

Exercises 3.1 : ∞

Q.1 Prove by induction that for each natural number n , each of the following is true :-

d) $5 + 10 + 15 + \dots + 5n = \frac{5n(n+1)}{2}$

• Proof : using first principle of Mathematical induction :-

a) The Statement is true for $n=1$ since $5 = \frac{5(1+1)}{2}$ ✓

b) Suppose that the statement is true for $n=k$ that is
 $5 + 10 + 15 + \dots + 5k = \frac{5k(k+1)}{2}$ --- (1)

⇒ and need to prove that for $n=k+1$ is true, that is
 $5 + 10 + 15 + \dots + 5k + 5(k+1) = \frac{5(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$ --- (2)

• Now by adding $5(k+1)$ to both sides of (1) we get

$$5 + 10 + 15 + \dots + 5k + 5(k+1) = \frac{5k(k+1)}{2} + 5(k+1)$$

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

$$= \frac{5(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad \text{which is (2) above}$$

✓

$$f) 5 + 7 + 9 + \dots + (2n+3) = n(n+4)$$

• Proof : using first principle of Mathematical Induction. :-

a) The statement is true for $n=1$ since $5 = 1(1+4) \checkmark$

b) Suppose that the statement is true for $n=k$, that is
 $5 + 7 + 9 + \dots + (2k+3) = k(k+4) \dots (1)$

and need to prove that it is true for $n=k+1$, that is
 $5 + 7 + 9 + \dots + (2k+3) + (2(k+1)+3) = (k+1)(k+5) \dots (2)$

• Now : adding $(2k+5)$ to both sides of (1), we get :

$$\begin{aligned} 5 + 7 + 9 + \dots + (2k+3) + (2k+5) &= k(k+4) + (2k+5) \\ &= k^2 + 4k + 2k + 5 \\ &= k(k+8) + 5 \\ &= k((k+5)+1) + 5 \\ &= k(k+5) + (k+5) \\ &= (k+5)(k+1) \quad \text{which is (2) above} \end{aligned}$$

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

proof : using first principle of Mathematical Induction :-

a) The statement is true for $n=1$ since $1(1+1) = \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3}$ ✓

b) Suppose that the statement is true for $n=k$, that is
 $1(1+1) + 2(2+1) + \dots + k(k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \dots (1)$

$\Rightarrow$ and need to prove that for $n=k+1$ is true, that is
 $1(1+1) + 2(2+1) + \dots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3} \dots (2)$

Now : adding $(k+1)(k+2)$ to both sides of (1), we get

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

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

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3} \text{ which is (2) above} \quad \checkmark$$

i) $7^n - 2^n$ is divisible by 5 $\Rightarrow (5 \text{ divides } 7^n - 2^n)$

• Proof : using first principle of Mathematical Induction:

a) The statement is true for $n=1$ since $7-2=5 \mid 5 \checkmark$

b) Suppose that the statement is true for $n=k$, that is suppose $5 \mid 7^k - 2^k$ and need to prove that it is true for $n=k+1$, that is $5 \mid 7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}$:

• Now $5 \mid 7^k - 2^k \Rightarrow 7^k - 2^k = 5t, t \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} 7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} &= 7^k(7) - 2^k(2) \\ &= 7^k(5+2) - 2^k(2) \\ &= 7^k(5) + 7^k(2) - 2^k(2) \\ &= 7^k(5) + 2(7^k - 2^k) \\ &= 7^k(5) + 2(5t) \\ &= 5(7^k + 2t) \\ &= \boxed{5S}, \quad S = 7^k + 2t \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &\quad \text{true always} \end{aligned}$$

9) $(1 + \frac{1}{2})^n \geq 1 + \frac{n}{2}$

• Proof : using first principle of Mathematical Induction :-

a) The statement is true for $n=1$ since $(1 + \frac{1}{2})^1 \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2}$ ✓

b) Suppose that the statement is true for $n=k$, that is
 $(1 + \frac{1}{2})^k \geq 1 + \frac{k}{2}$ --- (1)

and need to prove that it is true for $n=k+1$, that is
 $(1 + \frac{1}{2})^{k+1} \geq 1 + \frac{k+1}{2}$ --- (2)

• Now : multiply both sides of (1) by $(1 + \frac{1}{2})$, we get

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

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

$$\geq 1 + \frac{k+1}{2} + \frac{k}{4}$$

$$(1 + \frac{1}{2})^{k+1} \geq 1 + \frac{k+1}{2} \quad ; \frac{k}{4} > 0$$

which is (2) above

Q.5 Prove that the product of any three consecutive natural numbers is divisible by 6 : $\Rightarrow$

• Assume three consecutive natural numbers is $n, n+1, n+2$

$\Rightarrow$ Show that $(n) \cdot (n+1) \cdot (n+2)$ is divisible by 6 ??

• proof : using first principle of Mathematical of Induction -

a) The statement is true for $n=1$ since $(1)(2)(3) = 6$ divisible by 6. $\checkmark$

b) Suppose that the statement is true for $n=k$, that is $(k)(k+1)(k+2)$ divisible by 6 $\Rightarrow 6 \mid k(k+1)(k+2)$

and need to prove that it is true for $n=k+1$, that is $6 \mid (k+1)(k+2)(k+3)$.

