

Assignment Mathematical Induction (Series)

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Use mathematical induction to prove that each statement is true for all positive integers.

$$1) 6 + 11 + 16 + \cdots + 5n + 1 = \frac{n(5n + 7)}{2}$$

$$2) 0 + 5 + 10 + \cdots + 5n - 5 = \frac{n(5n - 5)}{2}$$

$$3) 4 + 7 + 10 + \cdots + 3n + 1 = \frac{n(3n + 5)}{2}$$

$$4) 25 + 225 + 625 + \cdots + (10n - 5)^2 = \frac{25n(4n^2 - 1)}{3}$$

$$5) 9 + 81 + 729 + \cdots + 3^{2n} = \frac{3^2(3^{2n} - 1)}{3^2 - 1}$$

$$6) 5 + 23 + 53 + \cdots + 6n^2 - 1 = n^2(2n + 3)$$

$$7) 1 + 25 + 625 + \cdots + 5^{2n-2} = \frac{5^{2n} - 1}{5^2 - 1}$$

$$8) 35 + 161 + 371 + \cdots + 42n^2 - 7 = 7n^2(2n + 3)$$

$$9) 10 + 46 + 106 + \cdots + 12n^2 - 2 = 2n^2(2n + 3)$$

$$10) 20 + 92 + 212 + \cdots + 24n^2 - 4 = 4n^2(2n + 3)$$

Answers to Assignment Mathematical Induction (Series)

1) Let P_n be the statement $6 + 11 + 16 + \dots + 5n + 1 = \frac{n(5n + 7)}{2}$

Anchor Step

$$P_1 \text{ is true since } 5 + 1 = \frac{5 + 7}{2}$$

Inductive Hypothesis

$$\text{Assume that } P_k \text{ is true: } 6 + 11 + 16 + \dots + 5k + 1 = \frac{k(5k + 7)}{2}$$

Inductive Step

We now show that P_{k+1} is true:

$$\begin{aligned} 6 + 11 + 16 + \dots + 5k + 1 + 5(k + 1) + 1 &= \frac{k(5k + 7)}{2} + 5(k + 1) + 1 \\ &= \frac{5k^2 + 7k}{2} + 5k + 5 + 1 \\ &= \frac{5k^2 + 7k}{2} + \frac{10k + 12}{2} \\ &= \frac{5k^2 + 17k + 12}{2} \\ &= \frac{5k^2 + 10k + 5 + 7k + 7}{2} \\ &= \frac{5(k^2 + 2k + 1) + 7(k + 1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{5(k + 1)^2 + 7(k + 1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(k + 1)(5(k + 1) + 7)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

By induction P_n is true for all $n \geq 1$.

2) Let P_n be the statement $0 + 5 + 10 + \cdots + 5n - 5 = \frac{n(5n - 5)}{2}$

Anchor Step

$$P_1 \text{ is true since } 5 - 5 = \frac{5 - 5}{2}$$

Inductive Hypothesis

$$\text{Assume that } P_k \text{ is true: } 5 + 10 + \cdots + 5k - 5 = \frac{k(5k - 5)}{2}$$

Inductive Step

We now show that P_{k+1} is true:

$$\begin{aligned} 5 + 10 + \cdots + 5k - 5 + 5(k+1) - 5 &= \frac{k(5k - 5)}{2} + 5(k+1) - 5 \\ &= \frac{5k^2 - 5k}{2} + 5k + 5 - 5 \\ &= \frac{5k^2 - 5k}{2} + \frac{10k}{2} \\ &= \frac{5k^2 + 5k}{2} \\ &= \frac{5k^2 + 10k + 5 - 5k - 5}{2} \\ &= \frac{5(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 5(k+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{5(k+1)^2 - 5(k+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(5(k+1) - 5)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

By induction P_n is true for all $n \geq 1$.

3) Let P_n be the statement $4 + 7 + 10 + \cdots + 3n + 1 = \frac{n(3n + 5)}{2}$

Anchor Step

$$P_1 \text{ is true since } 3 + 1 = \frac{3 + 5}{2}$$

Inductive Hypothesis

$$\text{Assume that } P_k \text{ is true: } 4 + 7 + 10 + \cdots + 3k + 1 = \frac{k(3k + 5)}{2}$$

Inductive Step

We now show that P_{k+1} is true:

$$\begin{aligned} 4 + 7 + 10 + \cdots + 3k + 1 + 3(k + 1) + 1 &= \frac{k(3k + 5)}{2} + 3(k + 1) + 1 \\ &= \frac{3k^2 + 5k}{2} + 3k + 3 + 1 \\ &= \frac{3k^2 + 5k}{2} + \frac{6k + 8}{2} \\ &= \frac{3k^2 + 11k + 8}{2} \\ &= \frac{3k^2 + 6k + 3 + 5k + 5}{2} \\ &= \frac{3(k^2 + 2k + 1) + 5(k + 1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{3(k + 1)^2 + 5(k + 1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(k + 1)(3(k + 1) + 5)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

By induction P_n is true for all $n \geq 1$.

