



MATHS

BOOKS - RD SHARMA MATHS (HINGLISH)

MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

Solved Examples And Exercises

1. Prove that for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $10^n + 3 \cdot 4^{n+2} + 5$ is divisible by 9 .

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2. Prove by induction that the sum of the cubes of three consecutive natural numbers is divisible by 9.

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3. A sequence x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots is defined by letting $x_1 = 2$ and $x_k = \frac{x_{k-1}}{k}$ for all natural numbers $k, k \geq 2$. Show that $x_n = \frac{2}{n!}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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4. Show by the Principle of Mathematical induction that the sum S_n , of the n terms of the series $1^2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3^2 + 2 \times 4^2 + 5^2 + 2 \times 6^2 + 7^2 + \dots$ is given by

$$S_n = \begin{cases} \frac{n(n+1)^2}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even, then} \\ \frac{n^2(n+1)}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

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5. 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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6. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n^2 + n$ is even natural number.

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7. Using the principle of mathematical induction prove that

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

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

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8. Prove by induction that the sum $S_n = n^3 + 2n^2 + 5n + 3$ is divisible by 3 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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9. Using the principle of mathematical induction prove that

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

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

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10. Using the principle of mathematical induction. Prove that $(x^n - y^n)$ is divisible by $(x+y)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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11. Using the principle of mathematical induction prove that $41^n - 14^n$ is a multiple of 27.

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12. Using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that $(2^{3n} - 1)$ is divisible by 7 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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13. Using principle of mathematical induction prove that $\sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ for all natural numbers $n \geq 2$.

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

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

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16. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that $n < 2^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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17. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, 3^{2n} when divided by 8, the remainder is always 1.

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18. Using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that :

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

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

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



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20. Using principle of MI prove that $2 \cdot 7^n + 3 \cdot 5^n - 5$ is divisible by 24



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21. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that

$$\frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{7n}{15} \text{ is a natural number for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$



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22. For all positive integer n , prove that $\frac{n^7}{7} + \frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{2}{3}n^3 - \frac{n}{105}$ is an integer



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23. If $P(n)$ is the statement $2^{3n} - 1$ is an integral multiple of 7, and if $P(r)$ is true, prove that $P(r + 1)$ is true.

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24. Let $P(n)$ be the statement $3^n > n$. If $P(n)$ is true, $P(n + 1)$ is also true.

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25. If $P(n)$ is the statement $n^2 > 100$, prove that whenever $P(r)$ is true, $P(r + 1)$ is also true.

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26. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

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

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27. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

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

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28. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that:

$n(n+1)(2n+1)$ is divisible by 6 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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29. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all

$n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n^2 + n$ is even natural number.

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30. Prove that :

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2(\alpha + \beta) - 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos(\alpha + \beta) = \sin^2 \beta$$

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31. Prove that $\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} > \frac{13}{24}$, for all natural number $n > 1$.

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32. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in N : (2n + 7) < (n + 3)^2$.

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33. Prove by induction the inequality $(1 + x)^n \geq 1 + nx$ whenever x is positive and n is a positive integer.

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34. If $P(n)$ is the statement $n^3 + n$ is divisible 3 is the statement $P(3)$ true? Is the statement $P(4)$ true?

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35. If $P(n)$ is the statement $n(n + 1)(n + 2)$ is divisible is 12 prove that the statements $P(3)$ and $P(4)$ are true, but that $P(5)$ is not true.

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36. Let $P(n)$ be the statement 7 divides $(2^{3n} - 1)$. What is $P(n + 1)$?

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37. If $P(n)$ is the statement $n(n + 1)$, then what is $P(3)$?

A. even

B. odd

C. prime

D. none of these

Answer: A



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38. If $P(n)$ is the statement $n^3 + n$ is divisible by 3, prove that $P(3)$ is true but $P(4)$ is not true.



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39. If $P(n)$ is the statement $n^2 + n$ is even, and if $P(r)$ is true then $P(r + 1)$ is

A. True

B. False

C. Not determined

D. None of these

Answer: A



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40. If $P(n)$ is the statement $2^n \geq 3n$, and if $P(r)$ is true, prove that $P(r + 1)$ is true.



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41. Given an example of a statement $P(n)$ such that it is true of all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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42. If $P(n)$ is the statement $n^2 - n + 41$ is prime. Prove that $P(1)$, $P(2)$ and $P(3)$ are true. Prove also that $P(41)$ is not true.

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43. Given an example of a statement $P(n)$ which is true for all $n \geq 4$ but $P(1)$, $P(2)$ and $P(3)$ are not true. Justify your answer.

