

Class: 11
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Topic: Principles of mathematical Induction
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Q1. Let $P(n): 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{n}$ is true for

- A. $\forall n$
- B. For $n=1$
- C. $N > 1 \forall n \in N$
- D. None of these

Sol: C

For $n = 1$

L.H.S of $P(1) = 1$

R.H.S of $P(1) = 1$

L.H.S = R.H.S

$\therefore 1$ cannot be < 1

$\therefore P(1)$ is not true.

as L.H.S. of $P(1) = 1 < 1$ (false)

Again $n = 2$

L.H.S. of $P(2) = 1 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{4}$

R.H.S of $P(2) = 2 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} = \frac{6}{4}$

\therefore L.H.S $P(2) <$ R.H.S of $P(2) \therefore P(2)$ is true.

Q2. $P(n) = 7^n - 3^n$ is divisible by 4. $A \neq b$, then expansion $a^n - b^n$ is divisible by $(a-b)$ if n is odd or even.

- A. If both statement-1 and statement -2 are true and statement -2 is the correct explanation of statement- 1.
- B. If both statement - 1 and statement -2 are true but statement -2 is not the correct explanation of statement -1
- C. If statement-1 is true but statement -2 is false

D. If statement-1 is false and statement-2 is true

Sol: A

$$P(n) = 7^n - 3^n, n \text{ is either even or odd } (a = 7, b = 3) \text{ divisible by } (a - b) = 7 - 3 = 4.$$

Hence, statement -1 followed by statement -2.

Q3. Let $P(n) = 111 \dots 1$ (91 times) then $P(n)$ is a prime number.

Every prime number has at most and at least two factors.

- A. If both statement-1 and statement -2 are true and statement -2 is the correct explanation of statement- 1
- B. If both statement - 1 and statement -2 are true but statement -2 is not the correct explanation of statement -1
- C. If statement-1 is true but statement -2 is false
- D. If statement-1 is false and statement-2 is true

Sol: D

$$\begin{aligned} P(n) &= 1 + 10 + 10^2 + \dots + 10^{90} \\ &= \frac{10^{91} - 1}{9} = \frac{(10^7)^{13} - 1}{9}, \text{ where } t = 10^7 \\ &= \frac{(t - 1)(t^{12} + t^{11} + \dots + t + 1)}{9} \\ &= \frac{10^7 - 1}{10 - 1} (t^{12} + t^{11} + \dots + t + 1), t = 10^7 \\ &= (1 + 10 + 10^2 + \dots + 10^6)(1 + t + t^2 + \dots + t^{12}) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P(n) = 111 \dots 1$ (91 times) is not a prime as $P(n)$ has more than two factors so statement -1 is false.

Q4. For each natural number, the statement $P(n) = 2^{3n} - 1$ is divisible by

- A. 8
- B. 16
- C. 7
- D. None of these

Sol: C

$$\text{Let } P(n) = 2^{3n} - 1$$

$$\text{Putting } n = 1$$

$$\therefore P(1) = 2^3 - 1 = 7$$

$$\text{Now } P(k) = 2^{3k} - 1$$

To prove $P(k+1)$ is divisible by 7 whenever

$$P(k) = 7M$$

$$\therefore P(k+1) = 2^{5(k+1)} - 1 = 2^{3k} \cdot 2^3 - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2^{3k} (7 + 1) - 1 = 7 \cdot 2^{3k} + 2^{3k} - 1 = 7 \cdot 2^{3k} + 7M \\ &= 7(2^{3k} + M) \end{aligned}$$

Q5. **Statement 1:** If $A = (300)^{600}$, $B = 600$, $C = (200)^{600!}$, Then $A > B > C$.

Statement 2: $\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^n > n! > \left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^n$ for $n > 6$.

- A. If both statement-1 and statement -2 are true and statement -2 is the correct explanation of statement- 1
- B. If both statement - 1 and statement -2 are true but statement -2 is not the correct explanation of statement -1
- C. If statement-1 is true but statement -2 is false
- D. If statement-1 is false and statement-2 is true

Sol: A

$$\text{Since, } \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^n > n! > \left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^n, n > 6$$

$$\text{Putting } n = 600$$

$$\left(\frac{600}{2}\right)^{600} > 600! > (200)^{600} \Rightarrow A > B > C.$$

Q6. Let $P(n) = 3^{2n} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, When divided by 8, leaves the remainder

- A. 2
- B. 1
- C. 4
- D. 7

Sol: B

$$P(n) = 3^{2n}$$

$$= 9^n = (1+8)^n \text{ (Using Binomial theorem)}$$

$$P(n) = 1 + 8n \therefore \text{Remainder is 1.}$$

Q7. Let $P(n): 2^n > n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $2^k > K, \forall n = K$, then which h of the following is true $\forall k \geq 2$

- A. $2^k > 5k > 1$
- B. $2^{k+1} > 2k > k+1$
- C. $2^k > 2(k+1) > k$
- D. None of these

