



Question 16:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{(3n+1)}$$

Ans :

Let the given statement be $P(n)$, i.e.,

$$P(n): \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{(3n+1)}$$

For $n=1$, we have

$$P(1) = \frac{1}{1.4} = \frac{1}{3.1+1} = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{1.4}, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let $P(k)$ be true for some positive integer k , i.e.,

$$P(k) = \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-2)(3k+1)} = \frac{k}{3k+1} \quad \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that $P(k+1)$ is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-2)(3k+1)} \right\} + \frac{1}{\{3(k+1)-2\}\{3(k+1)+1\}} \\ &= \frac{k}{3k+1} + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+4)} \quad \text{[Using (1)]} \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ k + \frac{1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ \frac{k(3k+4)+1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ \frac{3k^2+4k+1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left\{ \frac{3k^2+3k+k+1}{(3k+4)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{(3k+1)(k+1)}{(3k+1)(3k+4)} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)}{3(k+1)+1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers i.e., n

Question 17:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{n}{3(2n+3)}$$

Ans :

Let the given statement be $P(n)$, i.e.,

$$P(n): \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{n}{3(2n+3)}$$

For $n = 1$, we have

$$P(1): \frac{1}{3.5} = \frac{1}{3(2.1+3)} = \frac{1}{3.5}, \text{ which is true.}$$

Let $P(k)$ be true for some positive integer k , i.e.,

$$P(k): \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} = \frac{k}{3(2k+3)} \quad \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that $P(k+1)$ is true.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \right] + \frac{1}{\{2(k+1)+1\}\{2(k+1)+3\}} \\ &= \frac{k}{3(2k+3)} + \frac{1}{(2k+3)(2k+5)} \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[\frac{k}{3} + \frac{1}{(2k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[\frac{k(2k+5)+3}{3(2k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[\frac{2k^2+5k+3}{3(2k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[\frac{2k^2+2k+3k+3}{3(2k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[\frac{2k(k+1)+3(k+1)}{3(2k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(2k+3)}{3(2k+3)(2k+5)} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)}{3\{2(k+1)+3\}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers i.e., n .

Question 18:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N$:

$$1+2+3+\dots+n < \frac{1}{8}(2n+1)^2$$

Ans :

Let $P(k)$ be true for some positive integer k , i.e.,

$$1 + 2 + \dots + k < \frac{1}{8}(2k+1)^2 \quad \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Consider inequality (1)

$$1 + 2 + \dots + k < \frac{1}{8}(2k+1)^2$$

Adding $(k+1)$ on both the sides of the inequality, we have,

$$(1 + 2 + \dots + k) + (k+1) < \frac{1}{8}(2k+1)^2 + (k+1)$$

$$(1 + 2 + \dots + k) + (k+1) < \frac{1}{8}\{(2k+1)^2 + 8(k+1)\}$$

$$(1 + 2 + \dots + k) + (k+1) < \frac{1}{8}\{4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 8k + 8\}$$

$$(1 + 2 + \dots + k) + (k+1) < \frac{1}{8}\{4k^2 + 12k + 9\}$$

$$(1 + 2 + \dots + k) + (k+1) < \frac{1}{8}(2k+3)^2$$

$$(1 + 2 + \dots + k) + (k+1) < \frac{1}{8}\{2(k+1)+1\}^2$$

$$\text{Hence, } (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k) + (k+1) < \frac{1}{8}(2k+1)^2 + (k+1)$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers i.e., n .

Question 19:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $n(n+1)(n+5)$ is a multiple of 3.

Ans :

Let the given statement be $P(n)$, i.e.,

$P(n)$: $n(n+1)(n+5)$, which is a multiple of 3.

It can be noted that $P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$ since $1(1+1)(1+5) = 12$, which is a multiple of 3.

Let $P(k)$ be true for some positive integer k , i.e.,

$k(k+1)(k+5)$ is a multiple of 3.

$$\therefore k(k+1)(k+5) = 3m, \text{ where } m \in \mathbb{N} \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & (k+1)\{(k+1)+1\}\{(k+1)+5\} \\ &= (k+1)(k+2)\{(k+5)+1\} \\ &= (k+1)(k+2)(k+5) + (k+1)(k+2) \\ &= \{k(k+1)(k+5) + 2(k+1)(k+5)\} + (k+1)(k+2) \\ &= 3m + (k+1)\{2(k+5) + (k+2)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 3m + (k+1)\{2k+10+k+2\} \\
&= 3m + (k+1)(3k+12) \\
&= 3m + 3(k+1)(k+4) \\
&= 3\{m + (k+1)(k+4)\} = 3 \times q, \text{ where } q = \{m + (k+1)(k+4)\} \text{ is some natural number} \\
&\text{Therefore, } (k+1)\{(k+1)+1\}\{(k+1)+5\} \text{ is a multiple of 3.}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers i.e., n .

Question 20:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $10^{2n-1} + 1$ is divisible by 11.

Ans :

Let the given statement be $P(n)$, i.e.,

$P(n)$: $10^{2n-1} + 1$ is divisible by 11.

It can be observed that $P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$ since $P(1) = 10^{2 \cdot 1 - 1} + 1 = 11$, which is divisible by 11.

