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PROOF BY INDUCTION

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SUMMATION RESULTS

Question 1 ()**

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r(r+1) = \frac{1}{3}n(n+1)(n+2), \quad n \geq 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

□, proof

$\sum_{r=1}^n r(r+1) = \frac{1}{3}n(n+1)(n+2) \quad n \geq 1$

BASE CASE: IF $n=1$

LHS = $1 \times 2 = 2$
 RHS = $\frac{1}{3} \times 1 \times 2 \times 3 = 2$ } \therefore RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS
 SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k r(r+1) = \frac{1}{3}k(k+1)(k+2)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k r(r+1) + (k+1)(k+2) = \frac{1}{3}k(k+1)(k+2) + (k+1)(k+2)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r(r+1) = \frac{1}{3}(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r(r+1) = \frac{1}{3}(k+1)(k+1+1)(k+1+2)$

CONCLUSION

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
 • SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 2 ()**

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r(r+3) = \frac{1}{3}n(n+1)(n+5), \quad n \geq 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

$\sum_{r=1}^n r(r+3) = \frac{1}{3}n(n+1)(n+5) \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$

• BASE CASE $n=1$

LHS = $\sum_{r=1}^1 r(r+3) = 1 \times 4 = 4$
 RHS = $\frac{1}{3} \times 1 \times 2 \times 6 = 4$ } RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

• SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\sum_{r=1}^k r(r+3) = \frac{1}{3}k(k+1)(k+5)$

$\Rightarrow \left[\sum_{r=1}^k r(r+3) \right] + (k+1)(k+4) = \frac{1}{3}k(k+1)(k+5) + (k+1)(k+4)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r(r+3) = \frac{1}{3}(k+1)(k+5)(k+6)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r(r+3) = \frac{1}{3}(k+1)(k+1+4)(k+1+5)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r(r+3) = \frac{1}{3}(k+1)(k+1+1)(k+1+5)$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
 • SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 3 (**+)

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (r-1)(r+1) = \frac{1}{6}n(n-1)(2n+5), \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (r-1)(r+1) = \frac{1}{6}n(n-1)(2n+5)$$

• If $n=1$ LHS = 0
RHS = $\frac{1}{6} \times 1 \times 0 \times 7 = 0$) It's true for $n=1$

• Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{r=1}^k (r-1)(r+1) = \frac{1}{6}k(k-1)(2k+5)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r-1)(r+1) = \sum_{r=1}^k (r-1)(r+1) + (k-1)(k+1) = \frac{1}{6}k(k-1)(2k+5) + (k-1)(k+1)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r-1)(r+1) = \frac{1}{6}k(k-1)(2k+5) + k(k-1)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r-1)(r+1) = \frac{1}{6}k \left[(k-1)(2k+5) + 6(k-1) \right]$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r-1)(r+1) = \frac{1}{6}k \left[2k^2 + 3k - 5 + 6k - 6 \right]$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r-1)(r+1) = \frac{1}{6}k \left[2k^2 + 9k - 11 \right]$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r-1)(r+1) = \frac{1}{6}k \left[2k^2 + 9k + 7 \right]$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r-1)(r+1) = \frac{1}{6}k \left[(2k+7)(k+1) \right]$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r-1)(r+1) = \frac{1}{6}(k+1)(k)(2k+7)$$

• If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ the result also holds for $n=k+1$
Since the result holds for $n=1 \Rightarrow$ it's true for $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 4 (**+)

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=2}^n r^2(r-1) = \frac{1}{12}n(n-1)(n+1)(3n+2), \quad n \geq 2, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

□, proof

$$\sum_{r=2}^n r^2(r-1) = \frac{1}{12}n(n-1)(n+1)(3n+2), \quad n \geq 2$$

BASE CASE; $n=2$

- LHS = $2^2(2-1) = 4$
- RHS = $\frac{1}{12} \times 2 \times 1 \times 3 \times 6 = 4$

\therefore RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=2$

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=2}^k r^2(r-1) = \frac{1}{12}k(k-1)(k+1)(3k+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=2}^k r^2(r-1) + (k+1)^2(k+1) = \frac{1}{12}k(k-1)(k+1)(3k+2) + (k+1)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=2}^{k+1} r^2(r-1) = \frac{1}{12}k(k-1)(k+1)(3k+2) + (k+1)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=2}^{k+1} r^2(r-1) = \frac{1}{12}k(k+1)(3k^2 - k - 2 + 12k + 12)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=2}^{k+1} r^2(r-1) = \frac{1}{12}k(k+1)(3k^2 + 11k + 10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=2}^{k+1} r^2(r-1) = \frac{1}{12}k(k+1)(3k+5)(k+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=2}^{k+1} r^2(r-1) = \frac{1}{12}(k+1)(k+1-1)(k+1+1)(3(k+1)+2)$$

CONCLUSION

- IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
- SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=2$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 5 (+)**

Prove by induction that

$$1 + 8 + 27 + 64 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

• If $n=1$ $\frac{1}{4} \times 1^2 \times (1+1)^2 = 1$ ✓ Result holds for $n=1$
 • Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $1 + 8 + 27 + \dots + k^3 = \frac{1}{4}k^2(k+1)^2$
 $1 + 8 + 27 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \frac{1}{4}k^2(k+1)^2 + (k+1)^3$
 $1 + 8 + 27 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2 [k^2 + 4(k+1)]$
 $1 + 8 + 27 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2 (k^2 + 4k + 4)$
 $1 + 8 + 27 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2 (k+1)^2$
 $1 + 8 + 27 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2 (k+1)^2$
 • If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ the result holds for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1 \Rightarrow$ the result holds $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ✓

Question 6 (*)**

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (2r-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}n(2n-1)(2n+1), \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

• If $n=1$ $\sum_{r=1}^1 (2r-1)^2 = 1^2 = 1$ ✓ Result holds for $n=1$
 • Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\sum_{r=1}^k (2r-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}k(2k-1)(2k+1)$
 $\sum_{r=1}^k (2r-1)^2 + (2(k+1)-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}k(2k-1)(2k+1) + (2k+1)^2$
 $\sum_{r=1}^k (2r-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(2k+1)(2k-1)(2k+1) + (2k+1)^2$
 $\sum_{r=1}^k (2r-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(2k+1)[k(2k-1) + 3(2k+1)]$
 $\sum_{r=1}^k (2r-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(2k+1)(2k^2 - k + 6k + 3)$
 $\sum_{r=1}^k (2r-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(2k+1)(2k+1)(2k+3)$
 $\sum_{r=1}^k (2r-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(2k+1)(2k+1)(2k+3)$
 • If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ it also holds for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1 \Rightarrow$ it must hold $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ✓

Question 7 (*)**

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r(3r-1) = n^2(n+1), \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

Handwritten proof for Question 7:

- Let $P(n) = \sum_{r=1}^n r(3r-1) = n^2(n+1)$
- If $n=1$: LHS = $\sum_{r=1}^1 r(3r-1) = 1 \times 2 = 2$
RHS = $1^2(1+1) = 2$ ✓ Result holds for $n=1$
- Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{r=1}^k r(3r-1) = k^2(k+1)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r(3r-1) = \sum_{r=1}^k r(3r-1) + (k+1)(3(k+1)-1)$$

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

$$= (k+1)[k^2 + 3k + 2]$$

$$= (k+1)(k+1)(k+2)$$

$$= (k+1)^2(k+2)$$
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ result holds for $n=k+1$
Since the result holds for $n=1 \Rightarrow$ the result holds for $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 8 (*)**

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r(r+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

Handwritten proof for Question 8:

- Let $P(n) = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r(r+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$
- If $n=1$: LHS = $\sum_{r=1}^1 \frac{1}{r(r+1)} = \frac{1}{1 \times 2} = \frac{1}{2}$
RHS = $\frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$ ✓ Result holds for $n=1$
- Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{r(r+1)} = \frac{k}{k+1}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{r(r+1)} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{r(r+1)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)}$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{k+1}{(k+1)+1}$$
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ it also holds for $n=k+1$
Since the result holds for $n=1 \Rightarrow$ it holds for $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 9 (***)

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (3^{r-1}) = \frac{3^n - 1}{2}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (3^{r-1}) = \frac{3^n - 1}{2} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

- Base case, $n=1$
 $LHS = 3^{1-1} = 3^0 = 1$
 $RHS = \frac{3^1 - 1}{2} = \frac{3 - 1}{2} = 1$ } Result holds for $n=1$
- Suppose that the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k (3^{r-1}) = \frac{3^k - 1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sum_{r=1}^k 3^{r-1} \right) + 3^{k-1} = \frac{3^k - 1}{2} + 3^{k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} 3^{r-1} = \frac{3^k - 1}{2} + 3^k$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} 3^{r-1} = \frac{3^k - 1 + 2 \times 3^k}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} 3^{r-1} = \frac{3 \times 3^k - 1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} 3^{r-1} = \frac{3^{k+1} - 1}{2}$$
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it will hold for ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 10 (***)

