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NCERT - NCERT MATHEMATICS (ENGLISH)

PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

Solved Examples

1. Prove the rule of exponents $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ by using principle of mathematical induction for every natural number.

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2. Prove that $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 > \frac{n^3}{3}, n \in N$

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3. Prove that $2 \cdot 7^n + 3 \cdot 5^n - 5$ is divisible by 24, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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4. Prove that $(1 + x)^n \geq (1 + nx)$, for all natural number n , where $x \geq 1$.

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5. For every positive integer n , prove that $7^n - 3^n$ is divisible by 4.

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6. For all $n \geq 1$, prove that

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

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7. Prove that $2^n > n$ for all positive integers n .

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8. For all $n \geq 1$, prove that $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

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Exercise 4 1

1. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

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

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2. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction

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

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3. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$$

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4. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 8} + \frac{1}{8 \cdot 11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-1)(3n+2)} = \frac{n}{(6n+4)}$$

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5. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\frac{1}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 7} + \frac{1}{7 \cdot 9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{n}{3(2n+3)}.$$

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6. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 7} + \frac{1}{7 \cdot 10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{3n+1}$$

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7. Prove by the principal of mathematcal induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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

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8. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction

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



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9. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

$$n(n + 1)(n + 5) \text{ is a multiple of } 3 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$



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10. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction

$$\text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}: 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n < \frac{1}{8}(2n + 1)^2.$$



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11. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction

$$\text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}: (2n + 7) < (n + 3)^2.$$



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12. 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.



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13. 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.



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14. Prove by the principle of induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $(10^{2n-1} + 1)$ is divisible by 11.



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15. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $x^{2n} - y^{2n}$ is divisible by $x + y$.

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16. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:
$$1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1} = \frac{3^n - 1}{2}$$

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17. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$

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18. Using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that

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

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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19. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + n(n+1)(n+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$$

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20. Using the principle of mathematical induction prove that :

$$1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3^2 + 3 \cdot 3^3 + \dots + n \cdot 3^n = \frac{(2n+1)3^{n+1} + 3}{4} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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21. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

$$1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$$

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22. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

$$1. 3 + 2. 4 + 3. 5 + \dots + (2n - 1)(2n + 1) = \frac{n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)}{3}$$

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23. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

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

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24. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

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

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