

**CBSE Class-11 Mathematics**  
**NCERT Solutions**  
**Chapter - 4 Principle of Mathematical Induction**  
**Exercise 4.1**

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

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

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1} = \frac{(3^n - 1)}{2}$

For  $n = 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = 1 = \frac{(3^1 - 1)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

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

For  $n = k + 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{k-1} + 3^k = \frac{(3^k - 1)}{2} + 3^k \text{ [Using eq. (i)]}$$

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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$$2. 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$$

$$\text{Ans. Let } P(n) = 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$$

For  $n = 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = 1 = \left[ \frac{1(1+1)}{2} \right]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

$$\Rightarrow P(k) = 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 = \left[ \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right]^2 \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

For  $n = k+1$

$$\begin{aligned} P(k+1) &= 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 \\ &= \left[ \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right]^2 + (k+1)^3 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = 1 + \frac{1}{(1+2)} + \frac{1}{(1+2+3)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+2+3+\dots+n)} = \frac{2n}{(n+1)}$

For  $n = 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = 1 = \frac{2 \times 1}{1+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

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

For  $n = k+1$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = 1 + \frac{1}{(1+2)} + \frac{1}{(1+2+3)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+2+3+\dots+k)} \\ + \frac{1}{(1+2+3+\dots+k+1)} = \frac{2k}{(k+1)} + \frac{1}{(1+2+3+\dots+k+1)} \text{ [Using (i)]}$$

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

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true..

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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

Ans. Let  $P(n) = 1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \dots + n(n+1)(n+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$

For  $n = 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = 1 \times 2 \times 3 = \frac{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 = 6$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

$$\therefore P(k) = 1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

For  $n = k+1$

$$\therefore P(k+1) = 1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2) + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3) \text{ [Using eq. (i)]}$$

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

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$5. 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + n.3^n = \frac{(2n-1)3^{n+1} + 3}{4}$$

$$\text{Ans. Let } P(n) = 1.3 + 2.3^2 + 3.3^3 + \dots + n.3^n = \frac{(2n-1)3^{n+1} + 3}{4}$$

For  $n = 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = 1 \times 3 = \frac{(2 \times 1 - 1)3^{1+1} + 3}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 3$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

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

For  $n = k+1$

$\Rightarrow$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$6. 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + n(n+1) = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \right]$$

$$\text{Ans. Let } P(n) = 1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + n(n+1) = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \right]$$

For  $n = 1$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 2$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

$$\therefore P(k) = 1.2 + 2.3 + \dots + k(k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

For  $n = k+1$

$$\therefore P(k+1) = 1.2 + 2.3 + \dots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2)$$

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

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

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$7. 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2n-1)(2n+1) = \frac{n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)}{3}$$

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2n-1)(2n+1) = \frac{n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)}{3}$

For  $n=1$   $P(1) = (2 \times 1 - 1)(2 \times 1 + 1) = \frac{1[4(1)^2 + 6 \times 1 - 1]}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 3$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

$$\therefore P(k) = 1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots + (2k-1)(2k+1) = \frac{k(4k^2 + 6k - 1)}{3}$$

For  $n = k+1$

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



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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = \frac{4k^3 + 6k^2 - k + 12k^2 + 24k + 9}{3}$$

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

8.  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + n \cdot 2^n = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2$

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + n \cdot 2^n = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2$

For  $n=1$   $P(1) = 1 \times 2^1 = (1-1)2^{1+1} + 2$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 2$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

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

For  $n = k+1$

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

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = (k-1) \cdot 2^{k+1} + 2 + (k+1) \cdot 2^{k+1}$$

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

$$= 2^{k+1} \times 2k + 2 = k \cdot 2^{k+2} + 2$$

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

9.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$

For  $n = 1$   $P(1) = \frac{1}{2^1} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^1}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

$$\therefore P(k) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^k}$$

For  $n = k+1$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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

