

## Unit 4 (Principle Of Mathematical Induction)

### Short Answer Type Questions

Q1. Give an example of a statement  $P(n)$  which is true for all  $n \geq 4$  but  $P(1)$ ,  $P(2)$  and  $P(3)$  are not true. Justify your answer.

Sol. Consider the statement  $P(n)$ :  $3n < n!$

For  $n = 1$ ,  $3 \times 1 < 1!$ , which is not true

For  $n = 2$ ,  $3 \times 2 < 2!$ , which is not true

For  $n = 3$ ,  $3 \times 3 < 3!$ , which is not true

For  $n = 4$ ,  $3 \times 4 < 4!$ , which is true

For  $n = 5$ ,  $3 \times 5 < 5!$ , which is true

Q2. Give an example of a statement  $P(n)$  which is true for all  $n$ . Justify your answer.

**Sol.** Consider the statement:

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

$$\text{For } n = 1, 1^3 = \frac{1^2(1+1)^2}{4} = 1$$

Thus,  $P(1)$  is true.

$$\text{For } n = 2, 1^3 + 2^3 = 1 + 8 = 9 \text{ and } \frac{2^2(2+1)^2}{4} = 9$$

Thus,  $P(2)$  is true.

$$\text{For } n = 3, 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 = 1 + 8 + 27 = 36 \text{ and } \frac{3^2(3+1)^2}{4} = 36$$

Thus,  $P(3)$  is true.

Hence, the given statement is true for all  $n$ .

**Instruction for Exercises 3-16:** Prove each of the statements in these Exercises by the Principle of Mathematical Induction.

**Q3.  $4^n - 1$  is divisible by 3, for each natural number**

**Sol:** Let  $P(n)$ :  $4^n - 1$  is divisible by 3 for each natural number  $n$ .

Now,  $P(1)$ :  $4^1 - 1 = 3$ , which is divisible by 3 Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$P(k)$ :  $4^k - 1$  is divisible by 3

or  $4^k - 1 = 3m, m \in \mathbb{N}$  (i)

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

$P(k + 1)$ :  $4^{k+1} - 1$

$$= 4^k \cdot 4 - 1$$

$$= 4(3m + 1) - 1 \text{ [Using (i)]}$$

$$= 12m + 3$$

$= 3(4m + 1)$ , which is divisible by 3 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  $n$ .

**Q4.  $2^{3n} - 1$  is divisible by 7, for all natural numbers**

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

Now,  $P(1)$ :  $2^3 - 1 = 7$ , which is divisible by 7.

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

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

or  $2^{3k} - 1 = 7m, m \in \mathbb{N}$  (i)

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

$P(k + 1)$ :  $2^{3(k+1)} - 1$

$$= 2^{3k} \cdot 2^3 - 1$$

$$= 8(7m + 1) - 1$$

$$= 56m + 7$$

$= 7(8m + 1)$ , which is divisible by 7.

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Q5.  $n^3 - 7n + 3$  is divisible by 3, for all natural numbers**

**Sol:** Let  $P(n)$ :  $n^3 - 7n + 3$  is divisible by 3, for all natural numbers  $n$ .

Now  $P(1)$ :  $(1)^3 - 7(1) + 3 = -3$ , which is divisible by 3.

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$P(k) = k^3 - 7k + 3$  is divisible by 3

or  $k^3 - 7k + 3 = 3m, m \in \mathbb{N}$  (i)

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

$P(k + 1)$ :  $(k + 1)^3 - 7(k + 1) + 3$

$= k^3 + 1 + 3k(k + 1) - 7k - 7 + 3 = k^3 - 7k + 3 + 3k(k + 1) - 6$

$= 3m + 3[k(k + 1) - 2]$  [Using (i)]

$= 3[m + (k(k + 1) - 2)]$ , which is divisible by 3 Thus,  $P(k + 1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Q6.  $3^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 8, for all natural numbers**

**Sol:** Let  $P(n)$ :  $3^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 8, for all natural numbers  $n$ .

Now,  $P(1)$ :  $3^2 - 1 = 8$ , which is divisible by 8.

