

CBSE Test Paper 05
CH-04 Principle of Mathematical Induction

1. The smallest +ve integer n , for which $n! < \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$ holds is
 - a. 4
 - b. 1
 - c. 2
 - d. 3
2. The product of three consecutive natural numbers is divisible by
 - a. 3
 - b. 11
 - c. 6
 - d. 8
3. For all $n \in N$, $7^{2n} - 48n - 1$ is divisible by :
 - a. 1234
 - b. 2304
 - c. 25
 - d. 26
4. $3+13+29+51+79+\dots$ to n terms is
 - a. $2n^2 + 7n$
 - b. $n^3 + 2n^2$
 - c. none of these

d. $n^2 + 5n^3$

5. The sum of n terms of the series

$$1 + (1 + a) + (1 + a + a^2) + (1 + a + a^2 + a^3) + \dots, \text{ is}$$

a. none of these

b. $-\frac{n}{1-a} + \frac{a(1-a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$

c. $\frac{n}{1-a} + \frac{a(1+a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$

d. $\frac{n}{1-a} - \frac{a(1-a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$

6. Fill in the blanks:

The step 'if the statement is true for $n = k$, then it is also true for $n = k + 1$ ' is sometimes referred as the _____ step.

7. State true or false:

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

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

9. Prove by using Mathematical Induction that $3 \times 6 + 6 \times 9 + 9 \times 12 + \dots + (3n) \times (3n + 3) = 3n(n + 1)(n + 2)$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

10. Show by the Principle of Mathematical Induction that the sum S_n of the n terms of the

series $1^2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3^2 + 2 \times 4^2 + 5^2 + 2 \times 6^2 \dots$ is given by

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

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Solution

1. (c) 2

Explanation: when $n = 2$, L H S : $n! = 2! = 2 \times 1 = 2$ RHS:

But if $n = 1$, the inequation does not hold good.

2. (c) 6

Explanation: By replacing n by 1 we get 6.

3. (b) 2304

Explanation: When $n = 1$ the value is 0. When $n = 2$ the value is 2304..... Hence by the principle of mathematical induction the expression is divisible by 2304.

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

Explanation: When $n = 1$ we have 3 when $n = 2$ we have LHS : $3 + 13 = 16$ RHS : $8 + 8 = 16$ By PMI this is the sum of the n terms of the series.

5. (d) $\frac{n}{1-a} - \frac{a(1-a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$

Explanation: Replace $n = 1$ we get 1. replace $n = 2$ we get LHS ; $a + 2$ RHS : $a + 2$

6. inductive

7. -1

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

$P(n) : 2^{3n} - 1$ is divisible by 7

$P(1) : 2^{3 \times 1} - 1$ is divisible by 7.

Clearly, $2^{3 \times 1} - 1 = 8 - 1 = 7$, which is divisible by 7.

So, $P(1)$ is true

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

$2^{3m} - 1$ is divisible by 7.

$2^{3m} - 1 = 7\lambda$, for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{N} \dots(i)$

We shall now show that $P(m + 1)$ is true. For this we have to show that $2^{3(m+1)} - 1$ is divisible by 7.

Now,

$$2^{3(m+1)} - 1 = 2^{3m} \times 2^3 - 1 = (7\lambda + 1)2^3 - 1 = 56\lambda + 8 - 1 = 7(8\lambda + 1), \text{ which is divisible by 7}$$

[Using (i)]

$\therefore P(m + 1)$ 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. $2^{3n} - 1$ is divisible by 7 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

9. **Step I** Let $P(n)$ be the given statement, then

$P(n) =$

$$3 \times 6 + 6 \times 9 + 9 \times 12 + \dots + (3n) \times (3n + 3) = 3n(n + 1)(n + 2), \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Step II For $n = 1$, we have

$$\text{LHS} = 3 \times 1 \times (3 \times 1 + 3) = 3(6)$$

$$= 18$$

$$\text{RHS} = 3.1(1 + 1)(1 + 2)$$

$$= 3(2)(3)$$

$$= 18 = \text{LHS}$$

Thus, $P(1)$ is true.

