

**NCERT solutions for class 11 maths chapter 4 principle of mathematical induction**

**Question:1** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

$$\text{all } n \in N : 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1} = \frac{(3^n - 1)}{2}$$

**Answer:**

Let the given statement be **p(n)** i.e.

$$p(n) : 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1} = \frac{(3^n - 1)}{2}$$

For **n = 1** we have

$$p(1) : 1 = \frac{(3^1 - 1)}{2} = \frac{3 - 1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1, \text{ which is true}$$

For **n = k** we have

$$p(k) : 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{k-1} = \frac{(3^k - 1)}{2} \quad \text{--- (i)}, \text{ Let's assume that this}$$

statement is true

Now,

For **n = k + 1** we have

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

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

$$= \frac{3^k - 1 + 2 \cdot 3^k}{2}$$

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

$$= \frac{3 \cdot 3^k - 1}{2}$$

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

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  $n$

**Question:2** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

$$\text{all } n \in N : 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2$$

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : 1 = \left( \frac{1(1+1)}{2} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{1(2)}{2} \right)^2 = (1)^2 = 1, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

$$p(k) : 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 = \left( \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right)^2 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

, Let's assume that this

statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2(k^2+4(k+1))}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2(k^2+4k+4)}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4} \quad (\because a^2+2ab+b^2=(a+b)^2) \\
 &= \left(\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}\right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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  $n$

**Question:3** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N$  :

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

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : 1 + \frac{1}{(1+2)} + \frac{1}{(1+2+3)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+2+3+\dots+n)} = \frac{2n}{(n+1)}$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : 1 = \left(\frac{2(1)}{1+1}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{2}\right) = 1, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

$$p(k) : 1 + \frac{1}{(1+2)} + \frac{1}{(1+2+3)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+2+3+\dots+k)} = \frac{2k}{(k+1)} \quad \text{---(i)}, \text{ Let's}$$

assume that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$p(k+1) : 1 + \frac{1}{(1+2)} + \frac{1}{(1+2+3)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+2+3+\dots+k+1)}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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  $n$

**Question:4** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

all  $n \in N$  :  $1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \dots + n(n+1)(n+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : 1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \dots + n(n+1)(n+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : 6 = \left( \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)(1+3)}{4} \right) = \left( \frac{1.2.3.4}{4} \right) = 6, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

$$p(k) : 1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} \quad - (i), \text{ Let's}$$

assume that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$p(k+1) : 1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2) + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3) \\ = (1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2)) + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3)$$

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

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

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

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  $n$

**Question:5** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

$$\text{all } n \in \mathbb{N} : 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + n.3^n = \frac{(2n-1)3^{n+1} + 3}{4}$$

**Answer:**

Let the given statement be **p(n)** i.e.

$$p(n) : 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + n.3^n = \frac{(2n - 1)3^{n+1} + 3}{4}$$

For **n = 1** we have

$$p(1) : 3 = \frac{(2(1) - 1)3^{1+1} + 3}{4} = \frac{(2 - 1)9 + 3}{4} = \frac{12}{4} = 3, \text{ which is true}$$

For **n = k** we have

$$p(k) : 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + k.3^k = \frac{(2k - 1)3^{k+1} + 3}{4} \quad \text{--- (i)}, \text{ Let's assume}$$

that this statement is true

Now,

For **n = k + 1** we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(k + 1) &: 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + (k + 1).3^{(k+1)} \\ &= 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + k.3^k + (k + 1).3^{(k+1)} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{3^{k+1}(6k + 3) + 3}{4}$$

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

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

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

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  $n$

**Question:6** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

$$\text{all } n \in \mathbb{N} : 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + n.(n+1) = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \right]$$

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + n.(n+1) = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \right]$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : 2 = \left[ \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3} \right] = \frac{1.2.3}{3} = 2, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

$$p(k) : 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + k.(k+1) = \left[ \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \right] \quad - (i), \text{ Let's}$$

assume that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(k+1) &: 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + (k+1).(k+2) \\ &= 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + k(k+1) + (k+1).(k+2) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1).(k+2) \quad (\text{using } (i)) \end{aligned}$$

