

Class: 11
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1. Let $S(K)$ be $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2K - 1) = 3 + K^2$. Which of the following is true?

- A. $S(K) \not\Rightarrow S(K + 1)$
- B. $S(K) \Rightarrow S(K + 1)$
- C. $S(1)$ is correct.
- D. Principle of mathematical induction can be used to prove the formula.

Sol. B

$S(1) : 1 = 3 + 1^2$, which is not true.

Suppose $S(K)$ is true, then

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2K - 1) = 3 + K^2$$

Adding $(2K + 1)$ to both the sides, we get

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2K - 1) + (2K + 1) = 3 + K^2 + 2K + 1 = 3 + (K + 1)^2$$

which is $S(K + 1)$.

Thus, $S(K) \Rightarrow S(K + 1)$

2. If $a_n = \sqrt{7 + \sqrt{7 + \sqrt{7 + \dots}}}$ having n radical signs, then by methods of mathematical induction which of the following is true?

- A. $a_n > 7 \quad \forall n \geq 1$
- B. $a_n > 3 \quad \forall n \geq 1$
- C. $a_n < 4 \quad \forall n \geq 1$
- D. $a_n < 3 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Sol. C

We have $a_1 = \sqrt{7} < 4$. Assume $a_k < 4$ for some natural number k .

We have

$$a_{k+1} = \sqrt{7 + a_k} < \sqrt{7 + 4} < 4$$

$\therefore a_n < 4 \quad \forall n \geq 1$.

3. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x^{2n-1} + y^{2n-1}$ is divisible by

- A. $x + y$
- B. $(x + y)^2$
- C. $x^3 + y^3$
- D. none of these

Sol. A

$$\begin{aligned} & x^{2n-1} + y^{2n-1} \\ &= (x + y)(x^{2n-3}y - x^{2n-3}y + x^{2n-4}y^2 - x^{2n-5}y^3 + \dots + y^{2n-2}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $x^{2n-1} + y^{2n-1}$ is divisible by $x + y$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

4. Let $x > -1$, then statement $P(n) : (1 + x)^n > 1 + nx$ is true for

- A. all $n \in \mathbb{N}$
- B. all $n > 1$
- C. all $n > 1$ provided $x \neq 0$
- D. none of these

Sol. C

For $n = 2$,

$$P(2): (1 + x)^2 = 1 + 2x + x^2 > 1 + 2x \text{ as } x \neq 0.$$

Assume that

$$P(k): (1 + x)^k > 1 + kx \quad (1)$$

for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k > 1$.

As $x > -1$, multiplying both the sides of (1) by $1 + x$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + x)^{k+1} &> (1 + kx)(1 + x) \\ &= 1 + (k + 1)x + kx^2 > 1 + (k + 1)x \end{aligned}$$

[$\because kx^2 > 0$] Thus, $P(k + 1)$ is true.

By the principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n > 1$ provided $x \neq 0$.

5. Statement - 1: For each natural number n , $(n + 1)^7 - n^7 - 1$ is divisible by 7.

Statement - 2: For each natural number n , $n^7 - n$ is divisible by 7.

- A. Statement - 1 is true, statement - 2 is true and statement - 2 is the correct explanation for statement - 1.
- B. Statement - 1 is true, statement - 2 is true and statement - 2 is not the correct explanation for Statement - 1.
- C. Statement - 1 is true, statement - 2 is false.
- D. Statement - 1 is false, statement - 2 is true.

Sol. A

For statement 2, write $n = 7r + k$, $k = -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$

Now, $n^7 - n = (7r + k)^7 - (7r + k)$

Using binomial theorem, we get

$n^7 - n - (k^7 - k)$ is divisible by 7.

$\Leftrightarrow n^7 - n$ is divisible by 7 if and only if $k^7 - k$ is divisible by 7

For $k = \pm 3, \pm 2, \pm 1$. $k^7 - k$ is divisible by 7 if and only if $k^6 - 1$ is divisible by 7.

But $k^6 - 1 = 728, 63, 0$ for $k = \pm 3, \pm 2, \pm 1$.