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that,  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$P(k)$ :  $3^{2k} - 1$  is divisible by 8

or  $3^{2k} - 1 = 8m, m \in \mathbb{N}$  (i)

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

$P(k + 1)$ :  $3^{2(k+1)} - 1$

$= 3^{2k} \cdot 3^2 - 1$

$= 9(8m + 1) - 1$  (using (i))

$= 72m + 9 - 1$

$= 72m + 8$

$= 8(9m + 1)$ , which is divisible by 8 Thus  $P(k + 1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Q7. For any natural number  $n$ ,  $7^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 5.**

**Sol:** Let  $P(n)$ :  $7^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 5, for any natural number  $n$ .

Now,  $P(1)$  =  $7^1 - 2^1 = 5$ , which is divisible by 5.

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that,  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$\therefore P(k) = 7^k - 2^k$  is divisible by 5

or  $7^k - 2^k = 5m, m \in \mathbb{N}$  (i)

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

$P(k + 1)$ :  $7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}$

$= 7^k - 7 \cdot 2^k - 2$

$= (5 + 2)7^k - 2^k - 2$

$= 5 \cdot 7^k + 2 \cdot 7^k - 2^k - 2$

$= 5 \cdot 7^k + 2(7^k - 2^k)$

$= 5 \cdot 7^k + 2(5m)$  (using (i))

$= 5(7^k + 2m)$ , which is divisible by 5.

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Q8. For any natural number  $n$ ,  $x^n - y^n$  is divisible by  $x - y$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are any integers with  $x \neq y$**

**Sol:** Let  $P(n)$ :  $x^n - y^n$  is divisible by  $x - y$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are any integers with  $x \neq y$ .

Now,  $P(1): x^1 - y^1 = x - y$ , which is divisible by  $(x - y)$

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that,  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$P(k): x^k - y^k$  is divisible by  $(x - y)$

or  $x^k - y^k = m(x - y), m \in \mathbb{N} \dots (i)$

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

$P(k+1): x^{k+1} - y^{k+1}$

$$= x^k \cdot x - x^k \cdot y + x^k \cdot y - y^k \cdot y$$

$$= x^k(x - y) + y(x^k - y^k)$$

$$= x^k(x - y) + ym(x - y) \text{ (using (i))}$$

$$= (x - y)[x^k + ym], \text{ which is divisible by } (x - y)$$

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

### Q9. $n^3 - n$ is divisible by 6, for each natural number $n \geq 2$

**Sol:** Let  $P(n): n^3 - n$  is divisible by 6, for each natural number  $n > 2$ .

Now,  $P(2): (2)^3 - 2 = 6$ , which is divisible by 6.

Hence,  $P(2)$  is true.

Let us assume that,  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$P(k): k^3 - k$  is divisible by 6

or  $k^3 - k = 6m, m \in \mathbb{N} \quad (i)$

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

$P(k+1): (k+1)^3 - (k+1)$

$$= k^3 + 1 + 3k(k+1) - (k+1)$$

$$= k^3 + 1 + 3k^2 + 3k - k - 1 = (k^3 - k) + 3k(k+1)$$

$$= 6m + 3k(k+1) \text{ (using (i))}$$

Above is divisible by 6. ( $\because k(k+1)$  is even)

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n, n \geq 2$ .

### Q10. $n(n^2 + 5)$ is divisible by 6, for each natural number

**Sol:** Let  $P(n): n(n^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6, for each natural number.

Now  $P(1): 1(1^2 + 5) = 6$ , which is divisible by 6.

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$P(k): k(k^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6.

or  $K(k^2 + 5) = 6m, m \in \mathbb{N} \quad (i)$

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

$P(K+1): (K+1)[(K+1)^2 + 5]$

$$= (K + 1)[K^2 + 2K + 6]$$

$$= K^3 + 3K^2 + 8K + 6$$

$$= (K^2 + 5K) + 3K^2 + 3K + 6 = K(K^2 + 5) + 3(K^2 + K + 2)$$

$$= (6m) + 3(K^2 + K + 2) \text{ (using (i))}$$

Now,  $K^2 + K + 2$  is always even if  $A$  is odd or even.

So,  $3(K^2 + K + 2)$  is divisible by 6 and hence,  $(6m) + 3(K^2 + K + 2)$  is divisible by 6.

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

### Q11. $n^2 < 2^n$ , for all natural numbers $n \geq 5$

**Sol:** Let  $P(n): n^2 < 2^n$  for all natural numbers  $n \geq 5$ .

Now  $P(5): 5^2 < 2^5$  or  $25 < 32$ , which is true.

Hence,  $P(5)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$$\therefore P(k): k^2 < 2^k \quad (i)$$

Now, to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, we have to show that  $P(k+1): (k+1)^2 < 2^{k+1}$

Using (i), we get

$$(k+1)^2 = k^2 + 2k + 1 < 2^k + 2k + 1 \quad (ii)$$

$$\text{Now let, } 2^k + 2k + 1 < 2^{k+1} \quad (iii)$$

$$\therefore 2^k + 2k + 1 < 2 \cdot 2^k$$

$2k + 1 < 2^k$ , which is true for all  $k > 5$  Using (ii) and (iii), we get  $(k+1)^2 < 2^{k+1}$  Hence,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n, n \geq 5$ .

### Q12. $2n < (n+2)!$ for all natural numbers

**Sol:** Let  $P(n): 2n < (n+2)!$  for all natural numbers  $n$ .

$$P(1): 2 < (1+2)! \text{ or } 2 < 3! \text{ or } 2 < 6, \text{ which is true.}$$

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$$P(k): 2k < (k+2)! \quad (i)$$

To prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, we have to show that

$$P(k+1): 2(k+1) < (k+1+2)!$$

$$\text{or } 2(k+1) < (k+3)!$$

Using (i), we get

$$2(k+1) = 2k + 2 < (k+2)! + 2 \quad (ii)$$

$$\text{Now let, } (k+2)! + 2 < (k+3)! \quad (iii)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 < (k+3)! - (k+2)!$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 < (k+2)! [k+3-1]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 < (k+2)! (k+2), \text{ which is true for any natural number.}$$

Using (ii) and (iii), we get  $2(k+1) < (k+3)!$

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

$$13. \sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \text{ for all natural numbers } n \geq 2.$$

$$\text{Sol. Let } P(n): \sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \text{ for all natural numbers } n \geq 2.$$

$$P(2): \sqrt{2} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \text{ which is true.}$$

Hence,  $P(2)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$

$$\therefore P(k): \sqrt{k} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \quad (i)$$

To prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, we have to show that

$$P(k+1): \sqrt{k+1} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$> \sqrt{k} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$> \sqrt{k+1}$$

[Using (i)]

$$\left( \because \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 0 \right)$$

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n, n \geq 2$ .

**Q14.  $2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n = n^2 + n$ , for all natural numbers**

**Sol:** Let  $P(n): 2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n = n^2 + n$

$P(1): 2 = 1^2 + 1 = 2$ , which is true

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$\therefore P(k): 2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2k = k^2 + k$  (i)

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

$P(k+1): 2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + \dots + 2k + 2(k+1)$

$= k^2 + k + 2(k+1)$  [Using (i)]

$= k^2 + k + 2k + 2$

$= k^2 + 2k + 1 + k + 1$

$= (k+1)^2 + k + 1$

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

**Q15.  $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$  for all natural numbers**

**Sol:** Let  $P(n): 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$ , for all natural numbers  $n$

$P(1): 1 = 2^{0+1} - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$ , which is true.

