

#### EXERCISE 12.1

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## 1. If P (n) is the statement "n (n + 1) is even", then what is P (3)? Solution:

Given:

$$P(n) = n(n + 1)$$
 is even.

So.

$$P(3) = 3(3 + 1)$$
  
= 3(4)  
= 12

Hence, P(3) = 12, P(3) is also even.

# 2. If P (n) is the statement "n³ + n is divisible by 3", prove that P (3) is true but P (4) is not true.

#### **Solution:**

Given:

$$P(n) = n^3 + n$$
 is divisible by 3

We have 
$$P(n) = n^3 + n$$

So,

$$P(3) = 3^3 + 3 = 27 + 3 = 30$$

$$P(3) = 30$$
, So it is divisible by 3

Now, let's check with P (4)

$$P(4) = 4^3 + 4$$
  
= 64 + 4  
= 68

P(4) = 68, so it is not divisible by 3

Hence, P(3) is true and P(4) is not true.

## 3. If P (n) is the statement " $2^n \ge 3n$ ", and if P (r) is true, prove that P (r + 1) is true. Solution:

Given:

$$P(n) = "2^n \ge 3n"$$
 and  $p(r)$  is true.

We have, 
$$P(n) = 2^n \ge 3n$$

So,

$$2^{r} \ge 3r$$



Now, let's multiply both sides by 2  $2 \times 2^{r} \ge 3r \times 2$   $2^{r+1} \ge 6r$   $2^{r+1} \ge 3r + 3r$  [since  $3r > 3 = 3r + 3r \ge 3 + 3r$ ]  $\therefore 2^{r+1} \ge 3(r+1)$ 

Hence, P (r + 1) is true.

# 4. If P (n) is the statement " $n^2 + n$ " is even", and if P (r) is true, then P (r + 1) is true Solution:

Given:

 $P(n) = n^2 + n$  is even and P(r) is true, then  $r^2 + r$  is even

Let us consider  $r^2 + r = 2k ... (i)$ 

Now,  $(r+1)^2 + (r+1)$ 

 $r^2 + 1 + 2r + r + 1$ 

 $(r^2 + r) + 2r + 2$ 

2k + 2r + 2 [from equation (i)]

2(k+r+1)

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:  $(r+1)^2 + (r+1)$  is Even.

Hence, P(r + 1) is true.

## 5. Given an example of a statement P (n) such that it is true for all n $\epsilon$ N. Solution:

Let us consider

 $P(n) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = n(n+1)/2$ 

So,

P (n) is true for all natural numbers.

Hence, P (n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

# 6. If P (n) is the statement " $n^2 - n + 41$ is prime", prove that P (1), P (2) and P (3) are true. Prove also that P (41) is not true.

**Solution:** Given:

 $P(n) = n^2 - n + 41$  is prime.

 $P(n) = n^2 - n + 41$ 

P(1) = 1 - 1 + 41= 41

P(1) is Prime.

Similarly,



$$P(2) = 2^2 - 2 + 41$$
  
= 4 - 2 + 41  
= 43

P(2) is prime.

Similarly,

$$P(3) = 32 - 3 + 41$$
  
= 9 - 3 + 41  
= 47

P(3) is prime

Now,

$$P(41) = (41)^2 - 41 + 41$$
  
= 1681

P (41) is not prime

Hence, P(1), P(2), P(3) are true but P(41) is not true.





#### EXERCISE 12.2

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Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

1. 1+2+3+...+n=n (n+1)/2 i.e., the sum of the first n natural numbers is n (n+1)/2.

#### **Solution:**

Let us consider P (n) = 
$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = n (n + 1)/2$$

For, 
$$n = 1$$

LHS of 
$$P(n) = 1$$

RHS of P (n) = 
$$1(1+1)/2 = 1$$

So, 
$$LHS = RHS$$

Since, P (n) is true for 
$$n = 1$$

Let us consider P (n) be the true for n = k, so

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k = k (k+1)/2 \dots (i)$$

Now,

$$(1+2+3+...+k) + (k+1) = k (k+1)/2 + (k+1)$$

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

$$= [(k+1) (k+2)] / 2$$

$$= [(k+1) [(k+1) + 1]] / 2$$

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

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

So, by the principle of Mathematical Induction

Hence,  $P(n) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = n (n + 1)/2$  is true for all  $n \in N$ .