• Now : given $6 \mid k(k+1)(k+2) \Rightarrow k(k+1)(k+2) = 6t, t \in \mathbb{Z}$
need to prove that $(k+1)(k+2)(k+3) = 6s$??

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (k+1)(k+2)(k+3) &= k(k+1)(k+2) + 3(k+1)(k+2) \\ &= 6t + 3 \cdot 2 \\ &= 6t + 6c \\ &= 6(t+c) = \boxed{6s}, s = t+c \end{aligned}$$

Q.16 Prove that for each even natural number n ,

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore$$

• Proof : using first extended principle of Mathematical Induction

a) The statement is true for $n=2$ since $1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \checkmark$

b) Suppose that the statement is true for $n=k$, that is

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

k is even $\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$

and need to prove that it is true for $n=k+2$, that is

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

• Now :

$$\left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)\right) \cdot \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{k+1}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{k+2}\right)\right) = \quad ??$$

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

sec (1) $\swarrow$

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

Q.18 Prove that for each natural number $n \geq 2$,

$$\left(\frac{2^2}{1 \times 3}\right) \left(\frac{3^2}{2 \times 4}\right) \left(\frac{4^2}{3 \times 5}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{n^2}{(n-1)(n+1)}\right) = \frac{2n}{(n+1)}$$

Proof: using first extended principle of Mathematical Induction :-

a) The statement is true for $n=2$ since $\frac{2^2}{1 \times 3} = \frac{2 \times 2}{3} \checkmark$

b) Suppose that the statement is true for $n=k$, that is

$$\left(\frac{2^2}{1 \times 3}\right) \left(\frac{3^2}{2 \times 4}\right) \left(\frac{4^2}{3 \times 5}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{k^2}{(k-1)(k+1)}\right) = \frac{2k}{(k+1)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and need to prove that it is true for $n=k+1$, that is

$$\left(\frac{2^2}{1 \times 3}\right) \left(\frac{3^2}{2 \times 4}\right) \left(\frac{4^2}{3 \times 5}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{k^2}{(k-1)(k+1)}\right) \left(\frac{(k+1)^2}{k(k+2)}\right) = \frac{2(k+1)}{k+2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

• Now: $\underbrace{\left(\frac{2^2}{1 \times 3}\right) \left(\frac{3^2}{2 \times 4}\right) \left(\frac{4^2}{3 \times 5}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{k^2}{(k-1)(k+1)}\right)}_{\downarrow \text{ see (1) }} \left(\frac{(k+1)^2}{k(k+2)}\right) = \frac{2k}{k+1}$

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

which is (2) above $\checkmark$

Q.19 Prove that for each odd natural number $n \geq 3$,

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

Proof: using first extended principle of Mathematical Induction.

a) The statement is true for $n=3$ since $\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} = 1 \checkmark$

b) Suppose that the statement is true for $n=k$, that is

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

$$\text{Since } k \text{ is odd} \Rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) = 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and need to prove that it is true for $n=k+2$, that is

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

$$\bullet \text{ Now } : \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{k+1}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{k+2}\right) = ?$$

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

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

Q.20 Prove that for each natural number $n \geq 6$, $(n+1)^2 \leq 2^n$

• Proof: using first extended principle of Mathematical Induction

a) The statement is true for $n=6$ since $(6+1)^2 \leq 2^6 \Rightarrow 49 \leq 64$ ✓

b) Suppose the statement is true for $n=k$, that is

$$(k+1)^2 \leq 2 \cdot 2^k, \text{ and need to prove that it is true for}$$

$$n=k+1, \text{ that is } (k+2)^2 \leq 2^{k+1} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Now, } (k+1)^2 = k^2 + 2k + 1, \quad (k+2)^2 = k^2 + 4k + 4$$

$$k^2 + 2k + 1 \leq 2^k \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

adding $2k+3$ to both sides of (1) :-

$$k^2 + 2k + 1 + (2k+3) \leq 2^k + 2k + 3$$

$$k^2 + 4k + 4 \leq 2^k + (2k+3) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} 2k+3 \leq 2^k \\ \forall k \geq 6 \end{array} \right)$$

$$(k+2)^2 \leq 2^k + 2^k$$

$$(k+2)^2 \leq 2 \cdot 2^k$$

$$(k+2)^2 \leq 2^{k+1} \quad \text{which is (2) above ✓}$$

Q.22 Prove that for each natural number $n \geq 2$,
 $2^{n+1} < 3^n \quad \Rightarrow$

Proof: using first extended principle of Mathematical Induction

a) The statement is true for $n=2$ since $2^3 < 3^2$ ✓

b) Suppose that the statement is true for $n=k$, that is
 $2^{k+1} < 3^k \quad \text{--- (1)}$

and need to prove that it is true for $n=k+1$, that is
 $2^{k+2} < 3^{k+1} \quad \text{--- (2)}$

Now : $2^{k+1} < 3^k \quad \text{--- from (1)}$
 $2 < 3$

$$2 \times 2^{k+1} < 3 \times 3^k$$

$$\boxed{2^{k+2} < 3^{k+1}} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{which is (2) above}$$