Step III

For $n = k$, assume that $P(k)$ is true,

$$\text{i.e., } P(k): 3 \times 6 + 6 \times 9 + 9 \times 12 + \dots + (3k) \times (3k + 3) = 3k(k + 1)(k + 2) \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

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

i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} P(k + 1) &: 3 \times 6 + 6 \times 9 + 9 \times 12 + \dots + 3k(3k + 3) + 3(k + 1)[3(k + 1) + 3] \\ &= 3(k + 1)(k + 1 + 1)(k + 1 + 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, consider LHS} = 3 \times 6 + 6 \times 9 + 9 \times 12 + \dots + 3k(3k + 3) + 3(k + 1)[3(k + 1) + 3]$$

$$= 3k(k + 1)(k + 2) + 3(k + 1)[3(k + 1) + 3] \text{ [from Eq. (i)]}$$

$$= 3(k + 1)[k(k + 2) + 3(k + 1) + 3]$$

$$= 3(k + 1)[k^2 + 2k + 3k + 3 + 3]$$

$$= 3(k + 1)[k^2 + 5k + 6]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 3(k+1)(k+3)(k+2) \\
&= 3(k+1)(k+1+1)(k+1+2) = \text{RHS}
\end{aligned}$$

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. **Step I** Let $P(n)$ be given statement, then

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

Also, note that any term T_n of the series is given by

$$T_n = \begin{cases} n^2, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2n^2, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Step II For $n = 1$, we have

$$P(1) : S_1 = 1^2 = 1 = \frac{1 \cdot 2}{2} = \frac{1^2 \cdot (1+1)}{2} [\because 1 \text{ is odd}]$$

Thus, $P(1)$ is true.

Step III For $n = k$, assume that, $P(k)$ is true for some natural number k .

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{If } k \text{ is odd, then } P(k) : 1^2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3^2 + 2 \times 4^2 + 5^2 + \dots + k^2 \\
&= \frac{k^2(k+1)}{2} \dots (i)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{If } k \text{ is even, then } P(k) : 1^2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3^2 + 2 \times 4^2 + 5^2 + \dots + 2k^2 = \\
&\frac{(k)(k+1)^2}{2} \dots (ii)
\end{aligned}$$

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

Now, if k is odd, then $k + 1$ is even and in that case we have to show

$$\begin{aligned}
&P(k+1) : 1^2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3^2 + 2 \times 4^2 + \dots + k^2 + 2 \times (k+1)^2 \\
&= \frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)^2}{2} \dots (iii)
\end{aligned}$$

If k is even, then $(k + 1)$ odd and in that case we have to show

$$\begin{aligned}
&P(k+1) : 1^2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3^2 + 2 \times 4^2 + \dots + 2k^2 + (k+1)^2 \\
&= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+1+1)}{2} \dots (iv)
\end{aligned}$$

Case I When k is odd, then $k + 1$ is even and we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{LHS} = 1^2 + 2 \times 2^2 + \dots + k^2 + 2 \times (k+1)^2 \\
&= \frac{k^2(k+1)}{2} + 2 \times (k+1)^2 \text{ [from Eq. (i)]} \\
&= \frac{k+1}{2} [k^2 + 4(k+1)] \\
&= \frac{k+1}{2} [k^2 + 4k + 4] = \frac{k+1}{2} (k+2)^2
\end{aligned}$$

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

Thus, $P(k + 1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true for the case, when k is odd.

Case II When k is even, then $k + 1$ is odd and we have

$$\text{LHS} = 1^2 + 2 \times 2^2 + \dots + 2.k^2 + (k + 1)^2$$

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

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)}{2} = \frac{(k+1)^2[(k+1)+1]}{2}$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

Thus, $P(k + 1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true for the case when k is even. So, $P(k + 1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true for any natural number k .

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