2. 
$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + ... + n^2 = [n (n+1) (2n+1)]/6$$

#### **Solution:**

Let us consider P (n) = 
$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + ... + n^2 = [n (n+1) (2n+1)]/6$$

For, 
$$n = 1$$

$$P(1) = [1(1+1)(2+1)]/6$$

$$1 = 1$$

$$P(n)$$
 is true for  $n = 1$ 

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

P (k): 
$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + ... + k^2 = [k (k+1) (2k+1)]/6$$

Let's check for 
$$P(n) = k + 1$$
, so

$$P(k) = 1^{2} + 2^{2} + 3^{2} + \dots + k^{2} + (k+1)^{2} = [k+1 (k+2) (2k+3)] / 6$$

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

$$= [k+1 (k+2) (2k+3)] / 6 + (k+1)^{2}$$



$$= (k+1) [(2k^2 + k)/6 + (k+1)/1]$$

$$= (k+1) [2k^2 + k + 6k + 6]/6$$

$$= (k+1) [2k^2 + 7k + 6]/6$$

$$= (k+1) [2k^2 + 4k + 3k + 6]/6$$

$$= (k+1) [2k(k+2) + 3(k+2)]/6$$

$$= [(k+1) (2k+3) (k+2)]/6$$

P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

### 3. $1 + 3 + 3^2 + ... + 3^{n-1} = (3^n - 1)/2$

#### **Solution:**

Let P (n) = 
$$1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1} = (3^n - 1)/2$$

Now, For n = 1

$$P(1) = 1 = (3^1 - 1)/2 = 2/2 = 1$$

P(n) is true for n = 1

Now, let's check for P(n) is true for n = k

$$P(k) = 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{k-1} = (3^k - 1)/2 \dots (i)$$

Now, we have to show P (n) is true for n = k + 1

$$P(k+1) = 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^k = (3^{k+1} - 1)/2$$

Then, 
$$\{1+3+3^2+\cdots+3^{k-1}\}+3^{k+1-1}$$

= 
$$(3k - 1)/2 + 3^k$$
 using equation (i)

$$=(3k-1+2\times3^k)/2$$

$$=(3\times3 k-1)/2$$

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

P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P(n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

### 4. 1/1.2 + 1/2.3 + 1/3.4 + ... + 1/n(n+1) = n/(n+1)

#### Solution:

Let P (n) = 
$$1/1.2 + 1/2.3 + 1/3.4 + ... + 1/n(n+1) = n/(n+1)$$

For, n = 1

$$P(n) = 1/1.2 = 1/1+1$$
  
 $1/2 = 1/2$ 

P(n) is true for n = 1

Let's check for P (n) is true for n = k,

$$1/1.2 + 1/2.3 + 1/3.4 + ... + 1/k(k+1) + k/(k+1) (k+2) = (k+1)/(k+2)$$

Then,

$$1/1.2 + 1/2.3 + 1/3.4 + ... + 1/k(k+1) + k/(k+1) (k+2)$$
  
=  $1/(k+1)/(k+2) + k/(k+1)$ 



$$= 1/(k+1) [k(k+2)+1]/(k+2)$$

$$= 1/(k+1) [k^2 + 2k + 1]/(k+2)$$

$$= 1/(k+1) [(k+1) (k+1)]/(k+2)$$

$$= (k+1) / (k+2)$$
P (n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

5.  $1+3+5+...+(2n-1)=n^2$  i.e., the sum of first n odd natural numbers is  $n^2$ .