Ans. Let  $P(n) = \frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-1)(3n+2)} = \frac{n}{(6n+4)}$

For  $n=1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = \frac{1}{(3 \times 1 - 1)(3 \times 1 + 2)} = \frac{1}{(6 \times 1 + 4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n=k$

$$\therefore P(k) = \frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-1)(3k+2)} = \frac{k}{(6k+4)}$$

For  $n = k+1$

$\Rightarrow$

$$P(k+1) = \frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-1)(3k+2)} + \frac{1}{[3(k+1)-1][3(k+1)+2]}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = \frac{k}{6k+4} + \frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)}$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = \frac{k+1}{6k+10}$$

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$11. \frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$\text{Ans. Let } P(n) = \frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$$

For  $n = 1$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

$$\Rightarrow P(k) = \frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \frac{1}{3.4.5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)} = \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+1)(k+2)} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

For  $n = k+1$

$$\Rightarrow \text{R.H.S.} = \frac{(k+1)(k+4)}{4(k+2)(k+3)}$$

$$\text{And L.H.S.} = \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+2)(k+3)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \quad [\text{Using eq. (i)}]$$

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

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

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$12. a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$\text{Ans. Let } P(n) = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

For  $n = 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = ar^{1-1} = \frac{a(r^1 - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = a$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

$$\Rightarrow P(k) = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} = \frac{a(r^k - 1)}{r - 1} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

For  $n = k+1$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{a(r^{k+1} - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = \frac{a(r^k - 1)}{r - 1} + ar^k \quad [\text{Using eq. (i)}]$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{ar^k}{r - 1} - \frac{a}{r - 1} + ar^k$$

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

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

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

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$13. \left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{5}{4}\right) \left(1 + \frac{7}{9}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{2n+1}{n^2}\right) = (n+1)^2$$

$$\text{Ans. Let } P(n) = \left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{5}{4}\right) \left(1 + \frac{7}{9}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{2n+1}{n^2}\right) = (n+1)^2$$

$$\text{For } n=1 \quad P(1) = 1 + \frac{(2 \times 1 + 1)}{1^2} = (1+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 = 4$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

$$\Rightarrow P(k) = \left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{5}{4}\right) \left(1 + \frac{7}{9}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{2k+1}{k^2}\right) = (k+1)^2 \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

For  $n = k+1$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = (k+2)^2$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = (k+1)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{2k+3}{(k+1)^2} \right) \text{ [Using eq. (i)]}$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = (k+1)^2 \left( \frac{(k+1)^2 + 2k+3}{(k+1)^2} \right)$$

$$= k^2 + 4k + 4 = (k+2)^2$$

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$14. \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = (n+1)$$

$$\text{Ans. Let } P(n) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = (n+1)$$

$$\text{For } n=1 \quad P(1) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) = 1+1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 2$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

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



For  $n = k+1$

R.H.S. =  $k+2$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = (k+1) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{k+1} \right) \text{ [Using eq. (i)]}$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = (k+1) \left( \frac{k+1+1}{k+1} \right) = (k+2)$$

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$15. 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$$

$$\text{Ans. Let } P(n) = 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$$

For  $n = 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = (2 \times 1 - 1)^2 = \frac{1(2 \times 1 - 1)(2 \times 1 + 1)}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

$$\Rightarrow P(k) = 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 = \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

For  $n = k+1$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{(k+1)(2k+1)(2k+3)}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} + (2k+1)^2 \text{ [Using eq. (i)]}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$16. \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{(3n+1)}$$

$$\text{Ans. Let } P(n) = \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{(3n+1)}$$

For  $n=1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = \frac{1}{(3 \times 1 - 2)(3 \times 1 + 1)} = \frac{1}{(3 \times 1 + 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

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

For  $n = k+1$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{k+1}{3k+1}$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = \frac{k}{3k+1} + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+4)}$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{1}{3k+1} \left[ k + \frac{1}{3k+4} \right]$$