Let $P(k)$ be true for some positive integer k , i.e.,

$10^{2k-1} + 1$ is divisible by 11.

$$\therefore 10^{2k-1} + 1 = 11m, \text{ where } m \in \mathbb{N} \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
&10^{2(k+1)-1} + 1 \\
&= 10^{2k+2-1} + 1 \\
&= 10^{2k+1} + 1 \\
&= 10^2 (10^{2k-1} + 1) + 1 \\
&= 10^2 (10^{2k-1} + 1) - 10^2 + 1 \\
&= 10^2 \cdot 11m - 100 + 1 \quad \quad \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\
&= 100 \times 11m - 99 \\
&= 11(100m - 9) \\
&= 11r, \text{ where } r = (100m - 9) \text{ is some natural number} \\
&\text{Therefore, } 10^{2(k+1)-1} + 1 \text{ is divisible by 11.}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers i.e., n .

Question 21:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $x^{2n} - y^{2n}$ is divisible by $x + y$.

Ans :

Let the given statement be $P(n)$, i.e.,

$P(n)$: $x^{2n} - y^{2n}$ is divisible by $x + y$.

It can be observed that $P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$.

This is so because $x^{2 \times 1} - y^{2 \times 1} = x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)$ is divisible by $(x + y)$.

Let $P(k)$ be true for some positive integer k , i.e.,

$x^{2k} - y^{2k}$ is divisible by $x + y$.

$\therefore x^{2k} - y^{2k} = m(x + y)$, where $m \in \mathbf{N} \dots (1)$

We shall now prove that $P(k + 1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & x^{2(k+1)} - y^{2(k+1)} \\ &= x^{2k} \cdot x^2 - y^{2k} \cdot y^2 \\ &= x^{2k} (x^2 - y^2 + y^2) - y^{2k} \cdot y^2 \\ &= x^{2k} \{m(x + y) + y^2\} - y^{2k} \cdot y^2 \quad \quad \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\ &= m(x + y)x^{2k} + y^{2k} \cdot x^2 - y^{2k} \cdot y^2 \\ &= m(x + y)x^{2k} + y^{2k}(x^2 - y^2) \\ &= m(x + y)x^{2k} + y^{2k}(x + y)(x - y) \\ &= (x + y)\{mx^{2k} + y^{2k}(x - y)\}, \text{ which is a factor of } (x + y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $P(k + 1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers i.e., n .

Question 22:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$: $3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 8.

Ans :

Let the given statement be $P(n)$, i.e.,

$P(n)$: $3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 8.

It can be observed that $P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$ since $3^{2 \times 1 + 2} - 8 \times 1 - 9 = 64$, which is divisible by 8.

Let $P(k)$ be true for some positive integer k , i.e.,

$3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9$ is divisible by 8.

$\therefore 3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 = 8m$; where $m \in \mathbf{N} \dots (1)$

We shall now prove that $P(k + 1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & 3^{2(k+1)+2} - 8(k+1) - 9 \\ &= 3^{2k+2} \cdot 3^2 - 8k - 8 - 9 \\ &= 3^2 (3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 + 8k + 9) - 8k - 17 \\ &= 3^2 (3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9) + 3^2 (8k + 9) - 8k - 17 \\ &= 9.8m + 9(8k + 9) - 8k - 17 \\ &= 9.8m + 72k + 81 - 8k - 17 \\ &= 9.8m + 64k + 64 \\ &= 8(9m + 8k + 8) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $3^{2(k+1)+2} - 8(k+1) - 9$ is divisible by 8.

Thus, $P(k + 1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers i.e., n .

Question 23:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$: $41^n - 14^n$ is a multiple of 27.

Ans :

Let the given statement be $P(n)$, i.e.,

$P(n)$: $41^n - 14^n$ is a multiple of 27.

It can be observed that $P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$ since $41^1 - 14^1 = 27$, which is a multiple of 27.

Let $P(k)$ be true for some positive integer k , i.e.,

$41^k - 14^k$ is a multiple of 27

$\therefore 41^k - 14^k = 27m$, where $m \in \mathbb{N} \dots (1)$

We shall now prove that $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & 41^{k+1} - 14^{k+1} \\ &= 41^k \cdot 41 - 14^k \cdot 14 \\ &= 41(41^k - 14^k + 14^k) - 14^k \cdot 14 \\ &= 41(41^k - 14^k) + 41 \cdot 14^k - 14^k \cdot 14 \\ &= 41 \cdot 27m + 14^k(41 - 14) \\ &= 41 \cdot 27m + 27 \cdot 14^k \\ &= 27(41m + 14^k) \\ &= 27 \times r, \text{ where } r = (41m + 14^k) \text{ is a natural number} \\ &\text{Therefore, } 41^{k+1} - 14^{k+1} \text{ is a multiple of 27.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers i.e., n .

Question 24:

Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$(2n+7) < (n+3)^2$$

Ans :

Let the given statement be $P(n)$, i.e.,

$P(n)$: $(2n+7) < (n+3)^2$

It can be observed that $P(n)$ is true for $n = 1$ since $2 \cdot 1 + 7 = 9 < (1+3)^2 = 16$, which is true.

Let $P(k)$ be true for some positive integer k , i.e.,

$$(2k+7) < (k+3)^2 \dots (1)$$

We shall now prove that $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \{2(k+1)+7\} = (2k+7)+2 \\ & \therefore \{2(k+1)+7\} = (2k+7)+2 < (k+3)^2 + 2 \quad [\text{using (1)}] \\ & 2(k+1)+7 < k^2 + 6k + 9 + 2 \\ & 2(k+1)+7 < k^2 + 6k + 11 \\ & \text{Now, } k^2 + 6k + 11 < k^2 + 8k + 16 \\ & \therefore 2(k+1)+7 < (k+4)^2 \\ & 2(k+1)+7 < \{(k+1)+3\}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers i.e., n .

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