$\therefore k^6 - 1$ is divisible by 7 for $k = \pm 3, \pm 2, \pm 1$.

Thus, $n^7 - n$ is divisible by 7 for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$.

$\Rightarrow (n + 1)^7 - (n + 1) - (n^7 - n)$ is divisible by 7

$\Rightarrow (n + 1)^7 - n^7 - 1$ is divisible by 7.

Therefore, both the statements are true and statement - 2 is a correct reason for statement-1.

6. Given $a, b, c \in \mathbf{N}$. If $a^n + b^n$ is divisible by c when n is odd but not when n is even, then the value of c is

- A. $a + b$
- B. $a - b$
- C. $a^3 + b^3$
- D. $a^3 - b^3$

Sol. A

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Use } a^{2m+1} + b^{2m+1} \\ &= (a + b) (a^{2m} - a^{2m-1}b + a^{2m-2}b^2 - \dots \\ & \quad - ab^{2m-1} + b^{2m}) \end{aligned}$$

7. Let $S = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2}} + \dots + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{1999^2} + \frac{1}{2000^2}}$, find $|2000(S-2000)|$.

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_r &= \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{1}{(r+1)^2}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{r^2 + (r+1)^2 + r^2(r+1)^2}{r^2(r+1)^2}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{2r^2 + 2r + 1 + r^2(r^2 + 2r + 1)}{r^2(r+1)^2}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{r^4 + 2r^3 + 3r^2 + 2r + 1}{r^2(r+1)^2}} \\
 &= \frac{r^2 + r + 1}{r(r+1)} = \frac{1}{r(r+1)} + 1 \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r+1}, \\
 S &= 2000 - \frac{1}{2000}, |2000(S - 2000)| = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

8. A sequence is obtained by deleting all perfect squares from set of natural numbers. What is the remainder when the 2003^{rd} term of new sequence is divided by 2048?

Sol.

Since $\lceil \sqrt{2046} \rceil = \lceil \sqrt{2047} \rceil = \lceil \sqrt{2048} \rceil = \lceil \sqrt{2049} \rceil = 45$
 $\therefore 2003^{\text{rd}}$ term is $2003 + 45 = 2048$
 Hence remainder is 0

9. STATEMENT-1: If $S_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}\right)$, then

$$nS_n = n + \left(\frac{n-1}{1} + \frac{n-2}{2} + \dots + \frac{2}{n-2} + \frac{1}{n-1}\right)$$

STATEMENT-2: $S_n = n - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{n}\right)$

- A. Statement - 1 is true, Statement - 2 is true; Statement - 2 is the correct explanation for Statement - 1.
 B. Statement - 1 is true, Statement - 2 is true; Statement - 2 is NOT the correct explanation for Statement - 1.
 C. Statement - 1 is true, Statement - 2 is false.
 Statement - 1 is false, Statement - 2 is true.

Sol. A

Statement II

$$S_n = n - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{n}\right)$$

$$= 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n-2} + \frac{1}{n-1}$$

$$nS_n = n + n \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n-1}\right] - (n-1)$$

$$nS_n = n + n \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n-1}\right] - (n-1)$$

$$= n + n \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n-1}\right] - n + 1$$

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

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

10. For a positive integer, n, let $S(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{2^n-1} \frac{1}{k}$, then let us consider two statements:

- $A_1 : S(100) \leq 100 ;$
 $A_2 : S(200) > 100,$ then

- A. A_1 is correct but A_2 is not correct
 B. A_2 is correct but A_1 is not correct
 C. A_1 and A_2 are both correct
 D. Neither A_1 nor A_2 is correct

Sol. C

$$S_{(n)} > 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2^{n-1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right) - \frac{1}{2^n} \quad S_{(n)} > 1 + \frac{n}{2} - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$S_{(200)} > 1 + 100 - \frac{1}{2^{100}} > 100$$

Also

$$S_1 = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2^n - 1}\right)$$

$$\leq 1 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \dots = n$$

$$S(100) \leq 100.$$

11. For a positive integer n, let $S(n) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n - 1}$. Which of the following expressions holds true?

- A. $S_n \leq n$ $S_{2n} \leq n$
- B. $S_n < n$
- C. $S_{2n} \leq n$
- D. $S_{2n} > n$

Sol. A,D

$$S(n) = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2^{n-1}} + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n - 1}\right)$$

$$\leq 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2^{n-1}} + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right)$$

$$= 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 \text{ (n terms)} = n$$

$$\text{Also } S(n) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2^{n-2}+1} + \frac{1}{2^{n-2}+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right)$$

$$> 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2} = 1 + \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$\therefore S(2n) > \frac{2n+1}{2} = n + \frac{1}{2} > n$$

12. The number $\frac{5^k + 3}{4}$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$), when divided by 10, may leave remainder
- A. 2
 - B. 6
 - C. 7
 - D. 8

Sol. A,C

$$\frac{5^k + 3}{4} = \frac{5^k - 5 + 8}{4} = \frac{5(5^{k-1} - 1)}{5 - 1} + 2 = 5 + 5^2 + 5^3 + \dots (k - 1) \text{ terms} + 2$$

So if $k - 1 = \text{even}$, the last digit is 2

If $k - 1 = \text{odd}$, the last digit is $5 + 2 = 7$

13. Direction: Let $f(n) = 3^{2n} + 3^n + 1$ for every positive integer n . Which of the following is true?
- A. $f(n+3) = 3^6 f(n) - 702 \cdot 3^n - 728$
 - B. $f(n+3) = 3^6 f(n) - 701 \cdot 3^n - 729$
 - C. $f(n+3) = 3^6 f(n) + 702 \cdot 3^n - 728$
 - D. none of these

Sol. A

$$f(n) = 3^{2n} + 3^n + 1$$

$$f(n+3) = 3^{2n+6} + 3^{n+3} + 1$$

$$f(n+3) - 3^6 f(n) = -702 \cdot 3^n - 728. \Rightarrow$$

So, (1) is correct.

14. Direction: Let $f(n) = 3^{2n} + 3^n + 1$ for every positive integer n . Which of the following is false?
- A. $f(100)$ is divisible by 13.
 - B. $f(1001)$ is divisible by 13.
 - C. $f(2007)$ is divisible by 13.
 - D. none of these

Sol. C

Indeed 702 and 728 are divisible by 13.

The answer in the above question shows that if

(i) $f(n)$ is divisible by 13 then $f(n+1)$ is also divisible by 13.

(ii) $f(n)$ is not divisible by 13 then $f(n+1)$ is not divisible by 13

Now $f(1)$ and $f(2)$ are divisible by 13 but $f(3)$ is not divisible by 13

$\Rightarrow f(100), f(1001)$ are divisible by 13 but $f(2007)$ is not divisible by 13.

(3) is correct.

15. If $S_n = \sum_{r=1}^n t_r = \frac{1}{6}n(2n^2 + 9n + 13)$, then $\sum_{r=1}^n \sqrt{t_r}$ equals

A. $\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$

B. $\frac{1}{2}n(n+2)$

C. $\frac{1}{2}n(n+3)$

D. $\frac{1}{2}n(n+5)$

Sol. C

We have $t_n = S_n - S_{n-1} \quad \forall n \geq 2$

$$\therefore t_n = \frac{1}{6} \left[2(n^3 - (n-1)^3) + 9(n^2 - (n-1)^2) + 13(n - n + 1) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[6n^2 - 6n + 2 + 9(2n-1) + 13 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (6n^2 + 12n + 6) = (n+1)^2$$

$$\therefore \sum_{r=1}^n \sqrt{t_r} = \sum_{r=1}^n (r+1) = \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(n+2) - 1 = \frac{1}{2}n(n+3)$$

16. $1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_k$ are divisions of number $N = 2^{n-1} (2^n - 1)$ where $2^n - 1$ is a prime number and $1 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \alpha_3 \dots < \alpha_k$, then value of $\left(1 + \frac{1}{\alpha_1} + \frac{1}{\alpha_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{\alpha_k}\right)$ is

Sol.

Divisors of $N = 2^{n-1} (2^n - 1)$ are

$$\begin{aligned}
 &1, 2, 2^2, \dots, 2^{n-1}, 2^n - 1, 2(2^n - 1), 2^2(2^n - 1), \dots, 2^{n-1}(2^n - 1) \\
 &1 + \frac{1}{\alpha_1} + \frac{1}{\alpha_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{\alpha_k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} + \frac{1}{2^n - 1} + \frac{1}{2(2^n - 1)} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}(2^n - 1)} \\
 &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right) + \frac{1}{2^n - 1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right) \\
 &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^n - 1}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1 \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n\right)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{2^n}{2^n - 1}\right) = \frac{2^n}{2^{n-1}} = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Passage type

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

$$\sum n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}, \sum n^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2$$

If $T_n = n(n+1)$, then

$$S_n = [n(n+1)] \frac{(n+2)}{3}$$

if $T_n = n(n+1)(n+2)$, then

$$S_n = [n(n+1)(n+2)] \frac{(n+3)}{4}$$

17. Answer the following questions based upon above passage.

Sum of the series
 $\frac{1^3}{1} + \frac{1^3+2^3}{1+3} + \frac{1^3+2^3+3^3}{1+3+5} + \dots$ to 16 terms is

- A. 346
- B. 446
- C. 546
- D. 444

Sol. B

$$\begin{aligned}T_n &= \frac{\sum n^3}{\frac{n}{2}[2 \cdot 1 + (n-1) \cdot 2]} \\&= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{n^2} = \frac{1}{4}(n^2 + 2n + 1) \\S_n &= \frac{1}{4}[\sum n^2 + 2\sum n + \sum 1] \\&= \frac{1}{4}\left[\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 2 \cdot \frac{(n+1)n}{2} + n\right]\end{aligned}$$

Putting $n = 16$, we get

$$S_{16} = 446$$

18. Answer the following questions based upon above passage.

is $1 + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{7}{5^2} + \frac{10}{5^3} + \dots$ to ∞

- A. $\frac{16}{35}$
- B. $\frac{11}{8}$
- C. $\frac{35}{16}$
- D. $\frac{7}{16}$

Sol. C

$$S = 1 + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{7}{5^2} + \frac{10}{5^3} + \dots \infty$$

Then $\frac{1}{5}S = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{5^2} + \frac{7}{5^3} + \dots$

$$S\left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right) = 1 + 3\left[\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{5^3} + \dots \infty\right]$$

$$\frac{4}{5}S = 1 + 3\left[\frac{1/5}{1-1/5}\right] = 1 + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\therefore S = \frac{35}{16}$$

Note: You may use the formula

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{ab}{1-r} + \frac{dbr}{(1-r)^2}$$

i.e.

where $a = 1, d = 3, b = 1, r = 1/5$

19. Answer the following questions based upon above passage.

The sum of the series $\frac{1}{3 \times 7} + \frac{1}{7 \times 11} + \frac{1}{11 \times 15} + \dots$ to ∞ is

- A. $\frac{1}{3}$
- B. $\frac{1}{6}$
- C. $\frac{1}{9}$
- D. $\frac{1}{12}$

Sol. D

$$S = \frac{1}{4} \left[\left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{7} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{11} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{11} - \frac{1}{15} \right) + \dots \infty \right]$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{12}$$

20. If n is a positive integer and p is a prime number, then $n^p - n$ is always divisible by

- A. $p - 1$
- B. p
- C. $p + 1$
- D. p^2

Sol. B

$f(n) = n^p - n$ and hence divisible by p

$$f(n+1) - f(n) = (n+1)^p - (n+1) - n^p + n = (n+1)^p - n^p - 1 = {}^p C_1 n^{p-1} + {}^p C_2 n^{p-2} + \dots + {}^p C_{p-1} n$$

is divisible by p ,

since ${}^p C_r$ is divisible by p , for $r=1,2,3,\dots,p-1$

Hence by induction, $f(n)$ is divisible by p

21. If $S_{(n)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}, (n \in \mathbb{N})$, then $S_{(1)} + S_{(2)} + \dots + S_{(n-1)}$ is equal to

- A. $nS_{(n)} - n$
- B. $nS_{(n)} - 1$
- C. $(n-1)S_{(n-1)} - n$
- D. $nS_{(n-1)} - n + 1$

Sol. A

$$S_{(1)} + S_{(2)} + \dots + S_{(n-1)}$$

$$S_{(1)} : 1$$

$$S_{(2)} : 1 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_{(3)} : 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}$$

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$$S_{(n-1)} : 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n-1}$$

Adding vertically :

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

$$= n \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n-1} \right] - [1+1+1+\dots+1] = nS_{(n-1)} - (n-1) = nS_n - n$$

22. Statement - 1: Let $d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_k$ be all the factors of a fixed positive integer n including 1 and n .

