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PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

Question Bank

1. 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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2. 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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3. 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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4. 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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5. Using mathematical induction prove

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

$n \in \mathbb{N}$

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6. 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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7. 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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8. 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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9. Using the principal of Mathematical induction, prove that

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

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10. Using mathematical induction prove that

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

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11. Using mathematical induction prove that

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

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12. Consider the following statement:

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

Hence by using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers n .

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13. 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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14. 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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15. 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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16. 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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17. 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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18. For all $n \geq 1$, prove that

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

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

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

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

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





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22. Consider the statement

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

Prove the statement using the principle of mathematical induction for all natural numbers.



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

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



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25. Consider the statement $P(n) : 2^{3n} - 1$ is divisible by 7

Is the statement $p(1)$ true? justify your answer

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26. Consider the statement $P(n) : 2^{3n} - 1$ is divisible by 7

If $p(k)$ is true, show that $p(k+1)$ is also true

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27. Let $P(n)$ be the statement " $n+3$ " is prime. Is $P(3)$ true?

What is your opinion when $n=4$?

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28. Let $P(n)$ denotes the statement $10^{2n-1} + 1$ is divisible by 11. If $P(m)$ is true, prove that $P(m+1)$ is also true.



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29. 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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30. Let $P(n) : n(n+1)(n+2)$ is divisible by 6. Determine whether the statement is true or false, when $n=3$ and $n=5$. Justify your answer.



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31. Let $P(n)$ denotes the statement $2^n > n$ and if $P(n)$ is true, show that $P(n+1)$ is also true



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32. Show that $x^n - 1$ is divisible by $x-1$

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33. Let $P(n)$ denotes the statement ' $3^n > 2^n$ '. Is $P(1)$ true?

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34. By using mathematical induction prove that

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

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35. 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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36. For all $n \geq 1$, prove that

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

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37. Let $P(n)$ denotes the statement $n^3 + (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3$ is a multiple of 9

Prove that $P(1)$ is true

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38. Let $P(n)$ denotes the statement $n^3 + (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3$ is a multiple of 9

If $P(k)$ is true, prove that $P(k+1)$ is also true

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39. Let $P(n)$ denotes the statement $2^{n+3} \leq (n+3)!$ Are $P(1)$ and $P(2)$ true?

Justify your answer.



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40. By mathematical induction prove that the statement $3^{4n+1} + 2^{2n+2}$ is divisible by 7 is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$



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