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44. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

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

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45. Using principle of mathematical induction prove that $x^{2n} - y^{2n}$ is divisible by $x + y$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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46. 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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47. Prove by induction that $4 + 8 + 12 + \dots + 4n = 2n(n + 1)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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48. Using principle of mathematical induction prove that

$$\cos \alpha \cos 2\alpha \cos 4\alpha \cos(2^{n-1}\alpha) = \frac{\sin 2^n \alpha}{2^n \sin \alpha} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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49. Let $U_1 = 1$, $U_2 = 1$ and $U_{n+2} = U_{n+1} + U_n f$ or $n \geq 1$. use

mathematical induction to show that:

$$U_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right\} f \text{ or all } n \geq 1.$$

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

$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ i.e., the sum of the first n natural numbers

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

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

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

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52. 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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53. Using the principle of mathematical induction, 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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54. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$; the sum of first n odd natural

numbers is n^2 .



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

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



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56. 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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57. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

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



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

$$\frac{1}{3 \cdot 7} + \frac{1}{7 \cdot 11} + \frac{1}{11 \cdot 15} + \dots + \frac{1}{(4n-1)(4n+3)} = \frac{n}{3(4n+3)}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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62. 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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63. 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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64. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction:

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

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

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

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

$$5^{2n} - 1 \text{ is divisible by } 24 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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

$$3^{2n} + 7 \text{ is divisible by } 8 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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

$$5^{2n+2} - 24n - 25 \text{ is divisible } 576 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$





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

$3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$ is divisible 8 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.



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

$(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.



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71. 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.



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

$7^{2n} + 2^{3n-3} \cdot 3^{n-1}$ is divisible 25 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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

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

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

$11^{n+2} + 12^{2n+1}$ is divisible 133 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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

$n^3 - 7n + 3$ is divisible 3 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.



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

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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

$$7 + 77 + 777 + \dots + \underbrace{777\dots7}_n = \frac{7}{81}(10^{n+1} - 9n - 10) \text{ for}$$

all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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

$$\frac{n^7}{7} + \frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2} - \frac{37}{210}n \text{ is a positive integer for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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

$$\frac{n^{11}}{11} + \frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{62}{165}n \text{ is a positive integer for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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

$$\frac{1}{2}\tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{4}\tan\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n}\tan\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) = \frac{1}{2^n}\cot\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - \cot x$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and 0

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

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right)\dots\left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2n} \text{ or all natural}$$

numbers $n \geq 2$.

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

$$\frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3n+1}} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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

$$x^{2n-1} + y^{2n-1} \text{ is divisible by } x + y \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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84. Prove that: $\sin x + \sin 3x + \dots + \sin(2n-1)x = \frac{\sin^2 nx}{\sin x}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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85. Given $a_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(a_0 + \frac{A}{a_0} \right)$, $a_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(a_1 + \frac{A}{a_1} \right)$ and $a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(a_n + \frac{A}{a_n} \right)$ for $n \geq 2$, where $a > 0$, $A > 0$. prove that

$$\frac{a_n - \sqrt{A}}{a_n + \sqrt{A}} = \left(\frac{a_1 - \sqrt{A}}{a_1 + \sqrt{A}} \right) 2^{n-1}.$$

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86. Let $P(n)$ be the statement: $2^n \geq 3n$. If $P(r)$ is true, show that $P(r + 1)$ is true. Do you conclude that $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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87. The distributive law from algebra states that for all real numbers c, a_1 and a_2 , we have $c(a_1 + a_2) = ca_1 + ca_2$. Use this law and mathematical induction to prove that, for all natural numbers, $n \geq 2$, if c, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are any real numbers, then

$$c(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) = ca_1 + ca_2 + \dots + ca_n$$

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88. State First principle of mathematical induction.



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89. Write the set of values of n for which the statement $P(n) : 2n < n!$ is true.

A. 4

B. 8

C. 12

D. 16

Answer: A



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90. State Second principal of mathematical induction.



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91. If $P(n) : 2 \times 4^{2n+1} + 3^{3n+1}$ is divisible by λ for all $n \in N$ is true, then

find the value of λ .

A. 9

B. 11

C. 13

D. 15

Answer: B

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92. If $x^n - 1$ is divisible by $x - \lambda$, then the least positive integral value of λ is 1 b. 3 c. 4 d. 2

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93. For all $n \in N$, $3 \times 5^{2n+1} + 2^{3n+1}$ is divisible by a.19 b. 17 c. 23 d. 25





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94. If $10^n + 3 \times 4^{n+2} + \lambda$ is divisible by 9 or all natural numbers, then the least positive integral value of λ is

- a. 5
- b. 3
- c. 7
- d. 1



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95. Let $P(n) : 2^n < (1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times n)$. Then the smallest positive integer for which $P(n)$ is true is

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: D



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96. A student was asked to prove a statement by induction. He proved (i) $P(5)$ is true and (ii) truth of $P(n) \Rightarrow$ truth of $P(n+1)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. On the basis of this, he could conclude that $P(n)$ is true



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97. If $P(n) : 49^n + 16^n + \lambda$ is divisible by 64 for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is true, then the least negative integral value of λ is

A. -3

B. -2

C. -1

D. -4

Answer: C

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Others

1. Prove that the number of subsets of a set containing n distinct elements is 2^n for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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