

CBSE Test Paper 02
CH-04 Principle of Mathematical Induction

1. The greatest positive integer, which divides $(n + 1)(n + 2)(n + 3) \dots (n + r) \forall n \in W$, is
 - a. $n+r$
 - b. r
 - c. $(r + 1) !$
 - d. $r !$
2. If $P(n) = 2+4+6+\dots+2n, n \in N$, then $P(k) = k(k + 1) + 2 \Rightarrow P(k + 1) = (k + 1)(k + 2) + 2$ for all $k \in N$. So we can conclude that $P(n) = n(n + 1) + 2$ for
 - a. $n > 2$
 - b. all $n \in N$
 - c. nothing can be said
 - d. $n > 1$
3. If n is a +ve integer, then $3 \cdot 5^{2n+1} + 2^{3n+1}$ is divisible by
 - a. 64
 - b. 24
 - c. none of these
 - d. 17
4. The n th terms of the series $4+14+30+52+80+114+\dots$ is =
 - a. $2n^2 + 2n$
 - b. $3n^2 + n$

c. $5n-1$

d. $2n^2 + 2$

5. The statement $P(n) : "(n + 3)^2 > 2^{n+3}"$ is true for :

a. all $n \geq 2$

b. no $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

c. all $n \geq 3$

d. all n .

6. Fill in the blanks:

$n^3 - 7n + 3$ is divisible by _____, for all natural numbers n .

7. Fill in the blanks:

The two basic process of reasoning are _____ and _____.

8. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{1}{6} n(n + 1)(2n + 1)$

9. Prove the following by using the principle of mathematical induction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:
 $1^1 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n - 1)^2 = \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$

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

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Solution

1. (d) $r!$

Explanation: If $n = 0$ the given expression becomes $1.2.3.4.....r = r!$ Also when $n = 1$ one more extra term will be there in the product $2.3.4.....(r+1)$ which is also divisible by $r!$.

2. (c) nothing can be said

Explanation: Because the statement is incomplete without the conclusion/ RHS

3. (d) 17

Explanation: When $n = 1$ the value is 391 which is divisible by 17.

4. (b) $3n^2 + n$

Explanation: When $n = 1$ we get 3. When $n = 2$ we get $12+2= 14...$

5. (b) no $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

Explanation: When $n = 1$ we get $16 > 16$, which is false. when $n = 2$ we get $25 > 32$, which is false as well. As $n = 3, 4, 5, ...$ the inequality does not hold correct.

6. 3

7. deduction, induction

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

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

We have,

$$P(1): 1^2 = \frac{1}{6} (1)(1+1)(2 \times 1 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1$$

So, $P(1)$ is true

Let $P(m)$ be true. Then,

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

We wish to show that $P(m+1)$ is true. For this we have to show that,

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

$$\text{Now, } 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + m^2 + (m+1)^2$$

$$= \{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + m^2\} + (m+1)^2 = \frac{1}{6} m(m+1)(2m+1) + (m+1)^2 \dots [\text{using (i)}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (m+1) [m(2m+1) + 6(m+1)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (m+1) \{2m^2 + 7m + 6\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (m+1) (m+2) (2m+3) = \frac{1}{6} (m+1) \{(m+1)+1\} \{2(m+1)+1\}$$

So, $P(m+1)$ is true

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

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, the given result is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

9. Let $P(n)$

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

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) = (2 \times 1 - 1)^2 = \frac{1(2 \times 1 - 1)(2 \times 1 + 1)}{3} \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1 \times 1 \times 3}{3}$$

$\therefore P(1)$ is true

Let $P(n)$ be true for $n = k$.

$$\therefore P(k) = 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 = \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} \dots (i)$$

For $P(k+1)$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{(k+1)(2k+1)(2k+3)}{3}$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{k(2k-1)(2k+1)}{3} + (2k+1)^2 \text{ [Using (i)]}$$

$$= (2k+1) \left[\frac{k(2k-1)}{3} + (2k+1) \right] = (2k+1) \left[\frac{2k^2 - k + 6k + 3}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(2k+1)(2k^2 + 5k + 3)}{3} = \frac{(2k+1)(k+1)(2k+3)}{3}$$

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

$\therefore P(k+1)$ is true

Thus $P(k)$ is true $\Rightarrow P(k+1)$ is true

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

10. **Step I** Let $P(n)$ be the given statement. Then,

$$P(n) : (1+x)^n \geq (1+nx), \text{ for } x > -1$$

Step II For $n = 1$, we have $(1+x) = (1+x)$

Thus, $P(n)$ is true when $n = 1$

Step III For $n = k$, assume that $P(k)$ is true, i.e.,

$$P(k) : (1 + x)^k \geq (1 + kx) \text{ for } x > -1 \dots(i)$$

Step IV For $n = k + 1$, we have to show that $P(k + 1)$ is true for $x > -1$, whenever $P(k)$ is true

Consider the identity

$$(1 + x)^{k+1} = (1 + x)^k(1 + x) \dots(ii)$$

Given that, $x > -1$, so $(1 + x) > 0$

Therefore, by using $(1 + x)^k \geq (1 + kx)$, we get

$$(1 + x)^{k+1} \geq (1 + kx)(1 + x)$$

$$\text{i.e., } (1 + x)^{k+1} \geq (1 + x + kx + kx^2) \dots(iii)$$

Here, k is a natural number and $x^2 \geq 0$, which implies $kx^2 \geq 0$

Therefore, $(1 + x + kx + kx^2) \geq (1 + x + kx)$ and so we obtain

$$(1 + x)^{k+1} \geq (1 + x + kx) \text{ [using Eq. (iii)]}$$

$$\text{or } (1 + x)^{k+1} \geq [1 + (1 + k)x]$$

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

Hence, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers.