

$$\Rightarrow P(n) \text{ is true for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ by PMI}$$

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Let $P(n) : 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{n}$ for all $n \geq 2$

For $n = 2$

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} < 2 - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{5}{4} < \frac{7}{4}$$

$\Rightarrow P(n)$ is true for $n = 2$

Let $P(n)$ is true for $n = k$,

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots + \frac{1}{k^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{k} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now, we have to show that,

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots + \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{(k+1)}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots + \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \\ & < 2 - \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\ & < 2 - \frac{k^2 + 2k + 1 - k}{k(k+1)^2} \\ & < 2 - \frac{k^2 + k + 1}{k(k+1)^2} \\ & < 2 - \frac{k^2 + k}{k(k+1)^2} \\ & < 2 - \frac{k(k+1)}{k(k+1)^2} \\ & < 2 - \frac{1}{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow P(n)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

$\Rightarrow P(n)$ is true for all $n \in N$ by PMI

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