### **Solution:**

Let P (n): 
$$1 + 3 + 5 + ... + (2n - 1) = n^2$$
  
Let us check P (n) is true for  $n = 1$   
P (1) =  $1 = 1^2$   
 $1 = 1$ 

$$P(n)$$
 is true for  $n = 1$ 

Now, Let's check P (n) is true for 
$$n = k$$

$$P(k) = 1 + 3 + 5 + ... + (2k - 1) = k^2 ... (i)$$

We have to show that

$$1+3+5+...+(2k-1)+2(k+1)-1=(k+1)^2$$

Now,

$$1 + 3 + 5 + ... + (2k - 1) + 2(k + 1) - 1$$

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

$$= k^{2} + 2k + 1$$

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

P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P(n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

### 6. 1/2.5 + 1/5.8 + 1/8.11 + ... + 1/(3n-1)(3n+2) = n/(6n+4)

#### **Solution:**

Let P (n) = 
$$1/2.5 + 1/5.8 + 1/8.11 + ... + 1/(3n-1)(3n+2) = n/(6n+4)$$

Let us check P (n) is true for n = 1

$$P(1)$$
:  $1/2.5 = 1/6.1 + 4 = > 1/10 = 1/10$ 

P(1) is true.

Now,

Let us check for P (k) is true, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

P(k): 
$$1/2.5 + 1/5.8 + 1/8.11 + ... + 1/(3k-1)(3k+2) = k/(6k+4)$$

$$P(k+1): 1/2.5 + 1/5.8 + 1/8.11 + ... + 1/(3k-1)(3k+2) + 1/(3k+3-1)(3k+3+2)$$

$$: k/(6k+4) + 1/(3k+2)(3k+5)$$

$$: [k(3k+5)+2] / [2(3k+2)(3k+5)]$$



$$: (k+1) / (6(k+1)+4)$$

P(k+1) is true.

Hence proved by mathematical induction.

#### 7. 1/1.4 + 1/4.7 + 1/7.10 + ... + 1/(3n-2)(3n+1) = n/3n+1

#### **Solution:**

Let P (n) = 
$$1/1.4 + 1/4.7 + 1/7.10 + ... + 1/(3n-2)(3n+1) = n/3n+1$$

Let us check for n = 1,

$$P(1): 1/1.4 = 1/4$$

$$1/4 = 1/4$$

P (n) is true for n = 1.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

$$P(k) = 1/1.4 + 1/4.7 + 1/7.10 + ... + 1/(3k-2)(3k+1) = k/3k+1 ... (i)$$

So.

$$[1/1.4 + 1/4.7 + 1/7.10 + ... + 1/(3k-2)(3k+1)] + 1/(3k+1)(3k+4)$$

$$= k/(3k+1) + 1/(3k+1)(3k+4)$$

$$= 1/(3k+1) [k/1 + 1/(3k+4)]$$

$$= 1/(3k+1) [k(3k+4)+1]/(3k+4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(3k+1)} \left[ \frac{3k^2 + 4k + 1}{(3k+4)} \right]$$

$$= 1/(3k+1) [3k^2 + 3k+k+1]/(3k+4)$$

$$= [3k(k+1) + (k+1)] / [(3k+4)(3k+1)]$$

$$= [(3k+1)(k+1)] / [(3k+4)(3k+1)]$$

$$=(k+1)/(3k+4)$$

P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

### 8. 1/3.5 + 1/5.7 + 1/7.9 + ... + 1/(2n+1)(2n+3) = n/3(2n+3)

#### **Solution:**

Let P (n) = 
$$1/3.5 + 1/5.7 + 1/7.9 + ... + 1/(2n+1)(2n+3) = n/3(2n+3)$$

Let us check for n = 1.

$$P(1): 1/3.5 = 1/3(2.1+3)$$

$$: 1/15 = 1/15$$

P(n) is true for n = 1.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

$$P(k) = 1/3.5 + 1/5.7 + 1/7.9 + ... + 1/(2k+1)(2k+3) = k/3(2k+3) ... (i)$$

So.

$$1/3.5 + 1/5.7 + 1/7.9 + ... + 1/(2k+1)(2k+3) + 1/[2(k+1)+1][2(k+1)+3]$$

$$1/3.5 + 1/5.7 + 1/7.9 + ... + 1/(2k+1)(2k+3) + 1/(2k+3)(2k+5)$$

Now substituting the value of P (k) we get,



= k/3(2k+3) + 1/(2k+3)(2k+5)