4) Let P_n be the statement $25 + 225 + 625 + \dots + (10n - 5)^2 = \frac{25n(4n^2 - 1)}{3}$

Anchor Step

P_1 is true since $(10 - 5)^2 = \frac{25(4 \cdot 1^2 - 1)}{3}$

Inductive Hypothesis

Assume that P_k is true: $25 + 225 + 625 + \dots + (10k - 5)^2 = \frac{25k(4k^2 - 1)}{3}$

Inductive Step

We now show that P_{k+1} is true:

$$\begin{aligned}
 25 + 225 + 625 + \dots + (10k - 5)^2 + (10(k + 1) - 5)^2 &= \frac{25k(4k^2 - 1)}{3} + (10(k + 1) - 5)^2 \\
 &= \frac{25k(4k^2 - 1)}{3} + (10k + 5)^2 \\
 &= \frac{100k^3 - 25k}{3} + \frac{3(100k^2 + 100k + 25)}{3} \\
 &= \frac{100k^3 - 25k}{3} + \frac{300k^2 + 300k + 75}{3} \\
 &= \frac{100k^3 + 300k^2 + 275k + 75}{3} \\
 &= \frac{25(4k^3 + 12k^2 + 12k + 4 - k - 1)}{3} \\
 &= \frac{25(4(k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) - (k + 1))}{3} \\
 &= \frac{25(4(k + 1)^3 - (k + 1))}{3} \\
 &= \frac{25(k + 1)(4(k + 1)^2 - 1)}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

By induction P_n is true for all $n \geq 1$.

5) Let P_n be the statement $9 + 81 + 729 + \dots + 3^{2n} = \frac{3^2(3^{2n} - 1)}{3^2 - 1}$

Anchor Step

P_1 is true since $3^2 = \frac{3^2(3^2 - 1)}{3^2 - 1}$

Inductive Hypothesis

Assume that P_k is true: $9 + 81 + 729 + \dots + 3^{2k} = \frac{3^2(3^{2k} - 1)}{3^2 - 1}$

Inductive Step

We now show that P_{k+1} is true:

$$\begin{aligned} 9 + 81 + 729 + \dots + 3^{2k} + 3^{2(k+1)} &= \frac{9(3^{2k} - 1)}{8} + 3^{2(k+1)} \\ &= \frac{3^2(3^{2k} - 1)}{8} + 3^{2k+2} \\ &= \frac{3^2(3^{2k} - 1)}{8} + \frac{3^{2k} \cdot 3^2(3^2 - 1)}{8} \\ &= \frac{3^2(3^{2k} - 1 + 3^{2k+2} - 3^{2k})}{8} \\ &= \frac{9(3^{2(k+1)} - 1)}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

By induction P_n is true for all $n \geq 1$.

6) Let P_n be the statement $5 + 23 + 53 + \dots + 6n^2 - 1 = n^2(2n + 3)$

Anchor Step

P_1 is true since $6 \cdot 1^2 - 1 = 1^2(2 + 3)$

Inductive Hypothesis

Assume that P_k is true: $5 + 23 + 53 + \dots + 6k^2 - 1 = k^2(2k + 3)$

Inductive Step

We now show that P_{k+1} is true:

$$\begin{aligned} 5 + 23 + 53 + \dots + 6k^2 - 1 + 6(k+1)^2 - 1 &= k^2(2k + 3) + 6(k+1)^2 - 1 \\ &= 2k^3 + 3k^2 + 6(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 1 \\ &= 2k^3 + 3k^2 + 6k^2 + 12k + 6 - 1 \\ &= 2k^3 + 9k^2 + 12k + 5 \\ &= 2k^3 + 6k^2 + 6k + 2 + 3k^2 + 6k + 3 \\ &= 2(k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) + 3(k^2 + 2k + 1) \\ &= 2(k+1)^3 + 3(k+1)^2 \\ &= (k+1)^2(2(k+1) + 3) \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

By induction P_n is true for all $n \geq 1$.