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

Thus,  $p(k+1)$  is true whenever  $p(k)$  is true

Hence, by principle of mathematical induction, statement  $p(n)$  is true for all natural numbers  $n$

**Question:7** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2n-1)(2n+1) = \frac{n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)}{3}$

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2n-1)(2n+1) = \frac{n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)}{3}$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : 1.3 = 3 = \frac{1(4(1)^2 + 6(1) - 1)}{3} = \frac{4 + 6 - 1}{3} = \frac{9}{3} = 3, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

$$p(k) : 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2k-1)(2k+1) = \frac{k(4k^2 + 6k - 1)}{3} \quad \text{--- (i), Let's}$$

assume that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$p(k+1) : 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2(k+1)-1)(2(k+1)+1)$$



$$= 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2k - 1)(2k + 1) + (2(k + 1) - 1)(2(k + 1) + 1)$$

$$= \frac{k(4k^2 + 6k - 1)}{3} + (2k + 1)(2k + 3) \quad (\text{using (i)})$$

$$= \frac{k(4k^2 + 6k - 1) + 3(2k + 1)(2k + 3)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{k(4k^2 + 6k - 1) + 3(4k^2 + 8k + 3)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(4k^3 + 6k^2 - k + 12k^2 + 28k + 9)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(4k^3 + 18k^2 + 23k + 9)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(4k^3 + 14k^2 + 9k + 4k^2 + 14k + 9)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(k(4k^2 + 14k + 9) + 4k^2 + 14k + 9)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(4k^2 + 14k + 9)(k + 1)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(k + 1)(4k^2 + 8k + 4 + 6k + 6 - 1)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(k + 1)(4(k^2 + 2k + 1) + 6(k + 1) - 1)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(k + 1)(4(k + 1)^2 + 6(k + 1) - 1)}{3}$$

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  $n$

**Question:8** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + n.2^n = (n - 1)2^{n+1} + 2$

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : 1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + n.2^n = (n - 1)2^{n+1} + 2$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : 1.2 = 2 = (1 - 1)2^{1+1} + 2 = 2, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

$$p(k) : 1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + k.2^k = (k - 1)2^{k+1} + 2 \quad \text{--- (i), Let's assume}$$

that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$p(k + 1) : 1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + (k + 1).2^{k+1}$$

$$= 1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + k.2^k + (k + 1).2^{k+1}$$

$$= (k - 1)2^{k+1} + 2 + (k + 1).2^{k+1} \quad \text{(using (i))}$$

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

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

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

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

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  $n$

**Question:9** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

$$\text{all } n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

**Answer:**

Let the given statement be **p(n)** i.e.

$$p(n) : \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

For **n = 1** we have

$$p(1) : \frac{1}{2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^1} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ which is true}$$

For **n = k** we have

$$p(k) : \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^k} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

, Let's assume that this statement is true

Now,

For **n = k + 1** we have

$$p(k+1) : \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$

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

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2^k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2^k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$

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  $n$

**Question:10** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

$$\text{all } n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-1)(3n+2)} = \frac{n}{(6n+4)}$$

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : \frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-1)(3n+2)} = \frac{n}{(6n+4)}$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : \frac{1}{2.5} = \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{(6(1)+4)} = \frac{1}{10}, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

, Let's assume that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(k+1) &: \frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3(k+1)-1)(3(k+1)+2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-1)(3k+2)} + \frac{1}{(3(k+1)-1)(3(k+1)+2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{k}{6k+4} + \frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)} \quad (\text{using } (i))$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{3k+2} \left( \frac{k(3k+5)+2}{2(3k+5)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3k+2} \left( \frac{3k^2+5k+2}{2(3k+5)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3k+2} \left( \frac{3k^2+3k+2k+2}{2(3k+5)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3k+2} \left( \frac{(3k+2)(k+1)}{2(3k+5)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)}{6k+10} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)}{6(k+1)+4}
 \end{aligned}$$