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$P(k): 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 1$  (i)

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

$P(k+1): 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^k + 2^{k+1}$

$= 2^{k+1} - 1 + 2^{k+1}$  [Using (i)]

$= 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} - 1 = 1$

$= 2^{(k+1)+1} - 1$

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

**Q16.  $1 + 5 + 9 + \dots + (4n - 3) = n(2n - 1)$ , for all natural numbers**

**Sol:** Let  $P(n): 1 + 5 + 9 + \dots + (4n - 3) = n(2n - 1)$ , for all natural numbers  $n$ .

$P(1): 1 = 1(2 \times 1 - 1) = 1$ , which is true.

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$\therefore P(k): 1 + 5 + 9 + \dots + (4k - 3) = k(2k - 1)$  (i)

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

$P(k+1): 1 + 5 + 9 + \dots + (4k - 3) + [4(k+1) - 3]$

$= 2k^2 - k + 4k + 4 - 3$

$= 2k^2 + 3k + 1$

$$= (k+1)(2k+1)$$

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

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

### Long Answer Type Questions

**Q17.** A sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  is defined by letting  $a_1=3$  and  $a_k = 7a_{k-1}$  for all natural numbers  $k \geq 2$ . Show that  $a_n = 3 \cdot 7^{n-1}$  for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Sol:** We have a sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  defined by letting  $a_1 = 3$  and  $a_k = 7a_{k-1}$ , for all natural numbers  $k \geq 2$ .

Let  $P(n) : a_n = 3 \cdot 7^{n-1}$  for all natural numbers.

$$\text{For } n = 2, a_2 = 3 \cdot 7^{2-1} = 3 \cdot 7^1 = 21$$

$$\text{Also, } a_1 = 3, a_k = 7a_{k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 = 7 \cdot a_1 = 7 \times 3 = 21$$

Thus,  $P(2)$  is true.

Now, let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = m$ .

$$\therefore P(m) : a_m = 3 \cdot 7^{m-1} \quad \text{(i)}$$

Now, to prove that  $P(m+1)$  is true, we have to show that

$$P(m+1) : a_{m+1} = 3 \cdot 7^{m+1-1}$$

$$a_{m+1} = 7 \cdot a_{m+1-1} \text{ (as } a_k = 7a_{k-1} \text{)}$$

$$= 7 \cdot a_m$$

$$= 7 \cdot 3 \cdot 7^{m-1} = 3 \cdot 7^{m-1+1}$$

[Using (i)]

Hence,  $P(m+1)$  is true whenever  $P(m)$  is true.

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

**Q18.** A sequence  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$  is defined by letting  $b_0 = 5$  and  $b_k = 4 + b_{k-1}$ , for all natural numbers  $k$ . Show that  $b_n = 5 + 4n$ , for all natural number  $n$  using mathematical induction.

**Sol.** We have a sequence  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$  defined by letting  $b_0 = 5$  and  $b_k = 4 + b_{k-1}$ , for all natural numbers  $k$ .

**Sol.** We have a sequence  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$  defined by letting  $b_0 = 5$  and  $b_k = 4 + b_{k-1}$ , for all natural numbers  $k$ .

Let  $P(n) : b_n = 5 + 4n$ , for all natural numbers

$$\text{For } n = 1, b_1 = 5 + 4 \times 1 = 9$$

$$\text{Also } b_0 = 5$$

$$\therefore b_1 = 4 + b_0 = 4 + 5 = 9$$

Thus,  $P(1)$  is true.

Now, let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = m$ .

$$\therefore P(m) : b_m = 5 + 4m \quad \text{(i)}$$

Now, to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, we have to show that

$$P(m+1) : b_{m+1} = 5 + 4(m+1)$$

$$b_{m+1} = 4 + b_{m+1-1}$$

$$\text{(As } b_k = 4 + b_{k-1} \text{)}$$

$$= 4 + b_m$$

$$= 4 + 5 + 4m = 5 + 4(m+1)$$

[Using (i)]

Hence,  $P(m+1)$  is true whenever  $P(m)$  is true.