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= [k(2k+5)+3] / [3(2k+3)(2k+5)]
= (k+1) / [3(2(k+1)+3)]
P(n) is true for n = k + 1
Hence, P (n) is true for all n \in N.
9. 1/3.7 + 1/7.11 + 1/11.15 + ... + 1/(4n-1)(4n+3) = n/3(4n+3)
Solution:
Let P (n) = 1/3.7 + 1/7.11 + 1/11.15 + ... + 1/(4n-1)(4n+3) = n/3(4n+3)
Let us check for n = 1,
P(1): 1/3.7 = 1/(4.1-1)(4+3)
     : 1/21 = 1/21
P (n) is true for n = 1.
Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.
P (k): 1/3.7 + 1/7.11 + 1/11.15 + ... + 1/(4k-1)(4k+3) = k/3(4k+3) .... (i)
So.
1/3.7 + 1/7.11 + 1/11.15 + ... + 1/(4k-1)(4k+3) + 1/(4k+3)(4k+7)
Substituting the value of P (k) we get.
   = k/(4k+3) + 1/(4k+3)(4k+7)
   = \frac{1}{4k+3} \left[ \frac{k(4k+7)+3}{3(4k+7)} \right]
   = 1/(4k+3) [4k^2 + 7k + 3]/[3(4k+7)]
   = 1/(4k+3) [4k^2 + 3k+4k+3] / [3(4k+7)]
   = 1/(4k+3) [4k(k+1)+3(k+1)]/[3(4k+7)]
   = 1/(4k+3) [(4k+3)(k+1)] / [3(4k+7)]
   = (k+1) / [3(4k+7)]
P (n) is true for n = k + 1
Hence, P (n) is true for all n \in N.
10. 1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + ... + n.2^n = (n-1) 2^{n+1} + 2
Solution:
Let P (n) = 1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + ... + n.2^n = (n-1) 2^{n+1} + 2
Let us check for n = 1,
P(1):1.2 = 0.2^0 + 2
     : 2 = 2
P (n) is true for n = 1.
Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.
P (k): 1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + ... + k.2^k = (k-1) 2^{k+1} + 2 .... (i)
So.
\{1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + ... + k.2^k\} + (k+1)2^{k+1}
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Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,

= 
$$[(k-1)2^{k+1}+2] + (k+1)2^{k+1}$$
 using equation (i)  
=  $(k-1)2^{k+1}+2+(k+1)2^{k+1}$   
=  $2^{k+1}(k-1+k+1)+2$   
=  $2^{k+1} \times 2k+2$   
=  $k \times 2^{k+2}+2$ 

P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

#### 11. 2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + ... + (3n - 1) = 1/2 n (3n + 1)

#### **Solution:**

Let P (n) = 
$$2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + ... + (3n - 1) = 1/2 \text{ n } (3n + 1)$$

Let us check for n = 1,

P (1): 
$$2 = 1/2 \times 1 \times 4$$
  
:  $2 = 2$ 

P (n) is true for n = 1.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

$$P(k) = 2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + ... + (3k - 1) = 1/2 k (3k + 1) ... (i)$$
  
So,

$$2+5+8+11+...+(3k-1)+(3k+2)$$

Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,

$$= 1/2 \times k (3k + 1) + (3k + 2)$$
 by using equation (i)

$$= [3k^2 + k + 2 (3k + 2)] / 2$$

$$= [3k^2 + k + 6k + 2] / 2$$

$$= [3k^2 + 7k + 2] / 2$$

$$= [3k^2 + 4k + 3k + 2]/2$$

$$= [3k (k+1) + 4(k+1)] / 2$$

$$= [(k+1)(3k+4)]/2$$

P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P(n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

### 12. 1.3 + 2.4 + 3.5 + ... + n. (n+2) = 1/6 n (n+1) (2n+7)

#### Solution:

Let P (n): 
$$1.3 + 2.4 + 3.5 + ... + n$$
.  $(n+2) = 1/6 n (n+1) (2n+7)$ 

Let us check for n = 1,

P (1): 
$$1.3 = 1/6 \times 1 \times 2 \times 9$$
  
:  $3 = 3$ 

P(n) is true for n = 1.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.



