

Question 1: Prove by mathematical induction that for all positive integer values of n :

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

Step 1: When $n = 1$, the left-hand side (LHS) is $LHS = 1$, whereas the right-hand side (RHS) is $RHS = \frac{1(1+1)}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$.

Therefore the statement is true for $n = 1$

Step 2: Let assume that the statement is true for $n = k$, i.e.

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

In that case, for $k + 1$, the LHS of the equality is:

$$LHS = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k + (k + 1)$$

$$LHS = \frac{k(k + 1)}{2} + (k + 1) \quad \text{using the assumption above}$$

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

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

$$LHS = \frac{(k + 1)(k + 2)}{2} \quad \text{which is the same statement as the assumption above, for } (k + 1)$$

Therefore, if the statement is true for k , then it is true for $(k + 1)$

Step 3:

The statement is true for $n = 1$

The statement is true for $(k + 1)$ if it is true for k .

Therefore, by induction, it is true for all $n \geq 1$

Question 2: Prove by mathematical induction that for all positive integer values of n :

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1} = 2^n - 1$$

Step 1: When $n = 1$, the left-hand side (LHS) is $LHS = 1$, whereas the right-hand side (RHS) is $RHS = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Therefore the $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ is $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ for $n = 1$

Step 2: Let $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ that the $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ is $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ for $n = k$, i.e.

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

In that $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$, for $k + 1$, the LHS of the $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ is:

$$LHS = 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{k-1} + 2^k$$

$$LHS = (2^k - 1) + 2^k \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ the } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ above}$$

$$LHS = 2 \times 2^k - 1$$

$$LHS = 2^{k+1} - 1$$

$$LHS = 2^{k+1} - 1 \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ is the same } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ as the } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ above, for } (k + 1)$$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$, if the $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ is true for k , then it is true for $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Step ____:

The $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ is true for $n = 1$

The statement is $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ for $(k + 1)$ if it is $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ for k .

Therefore, by $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$, it is $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ for $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $n \geq 1$

Question 3: Prove by mathematical induction that for all positive integer values of n :

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

Step 1: When $n = 1$, the _____ (LHS) is $LHS = 1$, whereas the _____ (RHS) is $RHS = \frac{1(1+1)(2 \times 1 + 1)}{6} = \frac{2 \times 3}{6} = 1$.
 _____ the _____ is _____ for $n = 1$

Step 2: Let _____ that the _____ is _____ for $n = k$, i.e.

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

In that _____, for $k + 1$, the _____ of the _____ is:

$$LHS = 1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2$$

$$LHS = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + (k+1)^2 \quad \text{_____ the assumption _____}$$

$$LHS = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + \frac{6(k+1)^2}{6}$$

$$LHS = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1) + 6(k+1)^2}{6}$$

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

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

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

$$LHS = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)[2(k+1) + 3]}{6} \quad \text{_____ is the _____ statement as the _____ above, for } (k+1)$$

_____, if the _____ is true for _____, then it is _____ for _____

Step 3:

The _____ is true for _____

The _____ is _____ for $(k+1)$ if _____ is _____ for _____

_____, by _____, it is _____ for _____

Question 4: Prove by mathematical induction that for all positive integer values of n :

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{n}{2n+1}$$

Step 1: _____ $n = 1$, the _____ (LHS) is $LHS = \frac{1}{1 \times 3}$, _____ the _____ (RHS) is $RHS = \frac{1}{2 \times 1 + 1} = \frac{1}{3}$.
 _____ the _____ is true for $n = 1$

Step 2: _____ that the _____ is _____ for $n = k$, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} = \frac{k}{2k+1}$$

In that _____, for $k + 1$, the _____ of the _____ is:

$$LHS = \frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} + \frac{1}{[2(k+1)-1][2(k+1)+1]}$$

$$LHS = \frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)}$$

$$LHS = \frac{k}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \quad \text{_____ the _____ above}$$

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

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

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

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

$$LHS = \frac{k+1}{2k+3}$$

$$LHS = \frac{k+1}{2(k+1)+1} \quad \text{_____ is the same _____ as the _____, for _____}$$

_____, _____ the _____ is _____ for _____, _____ it is _____ for _____

Step 3:

The _____ is _____ for _____

The _____ is _____ for _____ if it is _____ for _____.

_____, by _____, it is _____ for all _____