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PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

Question Bank

1. For all $n > 1$, prove that

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

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

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

$$\frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

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4. For every positive integer n , prove that $7^n - 3^n$ is divisible by 4 using principle of mathematical induction.

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

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6. For all $n \geq 1$, prove that $p(n) : 2 \cdot 7^n + 3 \cdot 5^n - 5$ is divisible by 24.

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

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 > \frac{n^3}{3}$$

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

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9. Prove by using the principal of Mathematical Induction

$$P(n) = 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1} = \frac{3^n - 1}{2} \text{ is true for all } n \in N$$

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10. Using mathematical induction prove that

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

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

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

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

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

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13. Using mathematical induction prove

$$1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3^2 + 3 \cdot 3^3 + \dots + n \cdot 3^n = \frac{(2n-1)3^{n+1} + 3}{4} \quad \text{for all } n$$

$n \in \mathbb{N}$



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

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


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15. Using mathematical induction prove that

$$1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 7 + \dots + (2n-1)(2n+1) = \frac{n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)}{3}$$

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



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16. Using mathematical induction prove that

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



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17. A statement $p(n)$ for a natural number n is given by

$$p(n): \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

Verify that $p(1)$ is true.



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18. Using mathematical induction prove that

$$\frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{5.8} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-1)(3n+2)} = \frac{n}{6n+4} \quad \text{for all}$$

$n \in N$.



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19. Using mathematical induction prove that

$$\frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{1}{2.3.4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)} \quad \text{for all}$$

$n \in N$.

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20. Consider the following statement:

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

Prove that $P(1)$ is true.

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21. Using mathematical induction prove that

$$\left(1 + \frac{3}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{5}{4}\right) \left(1 + \frac{7}{9}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{2n+1}{n^2}\right) = (n+1)^2 \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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22. Using mathematical induction prove that

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

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23. Using mathematical induction prove that

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n - 1)^2 = \frac{n(2n - 1)(2n + 1)}{3} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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24. Using mathematical induction prove that

$$\frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n - 2)(3n + 1)} = \frac{n}{3n + 1} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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25. Using mathematical induction prove that

$$\frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{7.9} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n + 1)(2n + 3)} = \frac{n}{3(2n + 3)} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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

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

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27. Using principle of mathematical induction prove that

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

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28. Using mathematical induction prove that $10^{2n-1} + 1$ is divisible by 11

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

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29. Using mathematical induction prove that $x^{2n} - y^{2n}$ is divisible by $x+y$

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





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30. Consider the statement

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

Verify the statement for $n=1$.



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31. Using mathematical induction prove that

$$41^n - 14^n \text{ is a multiple of } 27 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$



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32. Using mathematical induction prove that $(2n + 7) < (n + 3)^2$ for all

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



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33. Using mathematical induction prove that

$$P(n) = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + 2n - 1 = n^2$$

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34. Observe the following pattern of dots



- Find the number of dots in the n^{th} pattern.
- Find the sum of number of dots upto n^{th} pattern and the mathematical statement using these facts.
- Prove the statement obtained in question (ii) using principle of mathematical induction.

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35. If $P(n)$ is the statement $n(n + 1)$ is even then what about $P(6)$?

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



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37. Consider the statement $P(n) : n(n + 1)(2n + 1)$ is divisible by 6.

By assume that $P(k)$ is true for a natural number k , Verify that $P(k + 1)$ is true.



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38. Prove 'that $10^n + 3 \times 4^{n+2} + 5$ is divisible by 9 .



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39. Prove by mathematical induction.

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta),$$

where $i = \sqrt{-1}$



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40. Prove that

$$1(1)! + 2(2)! + 3(3)! + \dots + n(n)! = (n + 1)! - 1$$



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41. Prove that $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{n}, (n > 1)$



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42. Using principle of mathematical induction, prove that the product of two consecutive natural numbers is an even number

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43. Using mathematical induction prove that

$$1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 7 + \dots + (2n - 1)(2n + 1) = \frac{n(4n^2 + 6n - 1)}{3}$$

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

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