

MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION, HARDER QUESTIONS

Use mathematical induction to prove the following results.

1 Prove that $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r(r+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$ for n a positive integer.

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3 Prove that $n^2 + 2n$ is divisible by 8 if n is an even integer.

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4 Prove that $3^{4n} - 1$ is divisible by 80 for n a positive integer.

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9 Prove that $\sum_{k=1}^n \log\left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right) = \log(n+1)$.

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11 Prove that $x^n - 1$ is divisible by $(x - 1)$ for n a positive integer. Use the result that $\frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1} = x^{n-1} + \frac{x^{n-1} - 1}{x - 1}$

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12 Prove that $\sum_{r=1}^n r \log\left(\frac{r+1}{r}\right) = \log \frac{(n+1)^n}{n!}$.