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{r}{2^r} = 2 - \frac{n+2}{2^n}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

□, proof

SPOT CHECK THE BASE CASE, $n=1$

L.H.S. = $\sum_{r=1}^1 \frac{r}{2^r} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ R.H.S. = $2 - \frac{1+2}{2^1} = 2 - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

\therefore THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{r}{2^r} = 2 - \frac{k+2}{2^k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\sum_{r=1}^k \frac{r}{2^r} \right] + \frac{k+1}{2^{k+1}} = 2 - \frac{k+2}{2^k} + \frac{k+1}{2^{k+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{r}{2^r} = 2 + \left[\frac{k+1}{2^{k+1}} - \frac{k+2}{2^k} \right] = 2 + \left[\frac{(k+1) - 2(k+2)}{2^{k+1}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{r}{2^r} = 2 + \frac{k+1 - 2k - 4}{2^{k+1}} = 2 - \frac{k+3}{2^{k+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{r}{2^r} = 2 - \frac{(k+1)+2}{2^{k+1}}$$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$

SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 11 (***)

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{4r^2-1} = \frac{n}{2n+1}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

□, proof

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{4r^2-1} \right) = \frac{n}{2n+1}$$

• TESTING THE BASE CASE, i.e. $n=1$

LHS = $\sum_{r=1}^1 \frac{1}{4r^2-1} = \frac{1}{4 \times 1^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{3}$

RHS = $\frac{1}{2 \times 1 + 1} = \frac{1}{3}$

∴ THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

• SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{r=1}^k \left(\frac{1}{4r^2-1} \right) = \frac{k}{2k+1}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{4r^2-1} \right) = \frac{k}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{4(k+1)^2-1}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{4r^2-1} \right) = \frac{k}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{4r^2-1} \right) = \frac{k}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{(2k+3)(2k+1)}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{4r^2-1} \right) = \frac{k(2k+3) + 1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} = \frac{2k^2 + 3k + 1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} = \frac{(2k+1)(k+1)}{(2k+1)(2k+3)}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{4r^2-1} \right) = \frac{k+1}{2k+3} = \frac{(k+1)}{2(k+1)+1}$$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$

SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 12 (***)

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r \times 2^r = 2 + (n-1)2^{n+1}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r \times 2^r = 2 + (n-1)2^{n+1}$$

• BASE CASE $n=1$

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

RHS = $2 + (1-1) \times 2^2 = 2$ ✓

• STATE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{r=1}^k r \times 2^r = 2 + (k-1)2^{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r \times 2^r = 2 + (k-1)2^{k+1} + (k+1)2^{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r \times 2^r = 2 + 2^k((k-1) + (k+1))$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r \times 2^r = 2 + 2^k \times 2k$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r \times 2^r = 2 + 2^{k+1} \times k$$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$

SINCE IT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL n

Question 13 (*)**

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \left[(r+1) \times 2^r \right] = n \times 2^n, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

• IF $n=1$ LHS $= (1+1) \times 2^1 = 2 \times 2 = 2$
 RHS $= 1 \times 2^1 = 2$ ✓ PROOF FOR $n=1$
 • SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{r=1}^k (r+1) 2^r = k \times 2^k$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r+1) 2^r = \left[\sum_{r=1}^k (r+1) 2^r \right] + (k+2) 2^{k+1} = (k \times 2^k) + (k+2) 2^{k+1}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r+1) 2^r = 2^k [k + 2(k+2)]$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r+1) 2^r = 2^k (2k+4) = 2 \times 2^k (k+2)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r+1) 2^r = 2^{k+1} (k+2) = (k+2) \times 2^{k+1}$$
 • IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL n

Question 14 (*)**

If $n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$, prove by induction that

$$1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots + n \times n! = (n+1)! - 1.$$

proof

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (r \times r!) = (n+1)! - 1$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r \times r! = (n+1)! - 1$$
 • IF $n=1$ LHS $= 1 \times 1! = 1$
 RHS $= (1+1)! - 1 = 2! - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$
 ✓ RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$
 • SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k r \times r! = (k+1)! - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r \times r! = (k+1)! - 1 + (k+1) \times (k+1)!$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r \times r! = (k+1)! [1 + (k+1)] - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r \times r! = (k+1)! (k+2) - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r \times r! = (k+2)! - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r \times r! = (k+2)! - 1$$
 • IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL n

Question 15 (***)

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r \times 2^{-r} = 2 - (n+2)2^{-n}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (r \times 2^{-r}) = 2 - (n+2)2^{-n}$$

• IF $n=1$, LHS = $1 \times 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$
 RHS = $2 - (1+2) \times 2^{-1} = 2 - 3 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$ RESULT OK FOR $n=1$

• ASSUME THE RESULT OK FOR $n=k$ $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k (r \times 2^{-r}) = 2 - (k+2)2^{-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r \times 2^{-r}) + (k+1) \times 2^{-(k+1)} = 2 - (k+2)2^{-k} + (k+1)2^{-(k+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r \times 2^{-r}) = 2 - (k+2)2^{-k} + (k+1)2^{-k} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r \times 2^{-r}) = 2 - (k+2)2^{-k} + \frac{1}{2}(k+1)2^{-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r \times 2^{-r}) = 2 + \frac{1}{2}2^{-k} [(k+1) - 2(k+2)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r \times 2^{-r}) = 2 + \frac{1}{2}2^{-k} [-k-3]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r \times 2^{-r}) = 2 - 2^{-(k+1)}(k+3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r \times 2^{-r}) = 2 - 2^{-(k+1)}[(k+3)+2]$$

• IF THE RESULT OK FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT OK FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 16 (****)

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2}, \quad n \geq 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

□, proof

PROOF

BASE CASE ; $n=1$

- LHS = $\frac{2(1)^2-1}{1^2(1+1)^2} = \frac{1}{4}$
- RHS = $\frac{1^2}{(1+1)^2} = \frac{1}{4}$

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{k^2}{(k+1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} + \frac{2(k+1)^2-1}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2} = \frac{k^2}{(k+1)^2} + \frac{2(k+1)^2-1}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{k^2 + 2(k+1)^2 - 1}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{k^2 + 2(k^2 + 4k + 4) - 1}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{k^2 + 2k^2 + 8k + 7}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{3k^2 + 8k + 7}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{(k+1)(3k+7)}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{3k+7}{(k+1)(k+2)^2}$$

BY INSPECTION

$$(k+1)^4 = k^4 + 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 4k + 1$$

RETURNING TO THE MAIN UNIT

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{(k+1)^4}{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{(k+1)^2}{(k+2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{2r^2-1}{r^2(r+1)^2} = \frac{(k+1)^2}{(k+2)^2}$$

CONCLUSION

- IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
- SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL n

Question 17 (**)**

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n [r(r-1)-1] = \frac{1}{3}n(n+2)(n-2), \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

\bullet LHS = $\left(\sum_{r=1}^1 [r(r-1)-1] \right) = -1$ RHS = $\frac{1}{3} \times 1 \times (1+2)(1-2) = -1$
 \therefore Basis step holds for $n=1$

\bullet Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$;
 $\sum_{r=1}^k [r(r-1)-1] = \frac{1}{3}k(k+2)(k-2)$
 $\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} [r(r-1)-1] = \frac{1}{3}k(k+2)(k-2) + [(k+1)(k-1)-1]$
 $\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} [r(r-1)-1] = \frac{1}{3}k(k+2)(k-2) + k^2 - k - 1$
 $= \frac{1}{3} [k^3 - 4k + 2k^2 - 2]$
 $= \frac{1}{3} [k^3 + 2k^2 - k - 2]$
 $= \frac{1}{3} [k^2(k+2) - (k+2)]$
 $= \frac{1}{3} (k+2)(k^2-1)$
 $= \frac{1}{3} (k+2)(k+1)(k-1)$
 $\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} [r(r-1)-1] = \frac{1}{3}(k+1)(k+2)(k+1-2)$

\bullet If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$
 Since it holds for $n=1$, then it must hold $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 18 (****)

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{r \times 2^r}{(r+2)!} = 1 - \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+2)!}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

□, proof

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n-1$

$$L.H.S = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{r \times 2^r}{(r+2)!} = \frac{1 \times 2^1}{3!} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$R.H.S = 1 - \frac{2^2}{3!} = 1 - \frac{4}{6} = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