Sol: B

$$\begin{aligned} P(n) = 2^n > n &\Rightarrow P(k) = 2^k > k \Rightarrow 2 \times 2^k > 2k \\ &\Rightarrow 2 \times 2^k > 2k > k+1 \text{ as } k \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Q8. For every natural number $n \geq 2, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > \sqrt{n}$ For every natural number $n \geq 2, \sqrt{n(n+1)} < (n+1)$

- A. Statement (1) is true & statement (2) is false
- B. Statement (1) is false & statement (2) is true
- C. Statement (1) is true, statement (2) is true & statement (2) is correct explanation for statement (1)
- D. Statement (1) is true, statement (2) is true but statement (2) is not the correct explanation for statement (1)

Sol: D

$$\text{Let } P(n) : \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > \sqrt{n}$$

Step1 : For $n = 2$

L.H.S of $P(2)$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}} = (1.707 \text{ Approx.})$$

$$\text{R.H.S of } P(2) = \sqrt{2} = 1.414$$

\therefore L.H.S of $P(2) >$ R.H.S of $P(2)$

Step2 : For $n = k$ say $P(n)$ is true

$$P(k) : \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} > \sqrt{k} \quad \dots(i)$$

Step3 : For $n = k+1$ we prove that $P(k+1)$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > \sqrt{k+1} \quad \dots(ii)$$

L.H.S of $P(k+1)$

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

$$= p(k) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > \sqrt{k} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \quad \dots(iii)$$

For $n = k$

$$\sqrt{k(k+1)} < k+1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{k}(\sqrt{k+1}) < \sqrt{(k+1)}\sqrt{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{k} < \sqrt{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{k+1} > \sqrt{k} \text{ for } k \geq 2$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{k} > \frac{(k+1)-1}{\sqrt{k+1}} = \sqrt{k+1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{k} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > \sqrt{k+1} \quad \dots(iv)$$

\therefore By (iii) & (iv) we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > \sqrt{k+1}$$

($\because a > b, b > c \Rightarrow a > c$)

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \text{ is true for } n$$

$$= k+1$$

Q9. Let $P(n): a^n + b^n$ such that a, b are even, then $P(n)$ will be divisible by $a + b$ if

- A. $n > 1$
- B. $\forall n$ is odd
- C. $\forall n$ is even
- D. None of these

Sol: B

$$P(n) = a^n + b^n \forall n \in N.$$

$$n = 1$$

$$\therefore P(1) = a + b \text{ which is divisible by } a + b.$$

$$n = 2.$$

$$\therefore P(2) = a^2 + b^2 \text{ not divisible by } a + b. \quad n = 3$$

$$\therefore P(3) = a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$\text{which is divisible by } a + b.$$

with the help of induction we conclude that $P(n)$ will be divisible by $a + b$, if n is odd.

Q10. The statement $P(n) = 9^n - 8^n$, when divided by 8, always leaves the remainder

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 1
- D. 7

Sol: C

$$P(n) = 9^n - 8^n$$

$$\therefore P(1) = 9 - 8 = 1$$

$$\therefore P(1) - 1 = 0 \text{ which is divisible by } 8.$$

$$\therefore P(1) = 1 \text{ is the remainder when } P(n) \text{ is divided by } 8.$$

$$P(2) = 9^2 - 8^2 = 17 = 16 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Remainder is } 1, \text{ when divided by } 8.$$

Q11. Statement 1: The greatest positive integer which divides $(n+11)(n+12)(n+13)(n+14) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ is 24

Statement 2: Product of any r consecutive integers is divisible by $r!$.

- A. if both statement -1 and statement -2 are true and statement -2 is the correct explanation of statement -1
- B. if both statement -1 and statement -2 are true but statement -2 is not the correct explanation of statement -1
- C. if statement -1 is true but statement -2 is false
- D. if statement -1 is false and statement -2 is true

Sol: A

Since the statement -2 is obvious, so the greatest positive integer which divides the product $(n+11)(n+12)(n+13)(n+14)$ is $4! = 24$.

Q12. Let $P(n)$ be the statement $n^2 - n + 41$ is prime, then which of the following is not true?

- A. $P(2)$
- B. $P(3)$
- C. $P(41)$
- D. None of these

Sol: C

$$P(n) = n^2 - n + 41$$

$$P(2) = 2^2 - 2 + 41 = 43 \text{ is Prime (true)}$$

$$P(3) = 3^2 - 3 + 41 = 47 \text{ is prime (true)}$$

$$P(41) = 41^2 - 41 + 41 = (41)^2 \text{ is Prime}$$

Q13. The statement $P(r) = \sum_{r=1}^n r(r!) = (r+1)! - 1$ is true for

- A. $r > 2$
- B. true for $\forall r \in \mathbb{N}$
- C. for no value of r
- D. $r > 1$