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

19. A sequence  $d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots$  is defined by letting  $d_1 = 2$  and  $d_k = \frac{d_{k-1}}{k}$ , for all natural numbers  $k \geq 2$ . Show that  $d_n = \frac{2}{n!}$ , for all  $n \in N$ .

Sol. We have a sequence  $d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots$  defined by letting  $d_1 = 2$  and  $d_k = \frac{d_{k-1}}{k}$ .

Let  $P(n) : d_n = \frac{2}{n!} \forall n \in N$

$$P(2): d_2 = \frac{2}{2!} = \frac{2}{2 \times 1} = 1$$

Also,  $d_1 = 2$  and  $d_k = \frac{d_{k-1}}{k}$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 = \frac{d_1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

Hence,  $P(2)$  is true.

Now, let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = m$ .

$$\therefore P(m) : d_m = \frac{2}{m!} \quad (i)$$

Now, to prove that  $P(m+1)$  is true, we have to show that

$$P(m+1): d_{m+1} = \frac{2}{(m+1)!}$$

$$d_{m+1} = \frac{d_{m+1-1}}{m+1} = \frac{d_m}{m+1} = \frac{2}{m!(m+1)} = \frac{2}{(m+1)!}$$

Hence,  $P(m+1)$  is true whenever  $P(m)$  is true.

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

20. Prove that for all  $n \in N$ ,

$$\cos \alpha + \cos (\alpha + \beta) + \cos (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos [\alpha + (n-1)\beta]$$

$$= \frac{\cos \left[ \alpha + \left( \frac{n-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \sin \left( \frac{n\beta}{2} \right)}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

Sol. Let  $P(n) : \cos \alpha + \cos (\alpha + \beta) + \cos (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos [\alpha + (n-1)\beta]$

$$= \frac{\cos \left[ \alpha + \left( \frac{n-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \sin \left( \frac{n\beta}{2} \right)}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$\text{Now, } P(1) : \cos \alpha = \frac{\cos \left[ \alpha + \left( \frac{1-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} = \frac{\cos \alpha \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} = \cos \alpha$$

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Now, let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$\therefore P(k) : \cos \alpha + \cos (\alpha + \beta) + \cos (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos [\alpha + (k-1)\beta]$

$$= \frac{\cos \left[ \alpha + \left( \frac{k-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \sin \frac{k\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} \quad (i)$$



Now, to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, we have to show that

$$P(k+1) : \cos \alpha + \cos (\alpha + \beta) + \cos (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos [\alpha + (k-1)\beta] + \cos[\alpha + (k+1-1)\beta]$$

$$= \frac{\cos\left(\alpha + \frac{k\beta}{2}\right) \sin \frac{(k+1)\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$\cos \alpha + \cos (\alpha + \beta) + \cos (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos [\alpha + (k-1)\beta] + \cos (\alpha + k\beta)$$

$$= \frac{\cos\left[\alpha + \left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right)\beta\right] \sin \frac{k\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} + \cos(\alpha + k\beta) \quad [\text{Using (i)}]$$

$$= \frac{\cos\left[\alpha + \left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right)\beta\right] \sin \frac{k\beta}{2} + \cos(\alpha + k\beta) \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sin\left(\alpha + \frac{k\beta}{2} - \frac{\beta}{2} + \frac{k\beta}{2}\right) - \sin\left(\alpha + \frac{k\beta}{2} - \frac{\beta}{2} - \frac{k\beta}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\alpha + k\beta + \frac{\beta}{2}\right) - \sin\left(\alpha + k\beta - \frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sin\left(\alpha + k\beta + \frac{\beta}{2}\right) - \sin\left(\alpha - \frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cos \frac{1}{2}\left(\alpha + k\beta + \frac{\beta}{2} + \alpha - \frac{\beta}{2}\right) \sin \frac{1}{2}\left(\alpha + k\beta + \frac{\beta}{2} - \alpha + \frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2\alpha + k\beta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{k\beta + \beta}{2}\right)}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} = \frac{\cos\left(\alpha + \frac{k\beta}{2}\right) \sin(k+1)\frac{\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

21. Prove that  $\cos \theta \cos 2\theta \cos 2^2\theta \dots \cos 2^{n-1}\theta = \frac{\sin 2^n\theta}{2^n \sin \theta}, \forall n \in N$ .

Sol. Let  $P(n) : \cos \theta \cos 2\theta \dots \cos 2^{n-1}\theta = \frac{\sin 2^n\theta}{2^n \sin \theta}$

$$P(1) : \cos \theta = \frac{\sin 2^1\theta}{2^1 \sin \theta} = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2 \sin \theta} = \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{2 \sin \theta} = \cos \theta, \text{ which is true.}$$

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Now, let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$$\therefore P(k) : \cos \theta \cos 2\theta \cos 2^2\theta \dots \cos 2^{k-1}\theta = \frac{\sin 2^k\theta}{2^k \sin \theta} \quad (i)$$

To prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, we have to show that

$$P(k+1) : \cos \theta \cos 2\theta \cos 2^2 \theta \cos 2^{k-1} \theta \cos 2^k \theta = \frac{\sin 2^{k+1} \theta}{2^{k+1} \sin \theta}$$

Now  $\cos \theta \cos 2\theta \cos 2^2 \theta \cos 2^{k-1} \theta \cos 2^k \theta$

$$= \frac{\sin 2^k \theta}{2^k \sin \theta} \cos 2^k \theta \quad [\text{Using (i)}]$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin 2^k \theta \cos 2^k \theta}{2 \cdot 2^k \sin \theta}$$

$$= \frac{\sin 2 \cdot 2^k \theta}{2^{k+1} \sin \theta} = \frac{\sin 2^{(k+1)} \theta}{2^{k+1} \sin \theta}$$

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

22. Prove that,  $\sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin n\theta = \frac{\sin \frac{n\theta}{2} \sin \frac{(n+1)\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$ , for all

$n \in N$ .

Sol. Let  $P(n) : \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin n\theta = \frac{\sin \frac{n\theta}{2} \sin \frac{(n+1)\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$ , for all

$n \in N$

$$P(1) : \sin \theta = \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{(1+1)\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \sin \theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} = \sin \theta$$

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Now, let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$$\therefore P(k) : \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin k\theta = \frac{\sin \frac{k\theta}{2} \sin \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\theta\right)}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \quad (i)$$

Now, to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, we have to show that

$P(k+1) : \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin k\theta + \sin (k+1)\theta$

$$= \frac{\sin \frac{(k+1)\theta}{2} \sin \left(\frac{k+1+1}{2}\theta\right)}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$\sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin k\theta + \sin (k+1)\theta$

$$= \frac{\sin \frac{k\theta}{2} \sin \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\theta\right)}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} + \sin(k+1)\theta \quad [\text{Using (i)}]$$

$$= \frac{\sin \frac{k\theta}{2} \sin \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\theta\right) + \sin(k+1)\theta \cdot \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cos\left[\frac{k\theta}{2} - \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)\theta\right] - \cos\left[\frac{k\theta}{2} + \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)\theta\right] \\
& + \cos\left[(k+1)\theta - \frac{\theta}{2}\right] - \cos\left[(k+1)\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\
= & \frac{\cos\frac{\theta}{2} - \cos\left(k\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \cos\left(k\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}\right) - \cos\left(k\theta + \frac{3\theta}{2}\right)}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \\
= & \frac{\cos\frac{\theta}{2} - \cos\left(k\theta + \frac{3\theta}{2}\right)}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \\
= & \frac{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + k\theta + \frac{3\theta}{2}\right) \cdot \sin \frac{1}{2}\left(k\theta + \frac{3\theta}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \\
= & \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k\theta + 2\theta}{2}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{k\theta + \theta}{2}\right)}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \\
= & \frac{\sin(k+1)\frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \sin(k+1+1)\frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

23. Show that  $\frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{7n}{15}$  is a natural number, for all  $n \in N$ .