L.E. RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

NOW SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{r=1}^k \frac{r \times 2^r}{(r+2)!} = 1 - \frac{2^{k+1}}{(k+2)!}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{r \times 2^r}{(r+2)!} = \left(\sum_{r=1}^k \frac{r \times 2^r}{(r+2)!} \right) + \frac{(k+1) \times 2^{k+1}}{(k+3)!} = 1 - \frac{2^{k+1}}{(k+2)!} + \frac{(k+1) \times 2^{k+1}}{(k+3)!}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{r \times 2^r}{(r+2)!} = 1 - \frac{(k+3) \times 2^{k+1}}{(k+3)(k+2)!} + \frac{(k+1) \times 2^{k+1}}{(k+3)!}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{r \times 2^r}{(r+2)!} = 1 - \frac{(k+3) \times 2^{k+1}}{(k+3)!} + \frac{(k+1) \times 2^{k+1}}{(k+3)!}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{r \times 2^r}{(r+2)!} = 1 + \frac{(k+1) \times 2^{k+1} - (k+3) \times 2^{k+1}}{(k+3)!}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{r \times 2^r}{(r+2)!} = 1 + \frac{-2 \times 2^{k+1}}{(k+3)!} = 1 - \frac{2^{k+2}}{(k+3)!} = 1 - \frac{2^{(k+1)+1}}{((k+1)+2)!}$$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$

SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN THE RESULT HOLDS FOR ALL n

Question 19 (****)

Prove by induction that

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + 7^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}n(4n^2 - 1), \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

- IF $n=1$ $\frac{1}{3} \times 1 \times (4 \times 1^2 - 1) = \frac{1}{3} \times 1 \times (4 - 1) = 1$ which is 1^2
i.e. RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$
- SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}k(4k^2 - 1)$
 $\Rightarrow 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}k(4k^2 - 1) + (2k+1)^2$
 $\Rightarrow 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}k(4k^2 - 1) + (2k+1)^2$
 $\Rightarrow 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}k(4k^2 - 1) + (2k+1)^2$
 $\Rightarrow 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 - k + 12k^2 + 4k + 1)$
 $\Rightarrow 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 + 12k^2 + 4k + 1)$
 $\Rightarrow 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 + 12k^2 + 4k + 1)$
 $\Rightarrow 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 + 12k^2 + 4k + 1)$
 $\Rightarrow 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}(4k^3 + 12k^2 + 4k + 1)$
- IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$ \Rightarrow IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, \Rightarrow THE RESULT HOLDS FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 20 (****)

Prove by mathematical induction that if n is a positive integer then

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}n(6n^2-3n-1).$$

You may not use other methods of proof in this question.

, proof

ESTABLISH A BASE CASE FOR $n=1$

- $LHS = \sum_{r=1}^1 (3r-2)^2 = (3 \times 1 - 2)^2 = 1$
- $RHS = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times (6 \times 1^2 - 3 \times 1 - 1) = \frac{1}{2} \times (6 - 3 - 1) = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$
 $\therefore LHS = RHS$ FOR $n=1$

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}k(6k^2-3k-1)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \sum_{r=1}^k (3r-2)^2 + (3(k+1)-2)^2$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}k(6k^2-3k-1) + [3(k+1)-2]^2$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}k(6k^2-3k-1) + 9k^2+9k+1$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(k+1) \left[\frac{6k^3-3k^2-k+18k^2+18k+2}{k+1} \right]$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(k+1) \left[\frac{6k^3+15k^2+17k+2}{k+1} \right]$

BY LONG DIVISION OR ALGEBRA

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(k+1) \left[\frac{6k^3+15k^2+17k+2}{k+1} \right]$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(6k^2+9k+2)$

WHICH PROVES THE RESULT

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(6k^2+9k+2)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)[6(k+1)^2-3(k+1)-1]$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)[6(k+1)^2-3(k+1)-1]$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (3r-2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)[6(k+1)^2-3(k+1)-1]$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR $n=k+1$

SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL n

Question 21 (****)

Prove by mathematical induction that if n is a positive integer then

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} = \frac{n(2n+3)}{(n+1)(n+2)}.$$

You may not use other methods of proof in this question.

 , proof

SOLUTION - BASE CASE

$$\left(H_1 = \sum_{r=1}^1 \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} = \frac{3+2}{1 \times 2 \times 3} = \frac{5}{6} \right. \\ \left. R_1 = \frac{1 \times (2 \times 1 + 3)}{2 \times 3} = \frac{5}{6} \right\} \text{ THE RESULT HOLDS FOR } n=1$$

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} &= \frac{5(2k+3)}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad \leftarrow \text{by IH} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} + \frac{3(k+1)+2}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} &= \frac{5(2k+3)}{(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{3k+5}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} &= \frac{5(2k+3)}{(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{3k+5}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} &= \frac{5(2k+3)(k+3) + (3k+5)}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} &= \frac{2k^3 + 17k^2 + 9k + 5}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} &= \frac{2k^3 + 17k^2 + 12k + 5}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \end{aligned}$$

YOU NOW EXPECT THAT $(k+1)$ IS A FACTOR FOR THE INDUCTION TO WORK

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} &= \frac{2k^3(k+1) + 7k^2(k+1) + 5(k+1)}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} &= \frac{(k+1)(2k^2 + 7k + 5)}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} = \frac{(k+1)(2k^2 + 7k + 5)}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}$$

IF THE RESULT DOES FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR ALL n

Prove by induction that

Prove by induction that

 , proof

3.2.2. CASE $n=1$

- $\sum_{k=0}^1 [r(n)] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} = 1 \times 2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = 2$
- $16 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 (1^2 + 3 \times 0) = 16 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 (1 + 3 \times 0) = 16 - 1 \times 1 = 15$

IF THE RESULT HELDS FOR $n=1$

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HELDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^k [r(n)] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} = 16 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k (k^2 + 3 \times 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{k+1} [r(n)] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + \underbrace{(n+1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k}_{= 16 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k (k^2 + 3 \times 0) + (k+1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k} = 16 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k+1} (k^2 + 3 \times 0 + 2k + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{k+1} [r(n)] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = 16 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k (k+1)(3k+2) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k (k^2 + 3 \times 0 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{k+1} [r(n)] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = 16 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \left[(k+1)(3k+2) - (k^2 + 3 \times 0 + 1) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{k+1} [r(n)] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = 16 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \left[k^2 + 3k + 2 - k^2 - 3 \times 0 - 1 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{k+1} [r(n)] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = 16 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \left[k^2 + 3k + 2 - 2k^2 - 3k - 1 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{k+1} [r(n)] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = 16 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \left[-k^2 - 3k + 1 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{k+1} [r(n)] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = 16 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k (k^2 + 3k + 1)$$

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DIVISIBILITY RESULTS

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Question 1 (**)

$$f(n) = 7^n + 5, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 6, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 7^n + 5 \\ \bullet f(1) &= 7^1 + 5 = 12 \quad \text{which is divisible by 6} \\ \bullet \text{ SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ i.e. } f(k) &= 6m, m \in \mathbb{N} \\ f(k+1) - f(k) &= [7^{k+1} + 5] - [7^k + 5] \\ f(k+1) - 6m &= 7^{k+1} - 7^k \\ f(k+1) - 6m &= 7^k \cdot 7 - 7^k \\ f(k+1) &= 6m + 6 \cdot 7^k \\ f(k+1) &= 6[m + 7^k] \\ \bullet \text{ IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR } n=k+1 \\ \text{ SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR } n=1, \text{ THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR } n \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2 (**)

$$f(n) = 6^n + 4, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 5, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 6^n + 4 \\ \bullet f(1) &= 6^1 + 4 = 10 = 5 \times 2 \\ &\quad \text{i.e. RESULT HOLDS FOR } n=1 \\ \bullet \text{ SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ &\quad \text{i.e. } f(k) = 5m, \text{ where } m \in \mathbb{N} \\ f(k+1) - f(k) &= [6^{k+1} + 4] - [6^k + 4] \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) - 5m &= 6^{k+1} - 6^k \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) - 5m &= 6 \times 6^k - 6^k \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) &= 5m + 5 \times 6^k \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) &= 5[m + 6^k] \\ \bullet \text{ IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ THEN IT ALSO} \\ &\quad \text{HOLDS FOR } n=k+1. \\ \text{ SINCE IT HOLDS FOR } n=1, \text{ THEN IT MUST HOLD} \\ &\quad \text{FOR ALL } n \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

Question 3 (**)

$$f(n) = 5^n + 3, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 4, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(0) = 5^0 + 3 = 4$
 $\bullet f(0) = 5^0 + 3 = 4$ i.e. divisible by 4
 \bullet SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, SO $f(k) = 4m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [5^{k+1} + 3] - [5^k + 3]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 4m = 5^{k+1} - 5^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 4m = 5 \times 5^k - 5^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 4m = 4 \times 5^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 4m + 4 \times 5^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 4(m + 5^k)$
 \bullet IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n = k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k$, THEN IT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 4 (**)

Prove by induction that for all natural numbers n ,

$$4^{2n} - 1$$

is divisible by 15.

