

CBSE Test Paper 01
CH-04 Principle of Mathematical Induction

1. $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{15}{16} + \frac{63}{64} + \dots$ to n terms is equal to
 - a. $n + \frac{4^n}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$
 - b. $n + \frac{4^{-n}}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$
 - c. $n - \frac{4^n}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$
 - d. $n + \frac{4^{-n}}{3} + \frac{1}{3}$

2. The greatest positive integer, which divides $n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, is
 - a. 120
 - b. 6
 - c. 24
 - d. 2

3. For all positive integers n , the number $4^n + 15n - 1$ is divisible by :
 - a. 16
 - b. 24
 - c. 9
 - d. 36

4. If $49^n + 16n + \lambda$ is divisible by 64 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then the least negative integral value of λ is
 - a. -1
 - b. -3

c. -4

d. -2

5. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x^{n+1} + (x + 1)^{2n-1}$ is divisible by :

a. $x^2 + x + 1$

b. $x^2 + x - 1$

c. $x + 1$

d. x

6. Fill in the blanks:

If $a_1 = 2$ and $a_n = 5 a_{n-1}$, then the value of a_3 in the sequence is _____.

7. Fill in the blanks:

If $x^n - 1$ is divisible by $x - k$, then the least positive integral value of k is _____.

8. 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.

9. Prove by Mathematical Induction that the sum of first n odd natural numbers is n^2 .

10. Let $U_1 = 1$, $U_2 = 1$ and $U_{n+2} = U_{n+1} + U_n$ for $n \geq 1$. Use mathematical induction to show that:

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

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Solution

1. (b) $n + \frac{4^{-n}}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$

Explanation: When $n = 1$ we get $3/4$, and the subsequent terms when n is replaced by $2, 3, 4, \dots$

2. (c) 24

Explanation: If $n = 1$ then the statement becomes $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24$: the consecutive natural numbers when substituted will be multiples of 24.

3. (c) 9

Explanation: Replace $n = 1$ we get 18 $n = 2$ we get 45.... By the principle of mathematical induction it is divisible by 9.

4. (a) -1

Explanation: When $n = 1$ we have the value of the expression as 65 . Given that the expression is divisible by 64. Hence the value is -1.

5. (a) $x^2 + x + 1$

Explanation: When $n = 1$ we get $x^2 + x + 1$

6. 50

7. 1

8. Let $P(n)$ be the statement given by

$P(n) : 3^{2n}$ when divided by 8, the remainder is 1

or, $P(n) : 3^{2n} = 8\lambda + 1$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$

$P(1) : 3^2 = 8\lambda + 1$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$.

$\therefore 3^2 = 8 \times 1 + 1 = 8\lambda + 1$, where $\lambda = 1$

$P(1)$ is true

Let $P(m)$ be true. Then, $3^{2m} = 8\lambda + 1$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{N} \dots(i)$

We shall now show that $P(m + 1)$ is true for which we have to show that $3^{2(m + 1)}$ when

divided by 8, the remainder is 1 i.e. $3^{2(m+1)} = 8\mu + 1$ for some $\mu \in \mathbb{N}$.

Now, $3^{2(m+1)} = 3^{2m} \times 3^2 = (8\lambda + 1) \times 9$ [Using (i)]

$= 72\lambda + 9 = 72\lambda + 8 + 1 = 8(9\lambda + 1) + 1 = 8\mu + 1$, where $\mu = 9\lambda + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow P(m+1)$ is true

Thus, $P(m)$ is true $\Rightarrow P(m+1)$ is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ i.e.

3^{2n} when divided by 8 the remainder is always 1.

9. **Step I** Let $P(n)$ denotes the given statement, i.e.,

$$P(n) : 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + n(\text{terms}) = n^2$$

$$\text{i.e., } P(n) : 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$$

Since,

$$\text{First term} = 2 \times 1 - 1 = 1$$

$$\text{Second term} = 2 \times 2 - 1 = 3$$

$$\text{Third term} = 2 \times 3 - 1 = 5 \dots\dots$$

$$\therefore n^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 2n - 1$$

Step II For $n = 1$, we have

$$\text{LHS} = 2 \cdot 1 - 1 = 1$$

$$\text{RHS} = 1^2 = 1 = \text{LHS}$$

Thus, $P(1)$ is true.

Step III For $n = k$, let us assume that $P(k)$ is true,

$$\text{i.e., } P(k) : 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) = k^2 \dots(i)$$

Step IV For $n = k + 1$, we have to show that $P(k + 1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true i.e.,

$$P(k + 1) : 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) + [2(k + 1) - 1] = (k + 1)^2$$

$$\text{LHS} = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) + [2(k + 1) - 1]$$

$$= k^2 + 2(k + 1) - 1 \text{ [from Eq. (i)]}$$

$$= k^2 + 2k + 1 = (k + 1)^2 = \text{RHS}$$

So, $P(k + 1)$ is true, whenever, $P(k)$ is true.

Hence, by Principle of Mathematical Induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

10. Let $P(n)$ be the statement given by

$$P(n) : U_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right\}$$

We have,

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^1 - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^1 \right\} = 1$$

and,

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 \right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+5+2\sqrt{5}}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{1+5-2\sqrt{5}}{4} \right) \right\} = 1$$

\therefore P(1) and P(2) are true.

Let P(n) be true for all $n \leq m$

$$\text{i.e. } U_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right\} \text{ for all } n \leq m \dots(\text{i})$$

We shall now show that P(n) is true for $n = m + 1$.

$$\text{i.e. } U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1} - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1} \right\}$$

We have,

$$U_{n+2} = U_{n+1} + U_n \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = U_m + U_{m-1} \text{ for } m \geq 2 \text{ [On replacing } n \text{ by } (m-1)]$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^m - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^m \right\} +$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \right\} \text{ [Using (i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^m + \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \right\} - \left\{ \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^m + \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \right\} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} + 1 \right) - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} + 1 \right) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left(\frac{6+2\sqrt{5}}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left(\frac{6-2\sqrt{5}}{4} \right) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1} - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1} \right\}$$

\therefore P(m + 1) is true.

Thus, P(n) is true for all $n \leq m \Rightarrow$ P(n) is true for all $n \leq m + 1$.

Hence, P(n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.