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$17. \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{n}{3(2n+3)}$$

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{n}{3(2n+3)}$

For  $n = 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = \frac{1}{(2 \times 1 + 1)(2 \times 1 + 3)} = \frac{1}{3(2 \times 1 + 3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{15}$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

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

For  $n = k+1$

$$\Rightarrow \text{R.H.S.} = \frac{k+1}{3(2k+5)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{L.H.S.} = \frac{k}{3(2k+3)} + \frac{1}{(2k+3)(2k+5)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{L.H.S.} = \frac{1}{(2k+3)} \left[ \frac{k}{3} + \frac{1}{2k+5} \right]$$

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

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

18.  $1+2+3+\dots+n < \frac{1}{8}(2n+1)^2$

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = 1+2+3+\dots+n < \frac{1}{8}(2n+1)^2$

For  $n=1$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = 1 < \frac{1}{8}(2 \times 1 + 1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 < \frac{9}{8}$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Now, let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n=k$

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

For  $n=k+1$ ,

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

Now, adding  $(k+1)$  on both sides of eq. (i), we have

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

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k + (k+1) < \frac{1}{8}(4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 8k + 8)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k + (k+1) < \frac{1}{8}(4k^2 + 12k + 9)$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 4(k+1)(k+2) < 4k^2 + 9 + 6k$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(k^2 + 3k + 2) < 4k^2 + 9 + 6k$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k^2 + 12k + 8 < 4k^2 + 9 + 6k$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 < 9$$

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**19.  $n(n+1)(n+5)$  is a multiple of 3.**

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = n(n+1)(n+5)$  is a multiple of 3.

For  $n = 1$ ,

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = 1(1+1)(1+5) \text{ is a multiple of } 3 = 12 \text{ is a multiple of } 3$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

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

$\Rightarrow P(k) = k(k+1)(k+5)$  is a multiple of 3.

$$\Rightarrow k(k+1)(k+5) = 3\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow k^3 + 6k^2 + 5k = 3\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow k^3 = 3\lambda - 6k^2 - 5k \dots(i)$$

For  $n = k+1$ ,

$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = (k+1)(k+2)(k+6)$  is a multiple of 3

Now,  $(k+1)(k+2)(k+6)$

$$= k^3 + 9k^2 + 20k + 12$$

$$= 3\lambda - 6k^2 - 5k + 9k^2 + 20k + 12 \text{ [Using (i)]}$$

$$= 3\lambda + 3k^2 + 15k + 12$$

$$= 3(\lambda + k^2 + 5k + 4)$$

$$= (k+1)(k+2)(k+6) \text{ is a multiple of 3}$$

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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**20.  $10^{2n-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11.**

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = 10^{2n-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11.

For  $n = 1$ ,  $P(1) = 10^{2 \times 1 - 1} + 1$  is divisible by 11

$= 11$  is divisible by 11

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

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

$\Rightarrow P(k) = 10^{2k-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11

$\Rightarrow 10^{2k-1} + 1 = 11\lambda$

$\Rightarrow 10^{2k-1} = 11\lambda - 1$  .....(i)

For  $n = k+1$ ,

$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = 10^{2(k+1)-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11

$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = 10^{2k+1} + 1$  is divisible by 11

Now,  $10^{2k+1} + 1 = 10^{2k-1} \cdot 10^2 + 1$

$= (11\lambda - 1) \cdot 10^2 + 1 = 1100\lambda - 100 + 1$

$= 11(100\lambda - 9)$

$\therefore 10^{2(k+1)-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = x^{2n} - y^{2n}$  is divisible by  $(x+y)$



For  $n = 1$ ,

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = x^{2 \times 1} - y^{2 \times 1} \text{ is divisible by } (x + y)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + y)(x - y) \text{ is divisible by } (x + y)$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

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

$$\Rightarrow P(k) = x^{2k} - y^{2k} \text{ is divisible by } (x + y)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^{2k} - y^{2k} = \lambda(x + y) \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