proof

$f(n) = 4^{2n} - 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$
BASE CASE: $n=1$
 $f(1) = 4^{2 \times 1} - 1 = 15$, i.e. THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$
INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS
 SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 15m$
 WHERE $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [4^{2(k+1)} - 1] - [4^{2k} - 1]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 15m = 4^{2(k+1)} - 4^{2k}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 15m = 4^{2k+2} - 4^{2k}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 15m = 4^{2k} \times 4^2 - 4^{2k}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 15m + 16 \times 4^{2k} - 4^{2k}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 15m + 15 \times 4^{2k}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 15[m + 4^{2k}]$
CONCLUSION
 \bullet IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n = k+1$
 \bullet SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 5 ()**

Prove by induction that for all natural numbers n ,

$$7^{2n-1} + 1$$

is divisible by 8.

proof

Handwritten proof for Question 5:

- Let $f(n) = 7^{2n-1} + 1$
- $f(1) = 7^1 + 1 = 8$ is divisible by 8
- Suppose the result holds for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(n) = 8m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$
- $f(n+1) - f(n) = [7^{2(n+1)-1} + 1] - [7^{2n-1} + 1]$
- $f(n+1) - 8m = 7^{2n+1} - 7^{2n-1}$
- $f(n+1) = 8m + 7^2 \cdot 7^{2n-2} - 7^{2n-1}$
- $f(n+1) = 8m + 49 \cdot 7^{2n-2} - 7^{2n-1}$
- $f(n+1) = 8m + 49 \cdot 7^{2n-2} - 7^{2n-1}$
- $f(n+1) = 8[m + 6 \cdot 7^{2n-2}]$
- If the result holds for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then it must also hold for $n=k+1$. Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it must hold $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 6 ()**

Prove by induction that for all natural numbers n ,

$$3^{2n} + 7 \text{ is divisible by } 8.$$

proof

Handwritten proof for Question 6:

- Let $f(n) = 3^{2n} + 7$
- $f(1) = 3^2 + 7 = 16$ is divisible by 8
- Suppose that the result holds for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(n) = 8m$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$
- $f(n+1) - f(n) = [3^{2(n+1)} + 7] - [3^{2n} + 7]$
- $f(n+1) - 8m = 3^{2n+2} - 3^{2n}$
- $f(n+1) = 8m + 3^2 \cdot 3^{2n-2} - 3^{2n}$
- $f(n+1) = 8m + 9(3^{2n-2}) - 3^{2n}$
- $f(n+1) = 8m + 8(3^{2n-2})$
- $f(n+1) = 8[m + 3^{2n-2}]$ is a multiple of 8
- If the result holds for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then it must also hold for $n=k+1$. Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it must hold $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 7 (**)

$$f(n) = 3^{2n} - 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is a multiple of 8, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(n) = 3^{2n} - 1$
 • $f(0) = 3^0 - 1 = 0 = 8 \times 0$ is multiple of 8
 • Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 8m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [3^{2(k+1)} - 1] - [3^{2k} - 1]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 8m = 3^{2k+2} - 3^{2k}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 8m = 3^{2k}(3^2 - 1)$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 8m = 8 \times 3^{2k}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 8m + 8 \times 3^{2k} = 8[m + 3^{2k}]$ is multiple of 8
 • If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$ then it also holds for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=0 \Rightarrow$ it must hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 8 (**+)

$$f(n) = 4^n + 6n - 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 3, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(n) = 4^n + 6n - 1$
 • $f(0) = 4^0 + 6(0) - 1 = 0 = 3 \times 0$
 is divisible by 3
 • Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 i.e. $f(k) = 3m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [4^{k+1} + 6(k+1) - 1] - [4^k + 6k - 1]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 3m = 4^{k+1} + 6k + 6 - 4^k - 6k + 1$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 3m = 4^{k+1} - 4^k + 6$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 3m + 4^{k+1} - 4^k + 6$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 3[m + 4^k + 2]$
 • As the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$
 Since it holds for $n=0$, then it must hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 9 (**+)

$$f(n) = 5^n + 8n + 3, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 4, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 5^n + 8n + 3 \\ \bullet f(1) &= 5^1 + 8 \times 1 + 3 = 16, \text{ i.e. divisible by 4} \\ \bullet \text{ Suppose the result holds for } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ i.e. } f(k) = 4m \text{ for } m \in \mathbb{N} \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) &= [5^{k+1} + 8(k+1) + 3] - [5^k + 8k + 3] \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) - 4m &= 5^{k+1} + 8k + 11 - 5^k - 8k - 3 \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) - 4m &= 5^{k+1} - 5^k + 8 \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) &= 4m + 5 \times 5^k - 5^k + 8 \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) &= 4m + 4 \times 5^k + 8 \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) &= 4[m + 5^k + 2], \text{ i.e. divisible by 4} \\ \bullet \text{ If the result holds for } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then the result holds for } n=k+1. \\ \text{Since the result holds for } n=1, \text{ then it must hold } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Question 10 (**+)

$$f(n) = 3^{4n} + 2^{4n+2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 5, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 3^{4n} + 2^{4n+2} \\ \bullet f(1) &= 3^4 + 2^6 = 81 + 64 = 145, \text{ i.e. divisible by 5} \\ \bullet \text{ Suppose that the result holds for } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ i.e. } f(k) = 5m, \text{ for } m \in \mathbb{N} \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) &= [3^{4(k+1)} + 2^{4(k+1)+2}] - [3^{4k} + 2^{4k+2}] \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) - 5m &= 3^{4k+4} + 2^{4k+6} - 3^{4k} - 2^{4k+2} \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) - 5m &= 3^4 \times 3^{4k} - 3^{4k} + 2^4 \times 2^{4k} - 2^{4k+2} \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) &= 5m + 80 \times 3^{4k} + 15 \times 2^{4k+2} \\ \Rightarrow f(k+1) &= 5[m + 16 \times 3^{4k} + 3 \times 2^{4k+2}], \text{ i.e. divisible by 5} \\ \bullet \text{ If the result holds for } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then the result holds for } n=k+1. \\ \text{Since the result holds for } n=1, \text{ then it must hold } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Question 11 (**+)Prove by induction that for all natural numbers n ,

$$9^n - 5^n$$

is divisible by 4.

proof

Let $f(n) = 9^n - 5^n$

- $f(1) = 9^1 - 5^1 = 9 - 5 = 4$, i.e. the result holds for $n=1$
- Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 4m$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $f(k+1) - f(k) = (9^{k+1} - 5^{k+1}) - (9^k - 5^k)$
 $f(k+1) - 4m = 9^{k+1} - 9^k + 5^k - 5^{k+1}$
 $f(k+1) - 4m = 9(9^k - 5^k) + 5^k - 5(5^k)$
 $f(k+1) - 4m = 4m + 8(9^k) - 4(5^k)$
 $f(k+1) = 4[m + 2(9^k) - 5^k]$ is also divisible by 4
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$ then the result holds for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1$, then the result must hold $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 12 (**+)

$$f(n) = (4n+3)5^n - 3, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 16, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(n) = (4n+3)5^n - 3$

- $f(1) = 7 \times 5 - 3 = 32$ which is divisible by 16
- Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 16m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $f(k+1) - f(k) = [(4k+7)5^{k+1} - 3] - [(4k+3)5^k - 3]$
 $f(k+1) - 16m = (4k+7)5^{k+1} - (4k+3)5^k$
 $f(k+1) = 16m + 5(4k+7)5^k - (4k+3)5^k$
 $f(k+1) = 16m + (16k+32)5^k$
 $f(k+1) = 16[m + (k+2)5^k]$ is divisible by 16
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it must hold for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it must hold $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 13 (*)**

Prove by induction that the sum of the cubes of any three consecutive positive integers is always divisible by 9.

 , proof

$f(n) = n^3 + (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3, n \in \mathbb{N}$

BASE CASE, i.e. $f(0)$
 $f(0) = 0^3 + 1^3 + 2^3 = 1 + 8 + 27 = 36$ is divisible by 9

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS
 SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 9A$ WHERE $A \in \mathbb{N}$.

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [(k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3] - [k^3 + (k+1)^3]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9A = (k+2)^3 - k^3$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9A = (k^3 + 6k^2 + 12k + 8) - k^3$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 9A + 6k^2 + 12k + 8$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 9[A + 2k^2 + 2k + 1]$

CONCLUSION
 IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$ THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 14 (*)**

Prove by induction that for all natural numbers n , such that $n \geq 2$,

$$15^n - 8^{n-2},$$

is divisible by 7.

proof

Let $f(n) = 15^n - 8^{n-2}$

• $f(2) = 15 - 8^0 = 25 - 1 = 24 = 7 \times 32$
 i.e. result holds for $n=2$

• SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$,
 i.e. $f(k) = 7M, M \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [15^{k+1} - 8^{k-1}] - [15^k - 8^{k-2}]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 7M = 15^k - 15^k - 8^{k-1} + 8^{k-2}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 7M = 15 \times 15^{k-1} - 15^k - 8 \times 8^{k-2} + 8^{k-2}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 7M = 14 \times 15^{k-1} - 7 \times 8^{k-2}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 7M + 14 \times 15^{k-1} - 7 \times 8^{k-2}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 7[M + 2 \times 15^{k-1} - 8^{k-2}]$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE IT HOLDS FOR $n=2$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$

Question 15 (*)**

Prove by induction that for all natural numbers n ,

$$(2n+1)7^n + 11,$$

is divisible by 4.

proof

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } P(n) = (2n+1)7^n + 11 \\ & \bullet P(1) = (2(1)+1) \times 7^1 + 11 = 3 \times 7 + 11 = 21 + 11 = 32 \\ & \quad \text{is divisible by 4} \\ & \bullet \text{ Suppose that the result holds for } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ i.e. } P(k) = 4m, m \in \mathbb{N} \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = [(2(k+1)+1) \times 7^{k+1} + 11] - [(2k+1) \times 7^k + 11] \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = (2k+3) \times 7^{k+1} - (2k+1) \times 7^k \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = (2k+3) \times 7 \times 7^k - (2k+1) \times 7^k \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = 7^k [7(2k+3) - (2k+1)] \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = 7^k [14k+21 - 2k-1] \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = 7^k [12k+20] \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = 4m + 7^k \times 4(3k+5) \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) = 4[m + 7^k(3k+5)] \text{ is a multiple of 4} \\ & \bullet \text{ If the result holds for } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then it also holds for } n=k+1 \\ & \text{ Since the result holds for } n=1, \text{ then it must hold for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

Question 16 (*)**

$$f(n) = 24 \times 2^{4n} + 3^{4n}, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 5, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } P(n) = 24 \times 2^{4n} + 3^{4n} \\ & \bullet P(1) = 24 \times 2^4 + 3^4 = 24 \times 16 + 81 = 384 + 81 = 465 = 5 \times 93 \\ & \quad \text{is a multiple of 5} \\ & \bullet \text{ Suppose the result holds for } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ i.e. } P(k) = 5m, m \in \mathbb{N} \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = [24 \times 2^{4(k+1)} + 3^{4(k+1)}] - [24 \times 2^{4k} + 3^{4k}] \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = 24 \times 2^{4k+4} - 24 \times 2^{4k} + 3^{4k+4} - 3^{4k} \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = 16 \times 24 \times 2^{4k} - 24 \times 2^{4k} + 81 \times 3^{4k} - 3^{4k} \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = 15 \times 24 \times 2^{4k} + 80 \times 3^{4k} \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) - P(k) = 5m + 15 \times 24 \times 2^{4k} + 80 \times 3^{4k} \\ & \Rightarrow P(k+1) = 5[m + 12 \times 24 \times 2^{4k} + 16 \times 3^{4k}] \text{ is a multiple of 5} \\ & \bullet \text{ If the result holds for } n=k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then it also holds for } n=k+1 \\ & \text{ Since the result holds for } n=1, \text{ then it must hold for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

Question 17 (***)

$$f(n) = 4 \times 7^n + 3 \times 5^n + 5, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 12, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(n) = 4 \times 7^n + 3 \times 5^n + 5$
 $\bullet f(0) = 4 \times 7^0 + 3 \times 5^0 + 5 = 20 + 3 + 5 = 28 = 4 \times 7$ is divisible by 12
 \bullet suppose the result holds for $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 12m, m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [4 \times 7^{k+1} + 3 \times 5^{k+1} + 5] - [4 \times 7^k + 3 \times 5^k + 5]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 4 \times 7^{k+1} - 4 \times 7^k + 3 \times 5^{k+1} - 3 \times 5^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 4 \times 7^k(7 - 1) + 3 \times 5^k(5 - 1)$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 24 \times 7^k + 12 \times 5^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 12(2 \times 7^k + 5^k)$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 12m + 12(2 \times 7^k + 5^k)$ is divisible by 12
 \bullet if the result holds for $n = k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ it also holds for $n = k+1$
 since the result holds for $n=1 \Rightarrow$ it must hold for $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 18 (***)

$$f(n) = (2n+1)7^n - 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 4, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(n) = (2n+1)7^n - 1$
 $\bullet f(0) = 3 \times 7^0 - 1 = 20 = 5 \times 4$
 is divisible by 4 for $n=0$
 \bullet suppose the result holds for $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 4m, m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [(2(k+1)+1)7^{k+1} - 1] - [(2k+1)7^k - 1]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = (2k+3)7^{k+1} - (2k+1)7^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = (2k+3) \times 7 \times 7^k - (2k+1) \times 7^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = (14k+21)7^k - (2k+1)7^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = (12k+20)7^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 4(3k+5)7^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 4m + 4(3k+5)7^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 4[m + (3k+5)7^k]$
 \bullet the result holds for $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n = k+1$
 since it holds for $n=1$, then it must hold for $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 19 (***)

Prove by induction that for all natural numbers n ,

$$4^n + 6n - 1$$

is divisible by 9.

□, proof

PROOF

$f(n) = 4^n + 6n - 1 \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$

BASE CASE

$f(0) = 4^0 + 6(0) - 1 = 4 + 0 - 1 = 3$, it is not divisible by 9

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$ i.e. $f(k) = 9m$ where $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [4^{k+1} + 6(k+1) - 1] - [4^k + 6k - 1]$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9m = 4^{k+1} + 6k + 6 - 4^k - 6k + 1$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9m = 4^{k+1} - 4^k + 6$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9m = 4 \times 4^k - 4^k + 6$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9m = 3 \times 4^k + 6$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 9m + 3 + 3[4^k - 6k + 1]$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 9m + 3 + 3f(k) - 18k + 3$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 9m - 18k + 9 + 3(9m)$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 36m - 18k + 9$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 9[4m - 2k + 1]$

CONCLUSION

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$

SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=0$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL n

Question 20 (***)

Prove by induction that for all natural numbers n ,

$$4^{n+1} + 5^{2n-1}$$

is divisible by 21.

\square

, proof

$-f(n) = 4^{n+1} + 5^{2n-1}$

- THE BASE CASE, i.e. $n=1$
 $-f(1) = 4^2 + 5^1 = 16 + 5 = 21$ is divisible by 21
- INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS
 SUPPOSE THAT $-f(n)$ IS DIVISIBLE BY 21 FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $-f(k) = 21m$ FOR SOME $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 THEN $-f(k+1) - (-f(k)) = (4^{k+2} + 5^{2k+1}) - (4^{k+1} + 5^{2k-1})$
 $-f(k+1) - 21m = 4 \times 4^{k+1} - 4^{k+1} + 5^2 \times 5^{2k-1} - 5^{2k-1}$
 $-f(k+1) - 21m = 4 \times 4^{k+1} - 4^{k+1} + 25 \times 5^{2k-1} - 5^{2k-1}$
 $-f(k+1) - 21m = 3 \times 4^{k+1} + 24 \times 5^{2k-1}$
 BOX $-f(k) = 4^{k+1} + 5^{2k-1} = 21m$
 $-f(k+1) - 21m = (3 \times 4^{k+1} + 3 \times 5^{2k-1}) + 21 \times 5^{2k-1}$
 $-f(k+1) - 21m = 3 \times (-f(k)) + 21 \times 5^{2k-1}$
 $-f(k+1) = 84m + 21 \times 5^{2k-1}$
 $-f(k+1) = 21 \times [4m + 5^{2k-1}]$
- CONCLUSION
 IF $-f(k)$ IS DIVISIBLE BY 21 FOR $k \in \mathbb{N}$, SO IS $-f(k+1)$. SINCE $-f(1)$ IS DIVISIBLE BY 21 FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 21 (***)

$$f(n) = 5^{2n} + 3n - 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 9, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(n) = 5^{2n} + 3n - 1$
 • $f(0) = 5^0 + 3(0) - 1 = 25 + 3 - 1 = 27$, is divisible by 9
 • SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 9m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [5^{2(k+1)} + 3(k+1) - 1] - [5^{2k} + 3k - 1]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9m = 5^{2k+2} + 3k + 3 - 5^{2k} - 3k + 1$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9m = 5^{2k} \times 5^2 + 3 - 5^{2k} + 3$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9m = 25 \times 5^{2k} - 5^{2k} + 3$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9m = 24 \times 5^{2k} + 3$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 9m = 24 \times [9m - 3k + 1] + 3$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 9m + 9m \times 24 - 72k + 24 + 3$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 9m \times 25 - 72k + 27$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 9[25m - 8k + 3]$ is a multiple of 9
 • IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n = k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=0$, THEN IT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 22 (***)

Prove by induction that 18 is a factor of $4^n + 6n + 8$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(n) = 4^n + 6n + 8$
 • $f(0) = 4^0 + 6(0) + 8 = 12$ is divisible by 18
 • SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 18m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $f(k+1) - f(k) = [4^{k+1} + 6(k+1) + 8] - [4^k + 6k + 8]$
 $f(k+1) - 18m = 4^{k+1} + 6k + 6 + 8 - 4^k - 6k - 8$
 $f(k+1) - 18m = 4(4^k) - 4^k + 6$
 $f(k+1) - 18m = 3 \times 4^k + 6$
 $f(k+1) = 18m + 3 \times 4^k + 6$
 $f(k+1) = 18m + 18k - 18 + 6$
 $f(k+1) = 18[4m - k + 1]$ is a multiple of 18
 IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n = k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=0$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL n

Question 23 (****)

Prove by induction that for all natural numbers n ,

$$2^n + 6^n$$

is divisible by 8.