7) Let P_n be the statement $1 + 25 + 625 + \dots + 5^{2n-2} = \frac{5^{2n} - 1}{5^2 - 1}$

Anchor Step

P_1 is true since $5^{2-2} = \frac{5^2 - 1}{5^2 - 1}$

Inductive Hypothesis

Assume that P_k is true: $1 + 25 + 625 + \dots + 5^{2k-2} = \frac{5^{2k} - 1}{5^2 - 1}$

Inductive Step

We now show that P_{k+1} is true:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 25 + 625 + \dots + 5^{2k-2} + 5^{2(k+1)-2} &= \frac{5^{2k} - 1}{24} + 5^{2(k+1)-2} \\ &= \frac{5^0(5^{2k} - 1)}{24} + 5^{2k+2-2} \\ &= \frac{5^0(5^{2k} - 1)}{24} + \frac{5^{2k} \cdot 5^0(5^2 - 1)}{24} \\ &= \frac{5^0(5^{2k} - 1 + 5^{2k+2} - 5^{2k})}{24} \\ &= \frac{5^{2(k+1)} - 1}{24} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

By induction P_n is true for all $n \geq 1$.

8) Let P_n be the statement $35 + 161 + 371 + \dots + 42n^2 - 7 = 7n^2(2n + 3)$

Anchor Step

P_1 is true since $42 \cdot 1^2 - 7 = 7 \cdot 1^2(2 + 3)$

Inductive Hypothesis

Assume that P_k is true: $35 + 161 + 371 + \dots + 42k^2 - 7 = 7k^2(2k + 3)$

Inductive Step

We now show that P_{k+1} is true:

$$\begin{aligned} 35 + 161 + 371 + \dots + 42k^2 - 7 + 42(k+1)^2 - 7 &= 7k^2(2k + 3) + 42(k+1)^2 - 7 \\ &= 14k^3 + 21k^2 + 42(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 7 \\ &= 14k^3 + 21k^2 + 42k^2 + 84k + 42 - 7 \\ &= 14k^3 + 63k^2 + 84k + 35 \\ &= 7(2k^3 + 6k^2 + 6k + 2 + 3k^2 + 6k + 3) \\ &= 7(2(k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) + 3(k^2 + 2k + 1)) \\ &= 7(2(k+1)^3 + 3(k+1)^2) \\ &= 7(k+1)^2(2(k+1) + 3) \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

By induction P_n is true for all $n \geq 1$.

9) Let P_n be the statement $10 + 46 + 106 + \dots + 12n^2 - 2 = 2n^2(2n + 3)$

Anchor Step

P_1 is true since $12 \cdot 1^2 - 2 = 2 \cdot 1^2(2 + 3)$

Inductive Hypothesis

Assume that P_k is true: $10 + 46 + 106 + \dots + 12k^2 - 2 = 2k^2(2k + 3)$

Inductive Step

We now show that P_{k+1} is true:

$$\begin{aligned} 10 + 46 + 106 + \dots + 12k^2 - 2 + 12(k+1)^2 - 2 &= 2k^2(2k+3) + 12(k+1)^2 - 2 \\ &= 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 12(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 2 \\ &= 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 12k^2 + 24k + 12 - 2 \\ &= 4k^3 + 18k^2 + 24k + 10 \\ &= 2(2k^3 + 6k^2 + 6k + 2 + 3k^2 + 6k + 3) \\ &= 2(2(k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) + 3(k^2 + 2k + 1)) \\ &= 2(2(k+1)^3 + 3(k+1)^2) \\ &= 2(k+1)^2(2(k+1) + 3) \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

By induction P_n is true for all $n \geq 1$.

10) Let P_n be the statement $20 + 92 + 212 + \dots + 24n^2 - 4 = 4n^2(2n + 3)$

Anchor Step

P_1 is true since $24 \cdot 1^2 - 4 = 4 \cdot 1^2(2 + 3)$

Inductive Hypothesis

Assume that P_k is true: $20 + 92 + 212 + \dots + 24k^2 - 4 = 4k^2(2k + 3)$

Inductive Step

We now show that P_{k+1} is true:

$$\begin{aligned} 20 + 92 + 212 + \dots + 24k^2 - 4 + 24(k+1)^2 - 4 &= 4k^2(2k+3) + 24(k+1)^2 - 4 \\ &= 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 24(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 4 \\ &= 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 24k^2 + 48k + 24 - 4 \\ &= 8k^3 + 36k^2 + 48k + 20 \\ &= 4(2k^3 + 6k^2 + 6k + 2 + 3k^2 + 6k + 3) \\ &= 4(2(k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) + 3(k^2 + 2k + 1)) \\ &= 4(2(k+1)^3 + 3(k+1)^2) \\ &= 4(k+1)^2(2(k+1) + 3) \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

By induction P_n is true for all $n \geq 1$.