2k+1}$$

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

$$= \frac{k}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= \frac{k}{2k+1} \left( \frac{2k+3}{2k+3} \right) + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\}$$

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

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

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

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

- 6**  $P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = 5$  and  $u_{n+1} = 2u_n - 3(-1)^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $u_n = 3(2^n) + (-1)^n$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, 3(2^1) + (-1)^1 = 6 - 1 = 5 = u_1, \text{ so } P_1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } u_k = 3(2^k) + (-1)^k,$$

$$\text{and } u_{k+1} = 2u_k - 3(-1)^k$$

$$= 2[3(2^k) + (-1)^k] - 3(-1)^k \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= 6(2^k) + 2(-1)^k - 3(-1)^k$$

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

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

$$\therefore P_{k+1} \text{ is true.}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

7  $\sqrt[n]{n!} \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \Leftrightarrow n! \leq \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$   
 $\therefore P_n$  is:  $n! \leq \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , we have  $1! \leq \left(\frac{1+1}{2}\right)^1$   
 $\therefore 1 \leq 1$  which is true, so  $P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $k! \leq \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)^k$

Now  $(k+1)! = (k+1)k!$   
 $\leq (k+1) \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)^k$   
 $\leq \frac{(k+1)^{k+1}}{2^k}$  .... (1)

Also,  $(k+1)^k = k^k + \binom{k}{1} k^{k-1} + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} &= k^k + k^k + \dots \\ &= 2k^k + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (k+1)^k \geq 2k^k$  for  $k \geq 1$

$\therefore \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)^k \geq 2$

$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)^k \geq 1$

$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k+2}{k+1}\right)^{k+1} \geq 1$  .... (2)

{replacing  $k$  with  $k+1$ }

Using (1) and (2),

$$\begin{aligned} (k+1)! &\leq \frac{(k+1)^{k+1}}{2^k} \times \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k+2}{k+1}\right)^{k+1} \\ &\leq \frac{(k+1)^{k+1}}{2^{k+1}} \times \frac{(k+2)^{k+1}}{(k+1)^{k+1}} \\ &\leq \frac{(k+2)^{k+1}}{2^{k+1}} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{[k+1]+1}{2}\right)^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}