□, proof

$f(n) = 2^n + 6^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$

BASE CASE
 $f(1) = 2^1 + 6^1 = 2 + 6 = 8$, is divisible by 8

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS
 SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, IF $f(k) = 8m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [2^{k+1} + 6^{k+1}] - [2^k + 6^k]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 8m = 2^{k+1} - 2^k + 6^{k+1} - 6^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 8m = 2 \times 2^k - 2^k + 6 \times 6^k - 6^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 8m = 2^k + 5 \times 6^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 8m = [f(k) - 6^k] + 5 \times 6^k$ $f(k) = 2^k + 6^k$
 $2^k = f(k) - 6^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 8m = f(k) + 4 \times 6^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 8m = 8m + 4 \times 6 \times 6^{k-1}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 16m + 24 \times 6^{k-1}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 8[2m + 3 \times 6^{k-1}]$

CONCLUSION
 IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n = k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT HOLDS FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 24 (***)

Prove by mathematical induction that if n is a positive integer then $3^{2n+3} + 2^{n+3}$ is always divisible by 7.

 , proof

Let $f(n) = 3^{2n+3} + 2^{n+3}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Base Case

$$f(0) = 3^3 + 2^3 = 27 + 8 = 35 = 7 \times 5$$

So the result holds for $n=0$

Suppose that the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 7A$, $A \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [3^{2(k+1)+3} + 2^{(k+1)+3}] - [3^{2k+3} + 2^{k+3}]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 7A = 3^{2k+5} + 2^{k+4} - 3^{2k+3} - 2^{k+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 7A = 3^{2k+3} \cdot 3^2 + 2^{k+3} \cdot 2 - 3^{2k+3} - 2^{k+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 7A = 9 \times 3^{2k+3} - 3^{2k+3} + 2 \times 2^{k+3} - 2^{k+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 7A = 8 \times 3^{2k+3} + 2^{k+3}$$

But $f(k) = 7A$

$$\begin{aligned} 3^{2k+3} &= 7A - 2^{k+3} \\ 8 \times 3^{2k+3} &= 7A - 2^{k+3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 7A = 8 \times 3^{2k+3} + 2^{k+3} = 7A - 2^{k+3} + 2^{k+3} = 7A$$

$$\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 7A$$

So the result holds for $n=k+1$, then it must hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 25 (***)

Prove by mathematical induction that if n is a positive integer then $5^{n-1} + 11^n$ is always divisible by 6.

 , proof

LET $f(n) = 5^{n-1} + 11^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$
 ESTABLISH A BASE CASE
 $f(1) = 5^{1-1} + 11^1 = 1 + 11 = 12 \Rightarrow 3 \times 4$
 IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$
 SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 6A, A \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [5^{k+1-1} + 11^{k+1}] - [5^{k-1} + 11^k]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 6A = 5^k + 11^{k+1} - 5^{k-1} - 11^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 6A = 5 \times 5^{k-1} + 11 \times 11^k - 5^{k-1} - 11^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 6A = 5 \times 5^{k-1} - 5^{k-1} + 11 \times 11^k - 11^k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 6A = 4 \times 5^{k-1} + 10 \times 11^k$
 BUT WE ALSO HAVE $f(k) = 6A$
 $5^{k-1} + 11^k = 6A$
 $11^k = 6A - 5^{k-1}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 6A = 4 \times 5^{k-1} + 10[6A - 5^{k-1}]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 6A = 8 \times 5^{k-1} + 60A - 10 \times 5^{k-1}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 60A - 2 \times 5^{k-1}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 6[10A - 5^{k-1}]$
 IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 26 (***)

Prove by the method of induction that

$$3^{3n-2} + 2^{4n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

is divisible by 11.

□, proof

$f(n) = 3^{3n-2} + 2^{4n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N}$

BASE CASE, $n=1$

$f(1) = 3^1 + 2^3 = 3 + 8 = 11$, is the result thus for $n=1$

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT IS TRUE FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 11u, u \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [3^{3(k+1)-2} + 2^{4(k+1)-1}] - [3^{3k-2} + 2^{4k-1}]$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 3^{3k+1} + 2^{4k+3} - 3^{3k-2} - 2^{4k-1}$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 3^3 \times 3^{3k-2} + 2^4 \times 2^{4k-1} - 3^{3k-2} - 2^{4k-1}$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 27 \times 3^{3k-2} - 3^{3k-2} + 16 \times 2^{4k-1} - 2^{4k-1}$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 26 \times 3^{3k-2} + 15 \times 2^{4k-1}$

$f(k) = 3^{3k-2} + 2^{4k-1}$

$11u = 3^{3k-2} + 2^{4k-1}$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 26 \times 3^{3k-2} + 15(3^{3k-2} + 2^{4k-1})$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 26 \times 3^{3k-2} + 15 \times 3^{3k-2} + 15 \times 2^{4k-1}$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 41 \times 3^{3k-2} + 15 \times 2^{4k-1}$

$\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 11[3^{3k-2} + 16 \times 2^{4k-1}]$, is divisible by 11

CONCLUSION

IF THE RESULT IS TRUE FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$

SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEREFORE IT ALSO HOLDS FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 27 (***)

$$f(n) = 8^n - 2^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 6, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(n) = 8^n - 2^n$
 $f(1) = 8^1 - 2^1 = 6$ is divisible by 6
 Suppose the result holds for $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 6m, m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $f(k+1) - f(k) = (8^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}) - (8^k - 2^k)$
 $f(k+1) - 6m = 8^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} + 2^k - 8^k$
 $f(k+1) = 6m + 8 \times 8^k - 8^k - 2 \times 2^k + 2^k$
 $f(k+1) = 6m + 7 \times 8^k - 2^k$
 Now $f(k) = 8^k - 2^k$
 $6m = 8^k - 2^k$
 $6m - 8^k = -2^k$
 $-2^k = 6m - 8^k$
 $f(k+1) = 6m + 7 \times 8^k + 6m - 8^k$
 $f(k+1) = 12m + 6 \times 8^k$
 $f(k+1) = 6[2m + 8^k]$
 If the result holds for $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it must also hold for $n = k+1$. Since the result holds for $n=1$, then the result must hold for all n .

Question 28 (***)

$$f(n) = 7^n - 2^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 5, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(n) = 7^n - 2^n$
 $f(1) = 7^1 - 2^1 = 5$ is result holds for $n=1$
 Suppose the result holds for $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 5m$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $f(k+1) - f(k) = (7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}) - (7^k - 2^k)$
 $f(k+1) - 5m = 7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} + 2^k - 7^k$
 $f(k+1) - 5m = 7 \times 7^k - 2 \times 2^k + 2^k - 7^k$
 $f(k+1) - 5m = 6 \times 7^k - 2^k$
 $f(k+1) = 5m + 6 \times 7^k - 2^k$
 $f(k+1) = 5m + 5 \times 7^k + 7^k - 2^k$
 $f(k+1) = 5m + 5 \times 7^k + f(k)$
 $f(k+1) = 5m + 5 \times 7^k + 5m$
 $f(k+1) = 5[2m + 7^k]$
 If the result holds for $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n = k+1$. Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it must hold for all n .