For  $n = k + 1$ ,

$$\Rightarrow P(k + 1) = x^{2(k+1)} - y^{2(k+1)} \text{ is divisible by } (x + y)$$

Now,

$$\Rightarrow x^{2k+2} - y^{2k+2} = x^{2k+2} - x^{2k}y^2 + x^{2k}y^2 - y^{2k+2}$$

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

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

$$= x^{2k}(x^2 - y^2) + y^2 \lambda(x + y) \text{ [From eq. (i)]}$$

$$= (x + y)[x^{2k}(x - y) + \lambda y^2]$$

$$\therefore x^{2(k+1)} - y^{2(k+1)} \text{ is divisible by } (x + y)$$

$\therefore P(k + 1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**22.  $3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$  is divisible by 8.**

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = 3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$  is divisible by 8.

For  $n = 1$ ,

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = 3^{2 \times 1 + 2} - 8 \times 1 - 9 \text{ is divisible by 8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 64 \text{ is divisible by 8}$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

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

$$\Rightarrow P(k) = 3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 \text{ is divisible by 8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{2k+2} - 8k - 9 = 8\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{2k+2} = 8\lambda + 8k + 9 \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

For  $n = k+1$ ,

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = 3^{2(k+1)+2} - 8(k+1) - 9 \text{ is divisible by 8}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = 3^{2k+2} \cdot 3^2 - 8k - 8 - 9 \text{ is divisible by 8}$$

Now,  $3^{2k+2} \cdot 9 - 8k - 17$

$$= (8\lambda + 8k + 9) \cdot 9 - 8k - 17 \text{ [From eq. (i)]}$$

$$= 72\lambda + 72k + 81 - 8k - 17$$

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

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

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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**23.  $41^n - 14^n$  is a multiple of 27.**

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = 41^n - 14^n$  is a multiple of 27.

For  $n = 1$ ,  $P(1) = 41^1 - 14^1$  is a multiple of 27

$\Rightarrow 27$  is a multiple of 27

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

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

$\Rightarrow P(k) = 41^k - 14^k$  is a multiple of 27

$\Rightarrow 41^k - 14^k = 27\lambda \dots (i)$

For  $n = k+1$ ,

$\Rightarrow P(k+1) = 41^{k+1} - 14^{k+1}$  is a multiple of 27

Now,  $41^{k+1} - 14^{k+1}$

$$= 41^{k+1} - 41^k \cdot 14 + 41^k \cdot 14 - 14^{k+1}$$

$$= 41^k (41 - 14) + 14 (41^k - 14^k)$$

$$= 41^k \times 27 + 14 \times 27\lambda \text{ [From eq. (i)]}$$

$$= 27 (41^k + 14\lambda)$$

$\therefore 41^{k+1} - 14^{k+1}$  is a multiple of 27

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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24.  $(2n+7) < (n+3)^2$

**Ans.** Let  $P(n) = (2n+7) < (n+3)^2$

For  $n = 1$ ,

$$P(1) = (2 \times 1 + 7) < (1+3)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 < 16$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

Let  $P(n)$  be true for  $n = k$

$$P(k) = (2k+7) < (k+3)^2 \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

For  $n = k+1$

$$P(k+1) = 2(k+1) + 7 < (k+1+3)^2$$

$$= 2(k+1) + 7 < (k+4)^2$$

Now, adding 2 on both sides in eq. (i),

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

$$\Rightarrow 2(k+1) + 7 < k^2 + 9 + 6k + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(k+1) + 7 < k^2 + 6k + 11$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(k+1) + 7 < k^2 + 6k + 11$$

$$\text{Also } 2(k+1) + 7 < k^2 + 6k + 11 < (k+4)^2$$

$$\therefore 2(k+1) + 7 < (k+4)^2$$

$$\therefore P(k+1) \text{ is true.}$$

Therefore,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .