

2.MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

Principle of finite Mathematical Induction:

Let $\{P(n) / n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a set of statements. If (i) $p(1)$ is true

(ii) $p(m)$ is true $\Rightarrow p(m+1)$ is true ; then $p(n)$ is true for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Principle of complete induction:

Let $\{P(n) / n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a set of statements. If $p(1)$ is true and $p(2), p(3) \dots p(m-1)$ are true $\Rightarrow p(m)$ is true, then $p(n)$ is true for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Note:

(i) The principle of mathematical induction is a method of proof of a statement.

(ii) We often use the finite mathematical induction, hence or otherwise specified the mathematical induction is the finite mathematical induction.

Some important formulae:

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

2. $\sum n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$;

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

4. $a, (a+d), (a+2d), \dots$ are in a.p

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ term } t_n = a + (n-1)d, \quad \text{sum of } n \text{ terms } S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d] = \frac{n}{2} [a + l],$$

a = first term, l = last term.

5. a, ar, ar^2, \dots is a g.p.

n th term $t_n = a.r^{n-1}$. a = 1st term, r = common ratio.

$$\text{Sum of } n \text{ terms } s_n = a \frac{(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}; r > 1, \quad = a \left(\frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \right); r < 1$$

Using mathematical induction prove the following

1. $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

Sol: Let S_n be the given statement

For $n = 1$ L.H.S = 1

R.H.S = $\frac{1(1+1)(2+1)}{6} = 1$

L.H.S = R.H.S

$\therefore S_{(1)}$ is true

Assume S_k is true

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

Adding $(k+1)^{th}$ term on both sides i.e. $(k+1)^2$ on both sides

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2 &= \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + (k+1)^2 \\ &= (k+1) \left\{ \frac{k(2k+1) + 6(k+1)}{6} \right\} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)\{2k^2 + 7k + 6\}}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)\{(k+1)+1\}\{2(k+1)+1\}}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore S_{k+1}$ is true

$\therefore S_n$ is true

2. **Prove that 2.3+ 3.4 + 4.5+ Up to n terms** $\frac{n(n^2 + 6n + 11)}{3}$

Sol: 2, 3, 4..... n terms $t_n = 2 + (n-1)1 = n + 1$

3, 4, 5..... n terms $t_n = 3 + (n-1)1 = n + 2$

$2.3 + 3.4 + 4.5 + \dots + (n+1)(n+2) = \frac{n(n^2 + 6n + 11)}{3}$

Let S_n be the given statement

For $n = 1$ L.H.S = 2.3 = 6

R.H.S = $\frac{1(1+6+11)}{3} = 6$

L. H.S = R.H.S

$\therefore S_{(1)}$ is true

Assume S_k is true

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 2.3 + 3.4 + 4.5 + \dots + (k+1)(k+2) &= \frac{k(k^2 + 6k + 11)}{3} + (k+2)(k+3) \\ &= \frac{k(k^2 + 6k + 11) + 3(k^2 + 5k + 6)}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{k^3 + 9k^2 + 26k + 18}{3} \\
&= \frac{(k+1)\{k^2 + 8k + 18\}}{3} \quad k = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 9 & 26 & 18 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 & -18 \\ \hline 1 & 8 & 18 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \frac{(k+1)\{(k+1)^2 + 6(k+1) + 11\}}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore S_{k+1}$ is true

Hence $S_{(n)}$ is true for all $n \in N$

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

Sol: Let $S_{(n)}$ be the given statement

For $n = 1$ L.H.S $\frac{1}{1.3} = \frac{1}{3}$

R.H.S $= \frac{1}{2+1} = \frac{1}{3}$

Assume S_k is true

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

Adding $(k+1)^{th}$ term i.e. $\frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)}$ on both sides

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{1.3} + \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} &= \frac{k}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \\
&= \frac{k(2k+3) + 1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \\
&= \frac{2k^2 + 3k + 1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \\
&= \frac{k+1}{2k+3}
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore S_{k+1}$ is true

Hence $S_{(n)}$ is true for all $n \in N$

4. $4^3 + 8^3 + 12^3 + \dots$ up to n terms $= 16n^2(n+1)^2$

Sol: Let $S_{(n)}$ be the given statements

For $n = 1$ L.H.S $= 4^3 = 64$

R.H.S $= 16(1)^2(1+1)^2 = 64$

\therefore L.H.S = R.H.S

Hence $S_{(1)}$ is true

Assume $S_{(k)}$ is true

$\therefore 4^3 + 8^3 + 12^3 + \dots + (4k)^3 = 16k^2(k+1)^2$

Adding $\{4(k+1)\}^3$ on both sides

$$4^3 + 8^3 + 12^3 + \dots + (4k)^3 + \{4(k+1)\}^3 = 16k^2(k+1)^2 + 64(k+1)^3$$

$$4^3 + 8^3 + 12^3 + \dots + \{4(k+1)\}^3 = 16(k+1)^2 \{k^2 + 4k + 4\}$$

$$= 16(k+1)^2 (k+2)^2$$

$\therefore S_{k+1}$ is true

Hence $S_{(n)}$ is true for all $n \in N$

5. $a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \dots$ up to n terms $a = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$

Sol: $a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \dots + [a + (n-1)d] = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$

Let $S_{(n)}$ be the given statement

For $n = 1$

L.H.S. = a

R.H.S. = $\frac{1}{2}[2a + (1-1)d] = a$

L.H.S. = R.H.S

Assume S_k is true

$$a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \dots + a + (k-1)d + (a + kd) = \frac{k}{2}[2a + (k-1)d] + (a + kd)$$

$$a + (a + d) + \dots + a + kd = ak + \frac{k}{2}(k-1)d + a + kd$$

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

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

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

$\therefore S_{k+1}$ is true

Hence S_n is true for all $n \in N$

6. $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots$ upto n terms $= \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$ ($r \neq 1$)

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

Let $S_{(n)}$ be the given statement

For $n = 1$

L.H.S = a

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

\therefore L.H.S = R.H.S

$\therefore S_{(1)}$ is true

Assume S_k is true

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

Adding $a.r^k$ on both sides

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

$$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^k = \frac{a\{r^k - 1 + r^{k+1} - r^k\}}{r - 1}$$

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

Hence S_{k+1} is true

$\therefore S_n$ is true $\forall n \in N$

7. $2 + 7 + 12 + \dots + (5n - 3) = \frac{n(Sn - 1)}{2}$

Sol: Let $S_{(n)}$ be the given statement

For $n = 1$

L.H.S = 2

$$\text{R.H.S} = \frac{1(5-1)}{2} = 2$$

\therefore L.H.S = R.H.S for $n = 1$

Hence $S_{(1)}$ is true

Assume $S_{(k)}$ is true

$$2 + 7 + 12 + \dots + (5k - 3) = \frac{k(5k - 1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5k^2 + 9k + 4}{2} = \frac{(k+1)\{5(k+1) - 1\}}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow S_{k+1}$ is true

Hence $S_{(n)}$ is true $\forall n \in N$

8. $4^n - 3n - 1$ is divisible by 9

Sol: Let $S_{(n)}$ be the given statement i.e. $S_{(n)} = 4^n - 3n - 1$

For $n = 1 \Rightarrow S_{(1)} = 4 - 3 - 1 = 0$ is divisible by 9

Assume $S_{(k)}$ is true i.e. $4^k - 3k - 1$ is divisible by 9

$$S_{k+1} = 4^{k+1} - 3^{(k+1)} - 1 = 4^k \cdot 4 - 3k - 4$$

$$= \{9m + 3k + 1\} 4 - 3k - 4$$

$$= 36m + 12k + 4 - 3k - 4$$

$$= 36m + 9k = 9\{4m + k\} \text{ this is}$$

Divisible by 9

Hence S_{k+1} is divisible by 9

$\therefore S_n$ is divisible by 9 $\forall n \in N$

9. Show that $3 \cdot 5^{2n+1} + 2^{3n+1} + 2^{3n+1}$ is divisible by 17

Sol: Let $S_{(n)} = 3 \cdot 5^{2n+1} + 2^{3n+1}$ be the given statement

$$S_{(1)} = 3 \cdot 5^3 + 2^4 = 375 + 16 = 391 = 17 \times 23$$

This is divisible by 17

Assume S_k is true

$$S_k = 3 \cdot 5^{2k+1} + 2^{3k+1} \text{ is divisible by 17}$$

$$\text{Let } 3 \cdot 5^{2k+1} + 2^{3k+1} = 17m$$

$$3 \cdot 5^{2k+1} = 17m - 2^{3k+1}$$

$$S_{k+1} = 3 \cdot 5^{2k+3} + 2^{3k+4}$$

$$= 3 \cdot 5^{2k+1} \cdot 5^2 + 2^{3k+1} \cdot 2^3$$

$$= 25 \{ 17m - 2^{3k+1} \} + 2^{3k+1} \cdot 8$$

$$= 25 \times 17m - 17(2^{3k+1}) = 17 \{ 25m - 2^{3k+1} \} \text{ is divisible by 17}$$

Hence S_{k+1} is true

$\therefore S_n$ is true for all $n \in N$

10. $1.2.3 + 2.3.4 + 3.4.5 + \dots$ up to n terms $= \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$

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

Let $S_{(n)}$ be the given statement

For $n = 1$

$$\text{L.H.S} = 1.2.3 = 6$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = \frac{1(2)(3)(4)}{4} = 6$$

Assume $S_{(k)}$ is true

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

Adding $(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)$ on both sides

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

S_{k+1} is true

Hence $S_{(n)}$ is true $\forall n \in N$

11. $\frac{1^3}{1} + \frac{1^3+2^3}{1+3} + \frac{1^3+2^3+3^3}{1+3+5} + \dots$ upto n terms $= \frac{n}{24} [2n^2 + 9n + 13]$

Sol: $\frac{1^3}{1} + \frac{1^3+2^3}{1+3} + \frac{1^3+2^3+3^3}{1+3+5} + \dots + \frac{1^3+2^3+3^3+\dots+n^3}{1+3+5+\dots+(2n-1)} = \frac{n}{24} [2n^2 + 9n + 13]$

Let $S_{(n)}$ be the given statement

For $n = 1$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \frac{1^3}{1} = 1$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = \frac{1}{24} [2 + 9 + 13] = 1$$

L.H.S = R.H.S

Hence $S_{(1)}$ is true

Assume S_k is true

$$\therefore \frac{1^3}{1} + \frac{1^3+2^3}{1+3} + \frac{1^3+2^3+3^3}{1+3+5} + \dots + \frac{1^3+2^3+3^3+\dots+k^3}{1+3+5+\dots+2(k-1)} = \frac{k}{24} [2k^2+9k+13]$$

$$\frac{1^3}{1} + \frac{1^3+2^3}{1+3} + \frac{1^3+2^3+3^3}{1+3+5} + \dots + \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4k^2} = \frac{k}{24} [2k^2+9k+13]$$

Adding $\frac{(k+2)^2}{4}$ on both sides

$$\frac{1^3}{1} + \frac{1^3+2^3}{1+3} + \frac{1^3+2^3+3^3}{1+3+5} + \dots + \frac{(k+1)^2}{4} + \frac{(k+2)^2}{4} = \frac{k}{24} \{2k^2+9k+13\} + \frac{(k+2)^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{1^3}{1} + \frac{1^3+2^3}{1+3} + \frac{1^3+2^3+3^3}{1+3+5} + \dots + \frac{(k+2)^2}{4} = \frac{k\{2k^2+9k+13\} + 6(k^2+4k+4)}{24}$$

$$= \frac{2k^2+9k+13+6k^2+24k+24}{24}$$

$$= \frac{2k^2+15k^2+37k+24}{24}$$

$$k = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 15 & 37 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -13 & -24 \\ 2 & 13 & 24 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)\{2k^2+13k+24\}}{24}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)\{2(k^2+2k+1)+9(k+1)+13\}}{24}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)\{2(k+1)^2+9(k+1)+13\}}{24}$$

$\therefore S_{k+1}$ is true

$\therefore S_n$ is true $\forall n \in N$

12. $1^2 + (1^2 + 2^2) + (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) + \dots$ **up to n terms** $= \frac{n(n+1)^2(n+2)}{12}$

Sol: $1^2 + (1^2 + 2^2) + (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) + \dots + (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2) = \frac{n(n+1)^2(n+2)}{12}$

$$1^2 + (1^2 + 2^2) + (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) + \dots = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \frac{n(n+1)^2(n+2)}{12}$$

Let $S_{(n)}$ be the given statement

For $n = 1$

L.H.S = 1

$$\text{R.H.S} = \frac{1(1+1)^2(1+2)}{12}$$

Assume S_k is true

$$1^2 + (1^2 + 2^2) + (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) + \dots + \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} = \frac{k(k+1)^2(k+2)}{12}$$

Adding $(k+1)^{th}$ term i.e. $= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6}$ on both sides

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + (1^2 + 2^2) + (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) + \dots + &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6} = \frac{k(k+1)^2(k+2)}{12} + \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6} \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)^2(k+2) + 2(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{12} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)\{k^2 + k + 4k + 6\}}{12} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)\{k^2 + 5k + 6\}}{12} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+2)(k+3)}{12} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)^2(k+3)}{12} \end{aligned}$$

13. Using mathematical induction, prove the following statements, for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$.

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

Sol. Let $S(n): \left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right) + \left(1 + \frac{5}{4}\right) \left(1 + \frac{7}{9}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{2n+1}{n^2}\right) = (n+1)^2$ be the given statement.

Let $n=1$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = 1 + 3 = 4$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = (1 + 1)^2 = 2^2 = 4$$

L.H.S. = R.H.S.

Therefore, $S(1)$ is true.

Let us assume that $S(k)$ is true.

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

To prove $S(k+1)$ is true.

We know that $(k+1)$ th factor is :

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

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

$$\text{Multiplying both sides by} \left(1 + \frac{2k+3}{(k+1)^2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{5}{4}\right) \left(1 + \frac{7}{9}\right) \dots \dots \dots \left(1 + \frac{2k+1}{k^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2k+3}{(k+1)^2}\right) \\
&= (k+1)^2 \left(1 + \frac{2k+3}{(k+1)^2}\right) \\
&= (k+1)^2 \frac{[(k+1)^2 + 2k+3]}{(k+1)^2} \\
&= k^2 + 1 + 2k + 2k + 3 \\
&= k^2 + 4k + 4 \\
&= (k+2)^2 = [(k+1) + 1]^2
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true

By the principle of mathematical induction $S(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

14. **If x and y are natural numbers and $x \neq y$, using mathematical induction show that $x^n - y^n$ is divisible by $x - y$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.**

Sol. Let $S(n)$: $x^n - y^n$ is divisible by $x - y$ be the given statement.

Put $n = 1$, $x^1 - y^1 = x - y$

$x^n - y^n$ is divisible by $x - y$

$\therefore S(1)$ is true for $n = 1$

Put $n = k$, $x^k - y^k = (x - y)p$ ($\because p$ is an integer)

$\therefore x^k - y^k = (x - y)p \quad \dots(1)$

$S(k)$ is true for $n = k$

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}
x^{k+1} - y^{k+1} &= x^{k+1} - x^k y + x^k y - y^{k+1} \\
&= x^k \cdot x - x^k y + x^k y - y^k \cdot y \\
&= x^k(x - y) + y(x^k - y^k) \\
&= x^k(x - y) + y(x - y)p \quad (\because \text{from(1)}) \\
&= (x - y)(x^k + yp) \\
&= (x - y)q \quad (\because q \text{ is an integer})
\end{aligned}$$

Since p is a polynomial in x and y , so is q .

Hence $x^{k+1} - y^{k+1}$ is divisible by $(x - y)$

$\therefore S(k+1)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

By the principle of mathematical induction, $S(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

15. Show that $49^n + 16n - 1$ is divisible by 64 for all positive integers n .

Sol. Let $S(n)$: $49^n + 16n - 1$ is divisible by 64 be the statement.

Since $49^1 + 16 \cdot 1 - 1 = 64$ is divisible by 64.

$\therefore S(n)$ is true for $n = 1$

Assume that the statement $S(n)$ is true for $n = k$

i.e. $49^k + 16k - 1$ is divisible by 64

Then $49^k + 16k - 1 = 64M \quad \dots(1) (\because M \text{ is an integer})$

We show that the statement $S(n)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

i.e. we show that $49^{k+1} + 16(k+1) - 1$ is divisible by 64.

From (1), we have

$$49^k + 16k - 1 = 64M$$

$$49^k = 64M - 16k + 1$$

$$49^k \times 49 = (64M - 16k + 1) \times 49$$

$$49^{k+1} + 16(k+1) - 1 = (64M - 16k + 1)49 + 16(k+1) - 1$$

$$= 64 \times 49M - 49 \times 16k + 49 + 16k + 16 - 1$$

$$= 64 \times 49M - 48 \times 16k + 64$$

$$= 64 \times 49M - 64 \times 12k + 64$$

$$= 64(49M - 12k + 1)$$

$$= 64N [\because N \text{ is an integer}]$$

$\therefore S(n)$ is true for $n = k + 1$

\therefore By the principle of mathematical induction, $S(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.