Question 29 (***)

$$f(n) = n^3 + 5n, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

a) Show that $n^2 + n + 2$ is always even for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

b) Hence, prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 6, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

a) $n^2 + n + 2 = n(n+1) + 2$ If n is even $n(n+1)$ is even
 $n(n+1) + 2$ is also even
 If n is odd $n+1$ is even $n(n+1)$ is even
 $n(n+1) + 2$ is even
 $\therefore n^2 + n + 2$ is even for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

b) $f(n) = n^3 + 5n$
 $f(1) = 1^3 + 5(1) = 6$, it is divisible by 6
 Suppose that the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 6m, m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [(k+1)^3 + 5(k+1)] - [k^3 + 5k]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - 6m = (k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) + 5k + 5 - k^3 - 5k$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 6m + 3k^2 + 3k + 6$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 6m + 3(k^2 + k + 2)$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 6m + 6p$ (from part a) $k^2 + k + 2$ is even
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) = 6(m+p)$ is divisible by 6
 If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it must also hold for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it must hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 30 (***)

A sequence of positive numbers is given by

$$a_n = 12^{n+1} + 2 \times 5^n, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that every term of the sequence is a multiple of 7

proof

$a_n = 12^{n+1} + 2 \times 5^n$
 $a_1 = 12^2 + 2 \times 5^1 = 144 + 10 = 154 = 7 \times 22$ is a multiple of 7
 Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $a_k = 7m, m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow a_{k+1} - a_k = (12^{k+2} + 2 \times 5^{k+1}) - (12^{k+1} + 2 \times 5^k)$
 $\Rightarrow a_{k+1} - 7m = 12^{k+1}(12 - 1) + 2 \times 5^k(5 - 1)$
 $\Rightarrow a_{k+1} - 7m = 11 \times 12^{k+1} + 8 \times 5^k$
 $\Rightarrow a_{k+1} - 7m = 11 \times 12^{k+1} + 4(2 \times 5^k)$
 $\Rightarrow a_{k+1} - 7m = 11 \times 12^{k+1} + 4a_k$
 $\Rightarrow a_{k+1} = 11 \times 12^{k+1} + 4(7m) = 7m$
 $\Rightarrow a_{k+1} = 7[11 \times 12^{k+1} + 4m]$ is a multiple of 7
 If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it must also hold for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it must hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 31 (***)

$$f(r) = 4 + 6^r, \quad r \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(r)$ is divisible by 10

proof

$f(r) = 4 + 6^r$
 • $f(1) = 4 + 6 = 10$, it is divisible by 10
 • SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $r = k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 10n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $f(k+1) - f(k) = (4 + 6^{k+1}) - (4 + 6^k)$
 $f(k+1) - 10n = 6^{k+1} - 6^k$
 $f(k+1) - 10n = 6 \times 6^k - 6^k$
 $f(k+1) - 10n = 5 \times 6^k$ BY $f(k) = 4 + 6^k$
 $f(k+1) - 10n = 5[6n - 4]$ $10n = 4 + 6^k$
 $f(k+1) = 10n + 5(6n - 4)$ $10n - 4 = 6^k$
 $f(k+1) = 10[6n - 2]$, it is divisible by 10
 • IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $r = k$ \Rightarrow IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $r = k+1$
 SINCE IT HOLDS FOR $r = 1 \Rightarrow$ IT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 32 (***)

Prove by induction that for all natural numbers n , the following expression

$$7^n + 4^n + 1$$

is divisible by 6.

proof

(LET $f(n) = 7^n + 4^n + 1$)
 • $f(1) = 7^1 + 4^1 + 1 = 12 = 2 \times 6$ it is divisible by 6
 • SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 6m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $f(k+1) - f(k) = [7^{k+1} + 4^{k+1} + 1] - [7^k + 4^k + 1]$
 $f(k+1) - 6m = 7^{k+1} - 7^k + 4^{k+1} - 4^k$
 $f(k+1) - 6m = 7 \times 7^k - 7^k + 4 \times 4^k - 4^k$
 $f(k+1) - 6m = 6 \times 7^k + 3 \times 4^k$
 $f(k+1) - 6m = 6 \times 7^k + 3 \times (2 \times 2)^k$
 $f(k+1) - 6m = 6 \times 7^k + 3 \times 2^k \times 2^k$
 $f(k+1) - 6m = 6 \times 7^k + 3 \times 2^k \times 2^{k-1}$
 $f(k+1) - 6m = 6 \times 7^k + 6 \times 2^{2k-1}$
 $f(k+1) = 6[7^k + 2^{2k-1}]$
 • IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n = k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = 1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 33 (***)

A sequence of positive numbers is given by

$$u_n = 7^n + 3n + 8, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that every term of the sequence is a multiple of 9

proof

$u_1 = 7 + 3 + 8$

- $u_1 = 7 + 3 + 8 = 18 = 9 \times 2$ is multiple of 9
- SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, $u_k = 9m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} - u_k = [7^{k+1} + 3(k+1) + 8] - [7^k + 3k + 8]$
 $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} - u_k = 7^{k+1} - 7^k + 3k + 3 + 8 - 3k - 8$
 $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} - u_k = 7^{k+1} - 7^k + 3$
 $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} - u_k = (7 \times 7^k) - 7^k + 3$
 $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} - u_k = 6 \times 7^k + 3$

BUT $u_k = 7^k + 3k + 8$
 $7^k = u_k - 3k - 8$
 $6 \times 7^k = 6(u_k - 3k - 8)$
 $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} - u_k = 6(u_k - 3k - 8) + 3$
 $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} - u_k = 6u_k - 18k - 48 + 3$
 $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} - u_k = 6u_k - 18k - 45$
 $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} - u_k = 9[7m - 2k - 5]$ is multiple of 9

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n = k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1 \Rightarrow$ IT HOLDS FOR $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 34 (***)

$$f(n) = 5^{n+1} - 4n - 5, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 16

proof

$f(n) = 5^{n+1} - 4n - 5$

- $f(0) = 5^2 - 4 \times 0 - 5 = 25 - 0 - 5 = 20$ is divisible by 16
- SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(k) = 16m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = [5^{k+2} - 4(k+1) - 5] - [5^{k+1} - 4k - 5]$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 5^{k+2} - 4k - 4 - 5 - 5^{k+1} + 4k + 5$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 5^{k+2} - 5^{k+1} - 4$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 5 \times 5^{k+1} - 5^{k+1} - 4$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 4 \times 5^{k+1} - 4$

BUT $f(k) = 5^{k+1} - 4k - 5$
 $16m = 5^{k+1} - 4k - 5$
 $4m = 5 \times 5^{k+1} - 4k - 5$
 $4m = 4 \times 5^{k+1} - 4k - 20$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = (4m + 4k + 20) - 4$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 4m + 4k + 16$
 $\Rightarrow f(k+1) - f(k) = 16[5m + k + 1]$ is divisible by 16

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n = k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=0$, THEN THE RESULT HOLDS FOR ALL n

Question 35 (***)

A sequence of positive numbers is given by

$$u_n = 2^{3n+2} + 5^{n+1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that every term of the sequence is a multiple of 3.

proof

$u_0 = 2^{3 \times 0 + 2} + 5^{0+1} = 4 + 5 = 9$ is divisible by 3

• $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $u_n = 2^{3n+2} + 5^{n+1} = 3 \times 2^{3n+1} + 5^{n+1}$ is divisible by 3

• SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $u_k = 3m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$u_{k+1} - u_k = [2^{3(k+1)+2} + 5^{(k+1)+1}] - [2^{3k+2} + 5^{k+1}]$

$u_{k+1} - u_k = 2^{3k+5} + 5^{k+2} - 2^{3k+2} - 5^{k+1}$

$u_{k+1} - u_k = 2^{3k+2}(2^3 - 1) + 5^{k+1}(5 - 1)$

$u_{k+1} - u_k = 7 \times 2^{3k+2} + 4 \times 5^{k+1}$

$u_{k+1} - u_k = 7 \times 2^{3k+2} + 3 \times 5^{k+1} + 5^{k+1}$

But $u_k = 3m = 2^{3k+2} + 5^{k+1}$

$u_{k+1} - u_k = 7 \times 2^{3k+2} + 3 \times 5^{k+1} + u_k - 2^{3k+2}$

$u_{k+1} - u_k = 6 \times 2^{3k+2} + 3 \times 5^{k+1} + 3m$

$u_{k+1} = 6 \times 2^{3k+2} + 3 \times 5^{k+1} + 3m + u_k - 2^{3k+2}$

$u_{k+1} = 5 \times 2^{3k+2} + 3 \times 5^{k+1} + 3m + 5^{k+1}$

$u_{k+1} = 5 \times 2^{3k+2} + 3 \times 5^{k+1} + 3m + 5^{k+1}$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$ SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=0 \Rightarrow$ IT HOLDS $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 36 (***)

$$f(n) = 3^{2n+4} - 2^{2n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Prove by induction that $f(n)$ is divisible by 5, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$f(n) = 3^{2n+4} - 2^{2n}$

• $f(0) = 3^{2 \times 0 + 4} - 2^{2 \times 0} = 81 - 1 = 80$ which is divisible by 5

• SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $f(k) = 5m$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$f(k+1) - f(k) = [3^{2(k+1)+4} - 2^{2(k+1)}] - [3^{2k+4} - 2^{2k}]$

$f(k+1) - f(k) = 3^{2k+6} - 2^{2k+2} - 3^{2k+4} + 2^{2k}$

$f(k+1) - f(k) = 3^{2k+4}(3^2 - 1) - 2^{2k}(2^2 - 1)$

$f(k+1) - f(k) = 8 \times 3^{2k+4} - 3 \times 2^{2k}$

$f(k+1) = 8 \times 3^{2k+4} - 3 \times 2^{2k} + f(k) - 8 \times 3^{2k+4} + 3 \times 2^{2k}$

$f(k+1) = 5m + 8 \times 3^{2k+4} - 3 \times 2^{2k} + 3^{2k+4} - 2^{2k}$

$f(k+1) = 5m + 9 \times 3^{2k+4} - 4 \times 2^{2k}$

$f(k+1) = 5m + 9 \times 3^{2k+4} - 4 \times 2^{2k}$

$f(k+1) = 5m + 9 \times 3^{2k+4} - 4 \times 2^{2k}$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$ SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=0$ THEREFORE THE RESULT HOLDS $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

RECURRENCE RELATIONS

Question 1 (**)

A sequence of integers is defined recursively by the relation

$$a_{n+1} = a_n - 4, \quad a_1 = 3, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that its n^{th} term is given by

$$a_n = 7 - 4n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

proof

Handwritten proof of the sequence formula $a_n = 7 - 4n$ by induction.