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P (k): 1.3 + 2.4 + 3.5 + ... + k. (k+2) = 1/6 k (k+1) (2k+7) ... (i)
So,
1.3 + 2.4 + 3.5 + ... + k. (k+2) + (k+1) (k+3)
Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,
     = 1/6 \text{ k (k+1) (2k+7)} + (k+1) (k+3) \text{ by using equation (i)}
     = (k+1) [\{k(2k+7)/6\} + \{(k+3)/1\}]
     = (k+1) [(2k^2 + 7k + 6k + 18)] / 6
     = (k+1) [2k^2 + 13k + 18] / 6
     = (k+1) [2k^2 + 9k + 4k + 18] / 6
     = (k+1) [2k(k+2) + 9(k+2)] / 6
     = (k+1) [(2k+9) (k+2)] / 6
     = 1/6 (k+1) (k+2) (2k+9)
P (n) is true for n = k + 1
Hence, P (n) is true for all n \in N.
13. 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + ... + (2n - 1)(2n + 1) = n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)/3
Solution:
Let P (n): 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + ... + (2n - 1)(2n + 1) = n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)/3
Let us check for n = 1,
P(1): (2.1 - 1)(2.1 + 1) = 1(4.1^2 + 6.1 - 1)/3
     1 \times 3 = 1(4+6-1)/3
     : 3 = 3
P (n) is true for n = 1.
Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.
P (k): 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + ... + (2k-1)(2k+1) = k(4k^2 + 6k - 1)/3 ... (i)
So.
1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + ... + (2k-1)(2k+1) + (2k+1)(2k+3)
Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,
      = k(4k^2 + 6k - 1)/3 + (2k + 1)(2k + 3) by using equation (i)
      = [k(4k^2 + 6k-1) + 3(4k^2 + 6k + 2k + 3)]/3
      = [4k^3 + 6k^2 - k + 12k^2 + 18k + 6k + 9]/3
      = [4k^3 + 18k^2 + 23k + 9]/3
      = [4k^3 + 4k^2 + 14k^2 + 14k + 9k + 9]/3
      = [(k+1)(4k^2 + 8k + 4 + 6k + 6 - 1)]/3
      = [(k+1) 4[(k+1)^2 + 6(k+1) -1]]/3
P(n) is true for n = k + 1
Hence, P (n) is true for all n \in N.
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14. 
$$1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + ... + n(n+1) = [n (n+1) (n+2)] / 3$$



#### **Solution:**

Let P (n): 
$$1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + ... + n(n+1) = [n (n+1) (n+2)] / 3$$

Let us check for n = 1,

P (1): 
$$1(1+1) = [1(1+1)(1+2)]/3$$
  
:  $2 = 2$ 

P (n) is true for n = 1.

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

P (k): 
$$1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + ... + k(k+1) = [k (k+1) (k+2)] / 3 ... (i)$$

So,

$$1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + ... + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2)$$

Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,

$$= [k (k+1) (k+2)] / 3 + (k+1) (k+2)$$
 by using equation (i)

$$=(k+2)(k+1)[k/2+1]$$

$$= [(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)]/3$$

P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

#### 15. $1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + ... + 1/2^n = 1 - 1/2^n$

#### **Solution:**

Let P (n): 
$$1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + ... + 1/2^n = 1 - 1/2^n$$

Let us check for n = 1,

P (1): 
$$1/2^1 = 1 - 1/2^1$$
  
:  $1/2 = 1/2$ 

$$P(n)$$
 is true for  $n = 1$ .

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

Let P (k): 
$$1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + ... + 1/2^k = 1 - 1/2^k ...$$
 (i)

So,

$$1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots + 1/2^{k} + 1/2^{k+1}$$

Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,

= 
$$1 - 1/2^k + 1/2^{k+1}$$
 by using equation (i)  
=  $1 - ((2-1)/2^{k+1})$ 

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

Hence, P(n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

### 16. $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + ... + (2n - 1)^2 = 1/3 \text{ n } (4n^2 - 1)$

#### Solution:

Let P (n): 
$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + ... + (2n-1)^2 = 1/3 \text{ n } (4n^2 - 1)$$

Let us check for n = 1,

P (1): 
$$(2.1 - 1)^2 = 1/3 \times 1 \times (4 - 1)$$



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: 1 = 1
P (n) is true for n = 1.
Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.
P (k): 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + ... + (2k-1)^2 = 1/3 \text{ k } (4k^2 - 1) ... (i)
So.
1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + ... + (2k-1)^2 + (2k+1)^2
Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get,
      = 1/3 \text{ k} (4k^2 - 1) + (2k + 1)^2 \text{ by using equation (i)}
      = 1/3 k (2k + 1) (2k - 1) + (2k + 1)^{2}
      =(2k+1)[\{k(2k-1)/3\}+(2k+1)]
      = (2k+1) [2k^2 - k + 3(2k+1)] / 3
      = (2k+1) [2k^2 - k + 6k + 3] / 3
      = [(2k+1) 2k^2 + 5k + 3]/3
      = [(2k+1)(2k(k+1)) + 3(k+1)]/3
      = [(2k+1)(2k+3)(k+1)]/3
      = (k+2)/2 [4k^2 + 6k + 2k + 3]
      = (k+2)/2 [4k^2 + 8k - 1]
      =(k+2)/2[4(k+1)^2-1]
P(n) is true for n = k + 1
Hence, P (n) is true for all n \in N.
17. a + ar + ar^2 + ... + ar^{n-1} = a [(r^n - 1)/(r - 1)], r \neq 1
Solution:
Let P (n): a + ar + ar^2 + ... + ar^{n-1} = a [(r^n - 1)/(r - 1)]
Let us check for n = 1,
P(1): a = a(r^1 - 1)/(r-1)
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### Let P(n): $a + ar + ar^2 + ... + ar^{n-1} = a [(r^n - 1)/(r - 1)]$ Let us check for n = 1, P(1): $a = a (r^1 - 1)/(r - 1)$ : a = a P(n) is true for n = 1. Now, let us check for P(n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P(k + 1) is true. P(k): $a + ar + ar^2 + ... + ar^{k-1} = a [(r^k - 1)/(r - 1)] ... (i)$ So, $a + ar + ar^2 + ... + ar^{k-1} + ar^k$ Now, substituting the value of P(k) we get, $= a [(r^k - 1)/(r - 1)] + ar^k$ by using equation (i) $= a[r^k - 1 + r^k(r - 1)] / (r - 1)$ $= a[r^{k-1} + r^{k+1} - r^{-k}] / (r - 1)$ $= a[r^{k+1} - 1] / (r - 1)$ P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .



### 18. a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + ... + (a + (n-1)d) = n/2 [2a + (n-1)d]**Solution:** Let P (n): a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + ... + (a + (n-1)d) = n/2 [2a + (n-1)d]Let us check for n = 1. P(1): $a = \frac{1}{2} [2a + (1-1)d]$ : a = aP (n) is true for n = 1. Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true. P (k): a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + ... + (a + (k-1)d) = k/2 [2a + (k-1)d] ... (i)So. a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + ... + (a + (k-1)d) + (a + (k)d)Now, substituting the value of P (k) we get, = k/2 [2a + (k-1)d] + (a + kd) by using equation (i) = [2ka + k(k-1)d + 2(a+kd)] / 2 $= [2ka + k^2d - kd + 2a + 2kd] / 2$ $= [2ka + 2a + k^2d + kd] / 2$ $= [2a(k+1) + d(k^2 + k)]/2$ = (k+1)/2 [2a + kd]P (n) is true for n = k + 1Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in N$ . 19. $5^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 24 for all $n \in N$

#### **Solution:**

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Let P (n): 5^{2n} - 1 is divisible by 24
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Let us check for n = 1,

$$P(1): 5^2 - 1 = 25 - 1 = 24$$

$$P(n)$$
 is true for  $n = 1$ . Where,  $P(n)$  is divisible by 24

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

P (k): 
$$5^{2k} - 1$$
 is divisible by 24  
:  $5^{2k} - 1 = 24\lambda$  ... (i)

We have to prove.

$$5^{2k+1}$$
 - 1 is divisible by 24

$$5^{2(k+1)} - 1 = 24\mu$$

So.