Sol: B

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(k) &= \sum_{k=1}^n k(k!) \leftrightarrow (k = 1, \dots, r \text{ or } k = 1, \dots, n \text{ have same meaning as we have considered } r, n \in \mathbb{N}) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n (k+1-1)(k!) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n (k+1)! - \sum_{k=1}^n (k!) \quad k = n, n-1, \dots, 1 \\
 &= (n+1)! - n! \\
 &\quad n! - (n-1)! \\
 &\quad (n-1)! - (n-2)! \\
 &\quad \dots \\
 &\quad \dots \\
 &\quad 3! - 2! \\
 &\quad 2! - 1! \\
 \text{By adding, } P(k) &= (n+1)! - 1!.
 \end{aligned}$$

Q14. Let the statement $m^2 > 100$, the statement $P(K+1)$ will be true if

- A. $P(1)$ is true
- B. $P(2)$ is true
- C. $P(K)$ is true
- D. None of these

Sol: C

$P(r)$ is true.

$$\Rightarrow r^2 > 100 \Rightarrow r^2 + 2r + 1 > 100 + 2r + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (r+1)^2 > 100$$

$$\Rightarrow P(r+1) \text{ is true as } r^2 + (2r+1) > r^2 > 100$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) \text{ is true (say } r = k)$$

$P(k+1)$ is true when every $P(k)$ is so. IN order to prove that $P(k+1)$ is true.

It is sufficient to consider $P(k)$ is true.

Q15. Statement-1: $S_n = n^3 + 3n^2 + 5n + 3$ is divisible by 3

Statement-2: $t_n = 3$ }

- A. If both statement -1 and statement-2 are true and statement-2 is the correct explanation of statement-1
- B. If both statement-1 and statement-2 are true but statement-2 is not the correct explanation of statement-1
- C. If statement -1 is true but statement -2 is false
- D. If statement-1 is false and statement-2 is true

Sol: A

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= n^3 + 3n^2 + 5n + 3 \\ \therefore t_n &= S_n - S_{n-1} \\ &= (n^3 + 3n^2 + 5n + 3) \\ &\quad - \{((n-1)^3 + 3(n-1)^2 + 5(n-1) + 3)\} \\ &= 3n^2 + 3n + 3 = 3(n^2 + n + 1) = 3 \cdot 1. \end{aligned}$$

Q16. Statement -1: $P(n) = n^2 + n + 1$ is an odd natural number $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Statement -2: If 1 added to an even number then it becomes an odd number

- A. If both statement -1 and statement-2 are true and statement-2 is the correct explanation of statement-1
- B. If both statement-1 and statement-2 are true but statement-2 is not the correct explanation of statement-1
- C. If statement -1 is true but statement -2 is false
- D. If statement-1 is false and statement-2 is true

Sol: A

$$\begin{aligned} P(n) &= n^2 + n + 1 \\ \therefore P(1) &= 3, P(2) = 7, P(3) = 13 \\ \therefore P(n) &\text{ is odd } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Q17. The greatest positive integer which divides $n(n+1)(n+2) \dots (n+r-1) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ is

- A. $r!$
- B. $(r+1)!$
- C. $n+r$
- D. $n-r+1$

Sol: A

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } P(n) &= n(n+1)(n+2) \dots (n+r-1) \\ &= (n+0)(n+1)(n+2) \dots (n+(r-1)) \\ &= \text{Product of } r \text{ consecutive integers} \\ \therefore &\text{Divisible by } r! \end{aligned}$$

Q18. The inequality $n! > 2^n$ is true for

- A. $n \geq 4$
- B. $n > 1$
- C. $n > 2$
- D. $\forall n, n \in \mathbb{N}$

Sol: A

$$P(n) = n! > 2^n$$

$$\therefore P(1) = 1! > 2^1 \text{ (false)}$$

$$P(2) = 2! > 2^2 = 4 \text{ (false)}$$

$$P(3) = 3! > 2^3$$

$$\text{or } 6 > 8 \text{ (false)}$$

$$P(4) = 4! > 2^4$$

$$\text{or } 24 > 16 \text{ true}$$

Hence, inequality holds good if $n \geq 4$.

Q19. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $P(n) = n(n+1)$ is an even number Product of two consecutive natural numbers is even

- A. If both statement -1 and statement-2 are true and statement-2 is the correct explanation of statement-1
- B. If both statement-1 and statement-2 are true but statement-2 is not the correct explanation of statement-1

- C. If statement -1 is true but statement -2 is false
- D. If statement-1 is false and statement-2 is true

Sol: A

The number n and $(n+1)$ are consecutive e numbers, so $n(n+1)$ is an even number.

Q20. $3^{2n} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ Leaves the remainder 1 when divided by 8 $9^n = 1 + 8l$.

- A. If both statement -1 and statement-2 are true and statement-2 is the correct explanation of statement-1
- B. If both statement-1 and statement-2 are true but statement-2 is not the correct explanation of statement-1
- C. If statement -1 is true but statement -2 is false
- D. If statement-1 is false and statement-2 is true

Sol: A

Let $P(n) = 3^{2n} = 9^n$

$\therefore 9^n = (1+8)^n = 1+8l$.