If $d_1 + d_2 + d_3 + \dots + d_k = 72$, then the value of $\frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2} + \frac{1}{d_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{d_k} = \frac{72}{n}$ because

Statement - 2: For a positive integer n , if d is a factor then $\frac{n}{d}$ is also a factor.

- A. Statement - 1 is true, Statement - 2 is true; Statement - 2 is the correct explanation for Statement - 1.
 B. Statement - 1 is true, Statement - 2 is true; Statement - 2 is NOT the correct explanation for Statement - 1.
 C. Statement - 1 is true, Statement - 2 is false.
 D. Statement - 1 is false, Statement - 2 is true.

Sol. A

If d is a factor of n , then $\frac{n}{d}$ is also a factor of n is correct.

$$\therefore \frac{n}{d_1} + \frac{n}{d_2} + \frac{n}{d_3} + \dots + \frac{n}{d_k} = 72$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2} + \frac{1}{d_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{d_k} = \frac{72}{n}$$

23. If 12 divides the seven digit number $ab313ab$, then the smallest values of $a + b$ is

- A. 2
 B. 4
 C. 6
 D. 8

Sol. B

Let $N = ab313ab$ is div. by 12 then it is div. by 3.

$a + b + 3 + 1 + 3 + a + b$ is div. by 3

$$2(a + b) + 1 = 3K \Rightarrow a + b = \frac{1}{2}(3K - 1)$$

$$a + b = 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots$$

But N is div. by 4 also. So ab is div. by 4. If $a + b = 4$

$$\Rightarrow a = 4, b = 0$$

$$N = 4031340$$

24. The sum of the cubes of three consecutive natural no. is divisible by 9.

Sol:

$P(n) [k^3 + (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3]$ is divisible by 9

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) : 1 + 8 + 9 = 18$$

which is divisible by 9

Let $p(k)$ be true

$p(k) : [k^3 + (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3]$ is divisible by 9

$$\Rightarrow k^3 + (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3 = 9\lambda(i)$$

we want to prove that $p(k+1)$ is true

$$p(k+1) : (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3 + (k+3)^3$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3 + (k+3)^3$$

$$= (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3 + k^3 + 9k^2 + 27k + 27$$

$$= \underbrace{k^3 + (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3}_{9\lambda} + 9(k^2 + 3k + 3)$$

$$= 9\lambda + 9(k^2 + 3k + 3) \text{ (from i)}$$

$$= 9[\lambda + (k^2 + 3k + 3)] \text{ which is } \div \text{ by 9.}$$

25. Prove that $12^n + 25^{n-1}$ is divisible by 13

Sol:

$P(n)$: $12^n + 25^{n-1}$ is divisible by 13

For $n = 1$

$P(1)$: $12 + (25)^0 = 13$

which is divisible by 13

Let $p(k)$ be true

$P(k)$: $12^k + 25^{k-1}$ is divisible by 13

$\Rightarrow 12^k + 25^{k-1} = 13\lambda(i)$

we want to prove that result is true for $n = k+1$

$$\begin{aligned}12^{(k+1)} + 25^{k+1-1} &= 12^k \cdot 12^1 + 25^k \\ &= (13\lambda - 25^{k-1}) \cdot 12 + 25^k \text{ (from } i\text{)} \\ &= 13 \times 12\lambda - 25^{k-1} \cdot 12 + 25^k \\ &= 13 \times 12\lambda + 25^{k-1}(-12 + 25) \\ &= 13(12\lambda + 25^{k-1})\end{aligned}$$

which is divisible by 13.