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  $n$

**Question:11** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

$$\text{all } n \in \mathbb{N}; \frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$$

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : \frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : \frac{1}{1.2.3} = \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1(1+3)}{4(1+1)(1+2)} = \frac{4}{4.2.3} = \frac{1}{6}, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

, Let's assume that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$p(k+1) : \frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left( \frac{k(k^2 + 9 + 6k) + 4}{4(k+3)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left( \frac{k^3 + 9k + 6k^2 + 4}{4(k+3)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \left( \frac{k^3 + 2k^2 + k + 8k + 4k^2 + 4}{4(k+3)} \right)$$

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

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

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

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  $n$

**Question:12** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

$$\text{all } n \in \mathbb{N} : a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

**Answer:**

Let the given statement be **p(n)** i.e.

$$p(n) : a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

For **n = 1** we have

$$p(1) : a = \frac{a(r^1 - 1)}{r - 1} = \frac{r - 1}{r - 1} = 1, \text{ which is true}$$

For **n = k** we have

$$p(k) : a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} = \frac{a(r^k - 1)}{r - 1} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

, Let's assume that this statement is true

Now,

For **n = k + 1** we have

$$p(k + 1) : a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^k = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} + ar^k$$

$$= a \cdot \frac{r^k - 1}{r - 1} + ar^k \quad \text{(using (i))}$$

$$= \frac{a(r^k - 1) + (r - 1)ar^k}{r - 1}$$

$$= \frac{ar^k(1 + r - 1) - a}{r - 1}$$

$$= \frac{ar^k \cdot r - a}{r - 1}$$

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

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  $n$

**Question:13** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  :

**Answer:**

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

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : \left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right) = 4 = (1 + 1)^2 = 2^2 = 4, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

, Let's assume that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$= (k + 1)^2 \left(1 + \frac{(2(k + 1) + 1)}{(k + 1)^2}\right) \quad (\text{using } (i))$$

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





$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (k+1) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{k+1} \right) \quad (\text{using (i)}) \\
 &= (k+1) \left( \frac{k+1+1}{k+1} \right) \\
 &= (k+2) \\
 &= (k+1+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{p(k+1)}$  is true whenever  $\mathbf{p(k)}$  is true

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $\mathbf{p(n)}$  is true for all natural numbers  $\mathbf{n}$

**Question:15** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$

**Answer:**

Let the given statement be  $\mathbf{p(n)}$  i.e.

$$p(n) : 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$$

For  $\mathbf{n = 1}$  we have

$$p(1) : 1^2 = 1 = \frac{1(2(1)-1)(2(1)+1)}{3} = \frac{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 3}{3} = 1, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $\mathbf{n = k}$  we have

$$p(k) : 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 = \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} \quad \text{--- (i), Let's}$$

assume that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(k+1) &: 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2(k+1) - 1)^2 \\
 &= 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k - 1)^2 + (2(k+1) - 1)^2 \\
 &= \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} + (2(k+1) - 1)^2 \quad (\text{using (i)}) \\
 &= \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1) + 3(2(k+1) - 1)^2}{3} \\
 &= \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1) + 3(2k+1)^2}{3} \\
 &= \frac{(2k+1)(k(2k-1) + 3(2k+1))}{3} \\
 &= \frac{(2k+1)(2k^2 - k + 6k + 3)}{3} \\
 &= \frac{(2k+1)(2k^2 + 5k + 3)}{3} \\
 &= \frac{(2k+1)(2k^2 + 2k + 3k + 3)}{3} \\
 &= \frac{(2k+1)(2k+3)(k+1)}{3} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)(2(k+1) - 1)(2(k+1) + 1)}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

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  $n$

**Question:16** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

$$\text{all } n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{1 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 7} + \frac{1}{7 \cdot 10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{(3n+1)}$$

**Answer:**

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

$$p(1) : \frac{1}{1.4} = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{(3(1)+1)} = \frac{1}{3+1} = \frac{1}{4}, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