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

$$=5^{2k}.5^2-1$$

$$=25.5^{2k}-1$$

= 
$$25.(24\lambda + 1)$$
 - 1 by using equation (1)



$$= 25.24\lambda + 24$$
  
=  $24\lambda$ 

P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

### 20. $3^{2n} + 7$ is divisible by 8 for all $n \in N$

#### **Solution:**

Let P (n):  $3^{2n} + 7$  is divisible by 8

Let us check for n = 1,

$$P(1): 3^2 + 7 = 9 + 7 = 16$$

P(n) is true for n = 1. Where, P(n) is divisible by 8

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

P (k):  $3^{2k} + 7$  is divisible by 8

$$3^{2k} + 7 = 8\lambda$$

$$3^{2k} = 8\lambda - 7 \dots (i)$$

We have to prove,

 $3^{2(k+1)} + 7$  is divisible by 8

$$3^{2k+2}+7=8\mu$$

So,

$$=3^{2(k+1)}+7$$

$$=3^{2k}.3^2+7$$

$$=9.3^{2k}+7$$

=  $9.(8\lambda - 7) + 7$  by using equation (i)

$$= 72\lambda - 63 + 7$$

$$=72\lambda - 56$$

$$= 8(9\lambda - 7)$$

$$=8\mu$$

P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P(n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

### 21. $5^{2n+2}$ – 24n – 25 is divisible by 576 for all n $\in$ N

#### Solution:

Let P (n):  $5^{2n+2} - 24n - 25$  is divisible by 576

Let us check for n = 1,

$$P(1): 5^{2.1+2} - 24.1 - 25$$

: 576

P(n) is true for n = 1. Where, P(n) is divisible by 576

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.



P (k): 
$$5^{2k+2} - 24k - 25$$
 is divisible by 576  
:  $5^{2k+2} - 24k - 25 = 576\lambda$  .... (i)  
We have to prove,  
 $5^{2k+4} - 24(k+1) - 25$  is divisible by 576  
 $5^{(2k+2)+2} - 24(k+1) - 25 = 576\mu$   
So,  
=  $5^{(2k+2)+2} - 24(k+1) - 25$   
=  $5^{(2k+2)+2} - 24(k+1) - 25$   
=  $5^{(2k+2)} \cdot 5^2 - 24k - 24 - 25$   
=  $(576\lambda + 24k + 25)25 - 24k - 49$  by using equation (i)  
=  $25 \cdot 576\lambda + 576k + 576$   
=  $576(25\lambda + k + 1)$   
=  $576\mu$   
P (n) is true for  $n = k + 1$ 

### 22. $3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 8 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Solution:** 

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

Hence, P (n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

Let us check for 
$$n = 1$$
,

$$P(1): 3^{2.1+2} - 8.1 - 9$$

$$: 81 - 17$$

$$P(n)$$
 is true for  $n = 1$ . Where,  $P(n)$  is divisible by 8

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

P (k): 
$$3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9$$
 is divisible by 8  
:  $3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 = 8\lambda$  ... (i)

We have to prove,

$$3^{2k+4} - 8(k+1) - 9$$
 is divisible by 8

$$3^{(2k+2)+2} - 8(k+1) - 9 = 8\mu$$

$$=3^{2(k+1)}.3^2-8(k+1)-9$$

$$= (8\lambda + 8k + 9)9 - 8k - 8 - 9$$

$$= 72\lambda + 72k + 81 - 8k - 17$$
 using equation (1)

$$= 72\lambda + 64k + 64$$

$$= 8(9\lambda + 8k + 8)$$

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

Hence, 
$$P(n)$$
 is true for all  $n \in N$ .