Sol. Let  $P(n) : \frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{7n}{15}$  is a natural number, for all  $n \in N$ .

$$P(1) : \frac{1^5}{5} + \frac{1^3}{3} + \frac{7(1)}{15} = \frac{3+5+7}{15} = \frac{15}{15} = 1, \text{ which is a natural number.}$$

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true, for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$$\therefore P(k) : \frac{k^5}{5} + \frac{k^3}{3} + \frac{7k}{15} \text{ is natural number} \quad (i)$$

Now, we have to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(k+1) &: \frac{(k+1)^5}{5} + \frac{(k+1)^3}{3} + \frac{7(k+1)}{15} \\
 &= \frac{k^5 + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k + 1}{5} + \frac{k^3 + 1 + 3k^2 + 3k}{3} + \frac{7k + 7}{15} \\
 &= \frac{k^5}{5} + \frac{k^3}{3} + \frac{7k}{15} + \frac{5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k + 1}{5} + \frac{3k^2 + 3k + 1}{3} + \frac{7}{15} \\
 &= \frac{k^5}{5} + \frac{k^3}{3} + \frac{7k}{15} + k^4 + 2k^3 + 2k^2 + k + k^2 + k + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{7}{15} \\
 &= \frac{k^5}{5} + \frac{k^3}{3} + \frac{7k}{15} + k^4 + 2k^3 + 3k^2 + 2k + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

which is a natural number

[Using (i)]

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n$ .

24. Prove that  $\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} > \frac{13}{24}$ , for all natural numbers  $n > 1$ .

Sol. Let  $P(n)$ :  $\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} > \frac{13}{24}$ , for all natural numbers  $n > 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow P(2) &: \frac{1}{2+1} + \frac{1}{2+2} > \frac{13}{24} \\
 \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} &> \frac{13}{24} \Rightarrow \frac{4+3}{12} > \frac{13}{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{7}{12} > \frac{13}{24}, \text{ which is true.}$$

Hence,  $P(2)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true, for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$$\therefore P(k): \frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k} > \frac{13}{24} \quad (i)$$

Now, to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, we have to show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(k+1) &: \frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k} + \frac{1}{2(k+1)} > \frac{13}{24} \\
 \frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2} + \frac{1}{2k} + \frac{1}{2(k+1)} &> \frac{13}{24} + \frac{1}{2(k+1)} > \frac{13}{24} \\
 &\left( \because \frac{1}{2(k+1)} > 0 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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

So, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for any natural number  $n > 1$ .

Q25. Prove that number of subsets of a set containing  $n$  distinct elements is  $2^n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Sol: Let  $P(n)$ : Number of subset of a set containing  $n$  distinct elements is  $2^n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For  $n = 1$ , consider set  $A = \{1\}$ . So, set of subsets is  $\{\{1\}, \emptyset\}$ , which contains  $2^1$  elements.

So,  $P(1)$  is true.

Let us assume that  $P(n)$  is true, for some natural number  $n = k$ .

$P(k)$ : Number of subsets of a set containing  $k$  distinct elements is  $2^k$  To prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true,

we have to show that  $P(k+1)$ : Number of subsets of a set containing  $(k+1)$  distinct elements

is  $2^{k+1}$

We know that, with the addition of one element in the set, the number of subsets become double.

Number of subsets of a set containing  $(k+1)$  distinct elements =  $2 \times 2^k = 2^{k+1}$

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