, Let's assume that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(k+1) &: \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3(k+1)-2)(3(k+1)+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-2)(3k+1)} + \frac{1}{(3(k+1)-2)(3(k+1)+1)} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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  $n$

**Question:17** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for

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

**Answer:**

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

$$p(1) : \frac{1}{3.5} = \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{3(2(1)+3)} = \frac{1}{3.5} = \frac{1}{15}, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

, Let's assume that this statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(k+1) &: \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2(k+1)+1)(2(k+1)+3)} \\ &= \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} + \frac{1}{(2(k+1)+1)(2(k+1)+3)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{k}{3(2k+3)} + \frac{1}{(2k+3)(2k+5)} && \text{(using (i))} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2k+3} \left( \frac{k}{3} + \frac{1}{2k+5} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2k+3} \left( \frac{k(2k+5) + 3}{3(2k+5)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2k+3} \left( \frac{2k^2 + 5k + 3}{3(2k+5)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2k+3} \left( \frac{2k^2 + 2k + 3k + 3}{3(2k+5)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2k+3} \left( \frac{(2k+3)(k+1)}{3(2k+5)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)}{3(2k+5)} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)}{3(2(k+1)+3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 **n**

**Question:18** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n < \frac{1}{8}(2n + 1)^2$ .

**Answer:**

Let the given statement be **p(n)** i.e.

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

For **n = 1** we have

$$p(1) : 1 < \frac{1}{8}(2(1) + 1)^2 = \frac{1}{8}(3)^2 = \frac{9}{8}, \text{ which is true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

$$p(k) : 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k < \frac{1}{8}(2k + 1)^2 \quad - (i), \text{ Let's assume that this}$$

statement is true

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$p(k + 1) : 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k + 1 = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k + k + 1$$

$$< \frac{1}{8}(2k + 1)^2 + (k + 1) \quad (\text{using } (i))$$

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

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

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

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

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

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  $n$

**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.

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : n(n + 1)(n + 5)$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : 1(1 + 1)(1 + 5) = 1.2.6 = 12, \text{ which is multiple of 3, hence true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

$$p(k) : k(k + 1)(k + 5) \quad - (i), \text{ Let's assume that this is multiple of 3} = 3m$$

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$p(k + 1) : (k + 1)((k + 1) + 1)((k + 1) + 5) = (k + 1)(k + 2)((k + 5) + 1)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= 3m + (k + 1)(2k + 10 + k + 2)$$

$$= 3m + (k + 1)(3k + 12)$$

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

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

$$= 3l \text{ Where } (l = (m + (k + 1)(k + 4))) \text{ some natural number}$$



Thus,  $p(k+1)$  is true whenever  $p(k)$  is true

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $p(n)$  is multiple of 3 for all natural numbers  $n$

**Question:20** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in N : 10^{2n-1} + 1$  is a divisible by 11.

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : 10^{2n-1} + 1$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : 10^{2(1)-1} + 1 = 10^{2-1} + 1 = 10^1 + 1 = 11, \text{ which is divisible by 11, hence true}$$

For  $n = k$  we have

$$p(k) : 10^{2k-1} + 1 \quad - (i), \text{ Let's assume that this is divisible by } 11 = 11m$$

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$p(k + 1) : 10^{2(k+1)-1} + 1 = 10^{2k+2-1} + 1$$

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$$= 10^{2k+1} + 1$$

$$= 10^2(10^{2k-1} + 1 - 1) + 1$$

$$= 10^2(10^{2k-1} + 1) - 10^2 + 1$$

$$= 10^2(11m) - 100 + 1 \quad (\text{using } (i))$$

$$= 100(11m) - 99$$

$$= 11(100m - 9)$$

$$= 11l \text{ Where } l = (100m - 9) \text{ some natural number}$$

Thus,  $p(k+1)$  is true whenever  $p(k)$  is true

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $p(n)$  is divisible by 11 for all natural numbers  $n$

**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  $x + y$ .

**Answer:**

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

$$p(n) : x^{2n} - y^{2n}$$

For  $n = 1$  we have

$$p(1) : x^{2(1)} - y^{2(1)} = x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y), \text{ which is divisible by } (x + y), \text{ hence true (using } a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b))$$

For  $n = k$  we have

$$p(k) : x^{2k} - y^{2k} \quad \text{--- (i), Let's assume that this is divisible by } (x + y) = (x + y)m$$

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$p(k + 1) : x^{2(k+1)} - y^{2(k+1)} = x^{2k} \cdot x^2 - y^{2k} \cdot y^2$$

$$= x^2(x^{2k} + y^{2k} - y^{2k}) - y^{2k} \cdot y^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= x^2(x^{2k} - y^{2k}) + x^2 \cdot y^{2k} - y^{2k} \cdot y^2 \\
 &= x^2(x + y)m + (x^2 - y^2)y^{2k} \quad (\text{using (i)}) \\
 &= x^2(x + y)m + ((x - y)(x + y))y^{2k} \quad (\text{using } a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)) \\
 &= (x + y)(x^2 \cdot m + (x - y) \cdot y^{2k}) \\
 &= (x + y)l \text{ where } l = (x^2 \cdot m + (x - y) \cdot y^{2k}) \text{ some natural number}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, **p(k+1)** is true whenever **p(k)** is true

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement **p(n)** is divisible by  $(x + y)$  for all natural numbers **n**

**Question:22** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} : 3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$  is divisible by 8.

**Answer:**

Let the given statement be **p(n)** i.e.

$$p(n) : 3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$$

For **n = 1** we have

$$p(1) : 3^{2(1)+2} - 8(1) - 9 = 3^4 - 8 - 9 = 81 - 17 = 64 = 8 \times 8, \text{ which is divisible by 8, hence true}$$

For **n = k** we have

$$p(k) : 3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 \quad - (i), \text{ Let's assume that this is divisible by } 8 = 8m$$

Now,

For **n = k + 1** we have

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3^{2k+2} \cdot 3^2 - 8k - 8 - 9 \\
 &= 3^2(3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 + 8k + 9) - 8k - 17 \\
 &= 3^2(3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9) + 3^2(8k + 9) - 8k - 17 \\
 &= 9 \times 8m + 9(8k + 9) - 8k - 17 \quad (\text{using (i)}) \\
 &= 9 \times 8m + 72k + 81 - 8k - 17 \\
 &= 9 \times 8m + 80k - 64 \\
 &= 9 \times 8m + 8(10k - 8) \\
 &= 8(9m + 10k - 8) \\
 &= 8l \text{ where } l = 9m + 10k - 8 \text{ some natural number}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, **p(k+1)** is true whenever **p(k)** is true

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement **p(n)** is divisible by **8** for all natural numbers **n**

**Question:23** Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  :  $41^n - 14^n$  is a multiple of 27.

**Answer:**

Let the given statement be **p(n)** i.e.

$$p(n) : 41^n - 14^n$$

For **n = 1** we have

$$p(1) : 41^1 - 14^1 = 41 - 14 = 27, \text{ which is divisible by 27, hence true}$$

For **n = k** we have

$$p(k) : 41^k - 14^k \quad - (i), \text{ Let's assume that this is divisible by } 27 = 27m$$

Now,

For  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(k+1) &: 41^{k+1} - 14^{k+1} = 41^k \cdot 41 - 14^k \cdot 14 \\
 &= 41(41^k - 14^k + 14^k) - 14^k \cdot 14 \\
 &= 41(41^k - 14^k) + 14^k \cdot 41 - 14^k \cdot 14 \\
 &= 41(27m) + 14^k(41 - 14) \quad (\text{using (i)}) \\
 &= 41(27m) + 14^k \cdot 27 \\
 &= 27(41m + 14^k) \\
 &= 27l \text{ where } l = 41m + 14^k \text{ some natural number}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $p(k+1)$  is true whenever  $p(k)$  is true

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, statement  $p(n)$  is divisible by 27 for all natural numbers  $n$