### 23. (ab) $^{n} = a^{n} b^{n}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ **Solution:** Let P (n): (ab) $^{n} = a^{n} b^{n}$ Let us check for n = 1, P(1): $(ab)^1 = a^1 b^1$ : ab = abP (n) is true for n = 1. Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true. $P(k): (ab)^{k} = a^{k} b^{k} ... (i)$ We have to prove, (ab) $^{k+1} = a^{k+1}.b^{k+1}$ So, $= (ab)^{k+1}$ = (ab) $^{k}$ (ab) = $(a^k b^k)$ (ab) using equation (1) $=(a^{k+1})(b^{k+1})$ P(n) is true for n = k + 1Hence, P (n) is true for all $n \in N$ . 24. n(n+1)(n+5) is a multiple of 3 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . **Solution:** Let P (n): n (n + 1) (n + 5) is a multiple of 3 Let us check for n = 1, P(1): 1(1+1)(1+5) $: 2 \times 6$ : 12 P(n) is true for n = 1. Where, P(n) is a multiple of 3 Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true. P(k): k(k+1)(k+5) is a multiple of 3 $: k(k+1)(k+5) = 3\lambda ... (i)$ We have to prove, (k+1)[(k+1)+1][(k+1)+5] is a multiple of 3 $(k+1)[(k+1)+1][(k+1)+5] = 3\mu$ So, = (k+1)[(k+1)+1][(k+1)+5]= (k+1)(k+2)[(k+1)+5]= [k (k + 1) + 2(k + 1)] [(k + 5) + 1]

= k (k + 1) (k + 5) + k(k + 1) + 2(k + 1) (k + 5) + 2(k + 1)

 $= 3\lambda + k^2 + k + 2(k^2 + 6k + 5) + 2k + 2$ 



$$= 3\lambda + k^2 + k + 2k^2 + 12k + 10 + 2k + 2$$
  
=  $3\lambda + 3k^2 + 15k + 12$   
=  $3(\lambda + k^2 + 5k + 4)$   
=  $3\mu$ 

P(n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P (n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .

## 25. $7^{2n} + 2^{3n-3}$ . 3n - 1 is divisible by 25 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Solution:** 

Let P (n):  $7^{2n} + 2^{3n-3}$ . 3n - 1 is divisible by 25

Let us check for n = 1,

P (1): 
$$7^2 + 2^0.3^0$$

$$: 49 + 1$$

: 50

P(n) is true for n = 1. Where, P(n) is divisible by 25

Now, let us check for P (n) is true for n = k, and have to prove that P (k + 1) is true.

P (k): 
$$7^{2k} + 2^{3k-3}$$
.  $3k-1$  is divisible by 25  
:  $7^{2k} + 2^{3k-3}$ .  $3^{k-1} = 25\lambda$ ... (i)

We have to prove that:

$$7^{2k+1} + 2^{3k}$$
.  $3^k$  is divisible by 25

$$7^{2k+2} + 2^{3k}$$
.  $3^k = 25\mu$ 

So,

$$=7^{2(k+1)}+2^{3k}$$
,  $3^k$ 

$$=7^{2k}.7^1+2^{3k}.3^k$$

= 
$$(25\lambda - 2^{3k-3}, 3^{k-1})$$
 49 +  $2^{3k}$ . 3k by using equation (i)

$$=25\lambda$$
.  $49-2^{3k}/8$ .  $3^{k}/3$ .  $49+2^{3k}$ .  $3^{k}$ 

$$= 24 \times 25 \times 49 \lambda - 2^{3k} \cdot 3^k \cdot 49 + 24 \cdot 2^{3k} \cdot 3^k$$

$$= 24 \times 25 \times 49 \lambda - 25 \cdot 2^{3k} \cdot 3^{k}$$

$$= 25(24.49\lambda - 2^{3k}.3^{k})$$

 $=25\mu$ 

P (n) is true for n = k + 1

Hence, P(n) is true for all  $n \in N$ .