- $a_n = 7 - 4n$
- If $n=1$, $a_1 = 7 - 4(1) = 3$
ie. result holds for $n=1$
- Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow a_k = 7 - 4k$
 $\Rightarrow a_{k+1} = (7 - 4k) - 4$
 $\Rightarrow a_{k+1} = 7 - 4(k+1)$
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$
 Since it holds for $n=1$, then it must hold for all n

Question 2 (**)

A sequence of integers t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots is given by the recurrence relation

$$t_{n+1} = 3t_n + 2, \quad t_1 = 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that its n^{th} term of the sequence is given by

$$t_n = 2 \times 3^{n-1} - 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

 , proof

Handwritten mathematical proof by induction for the sequence $t_n = 2 \times 3^{n-1} - 1$.

Given: $t_{n+1} = 3t_n + 2$, $t_1 = 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ \iff $t_n = 2 \times 3^{n-1} - 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$

BASE CASE
 $t_1 = 1$
 $t_1 = 2 \times 3^{1-1} - 1 = 2 \times 1 - 1 = 1$ } Result holds for $n=1$

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS
 SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow t_k = 2 \times 3^{k-1} - 1$
 $\Rightarrow 3t_k = 3[2 \times 3^{k-1} - 1]$
 $\Rightarrow 3t_k = 2 \times 3^k - 3$
 $\Rightarrow 3t_k + 2 = 2 \times 3^k - 3 + 2$
 $\Rightarrow t_{k+1} = 2 \times 3^k - 1$

CONCLUSION
 IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL n

Question 3 ()**

A sequence of integers is defined inductively by the relation

$$a_{n+1} = 3a_n + 4, \quad a_1 = 3, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that its n^{th} term is given by

$$a_n = 5 \times 3^{n-1} - 2, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

proof

$a_{n+1} = 3a_n + 4, a_1 = 3$ is the same as $a_n = 5 \times 3^{n-1} - 2$
 • IF $n=1$ $a_1 = 3$
 $a_1 = 5 \times 3^0 - 2 = 3$ } BOTH AGREE ON THE FIRST TERM
 • SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow a_k = 5 \times 3^{k-1} - 2$
 $\Rightarrow 3a_k = 3(5 \times 3^{k-1} - 2)$
 $\Rightarrow 3a_k = 5 \times 3^k - 6$
 $\Rightarrow 3a_k + 4 = 5 \times 3^k - 2$
 $\Rightarrow a_{k+1} = 5 \times 3^{k+1} - 2$
 • IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 4 ()**

The terms of a sequence can be generated by the recurrence relation

$$b_{n+1} = 4b_n + 2, \quad b_1 = 2, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that the n^{th} term of the sequence is given by

$$b_n = \frac{2}{3}(4^n - 1), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

proof

$b_{n+1} = 4b_n + 2, b_1 = 2$ and $b_n = \frac{2}{3}(4^n - 1)$
 • IF $n=1$ $b_1 = 2$
 $b_1 = \frac{2}{3}(4^1 - 1) = \frac{2}{3} \times 3 = 2$ } I.E. RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$
 • SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $b_k = \frac{2}{3}(4^k - 1)$
 $4b_k = 4 \times \frac{2}{3}(4^k - 1) = \frac{8}{3}(4^k - 1)$
 $4b_k + 2 = \frac{8}{3}(4^k - 1) + 2 = \frac{8}{3}(4^k) - \frac{8}{3} + 2 = \frac{8}{3}(4^k) - \frac{2}{3}$
 $b_{k+1} = \frac{2}{3}(4^{k+1} - 1)$
 • IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 5 (**)

A sequence is defined by the recurrence relation

$$u_{n+1} = 7u_n - 3, \quad u_1 = 7, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that its n^{th} term is given by

$$u_n = \frac{1}{2}(13 \times 7^{n-1} + 1), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

proof

Handwritten proof of the recurrence relation by induction:

- $u_{n+1} = 7u_n - 3, u_1 = 7$ and $u_n = \frac{1}{2}(13 \times 7^{n-1} + 1)$
- $u_1 = 7$
 $u_1 = \frac{1}{2}(13 \times 7^0 + 1) = \frac{1}{2}(14) = 7$ ✓ if $n=1$ then formula produces the first term
- SUPPOSE THAT THE n^{th} TERM FORMULA PRODUCES CORRECTLY THE k^{th} TERM, $k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $u_k = \frac{1}{2}(13 \times 7^{k-1} + 1)$
 $7u_k = 7 \times \frac{1}{2}(13 \times 7^{k-1} + 1) = \frac{1}{2}(13 \times 7^k + 7)$
 $7u_k - 3 = \frac{1}{2}(13 \times 7^k + 7) - 3$
 $7u_k - 3 = \frac{13 \times 7^k + 7}{2} - 3$
 $u_{k+1} = \frac{13 \times 7^k + 7}{2} - 3$
 $u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(13 \times 7^k + 7 - 6)$
 $u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(13 \times 7^k + 1)$
- IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k$ THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$. SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN THE RESULT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 6 (**)

A sequence of integers $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots$ is given by

$$a_{n+1} = 3a_n + 2, \quad a_1 = 2, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that its n^{th} term is given by

$$a_n = 3 \times 3^{n-1} - 1, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

proof

Handwritten proof of the sequence formula by induction:

$a_{n+1} = 3a_n + 2, a_1 = 2$ is the same as $a_n = 3 \times 3^{n-1} - 1$

- If $n=1$, $a_1 = 2$
 $a_1 = 3 \times 3^{1-1} - 1 = 2$ ✓ is both sides are the same
- Suppose that the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $a_k = 3 \times 3^{k-1} - 1$
 $3a_k = 3 \times [3^{k-1} - 1]$
 $3a_k = 3 \times 3^{k-1} - 3$
 $3a_k + 2 = 3 \times 3^{k-1} - 3 + 2$
 $a_{k+1} = 3 \times 3^{k-1} - 3 + 2$
 $a_{k+1} = 3 \times 3^{k-1} - 1$
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it must also hold for $n=k+1$
 Since it holds for $n=1$, then it must hold $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 7 (**+)

A certain sequence can be generated by the recurrence relation

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}(2u_n - 1), \quad u_1 = 1, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that the n^{th} term of the sequence is given by

$$u_n = 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n - 1, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

proof

Handwritten proof of the sequence formula by induction:

- $u_1 = 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^1 - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$
i.e. the formula holds for $n=1$
- Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 - $\Rightarrow u_k = 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k - 1$
 - $\Rightarrow 2u_k = 6\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k - 2$
 - $\Rightarrow 2u_k - 1 = 6\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k - 3$
 - $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}(2u_k - 1) = 2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k - 1$
 - $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = 3 \times \frac{2}{3} \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k - 1$
 - $\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = 3 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{k+1} - 1$
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$
Since the result holds for $n=1$ then it must hold $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 8 (***)

A sequence is defined recursively by

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{3}{4 - u_n}, \quad u_1 = \frac{3}{4}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that

$$u_n = \frac{3^{n+1} - 3}{3^{n+1} - 1}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

, proof

The image shows a handwritten mathematical proof by induction. It is divided into two main sections: the left page for the base case and inductive hypothesis, and the right page for the inductive step and conclusion.

Left Page:

- Base Case:** Shows that for $n=1$, $u_1 = \frac{3}{4}$ and the formula $u_1 = \frac{3^{1+1} - 3}{3^{1+1} - 1} = \frac{6 - 3}{6 - 1} = \frac{3}{5}$ is incorrect. The student has written $u_1 = \frac{3}{4}$ and $u_1 = \frac{3^{1+1} - 3}{3^{1+1} - 1} = \frac{6 - 3}{6 - 1} = \frac{3}{5}$, but then says "if result holds for $n=1$ ".
- Inductive Hypothesis:** Assumes the result holds for $n=k$, i.e., $u_k = \frac{3^{k+1} - 3}{3^{k+1} - 1}$.
- Inductive Step:** Shows that the result holds for $n=k+1$. The student calculates $u_{k+1} = \frac{3}{4 - u_k}$ and substitutes the inductive hypothesis to get $u_{k+1} = \frac{3}{4 - \frac{3^{k+1} - 3}{3^{k+1} - 1}} = \frac{3(3^{k+1} - 1)}{4(3^{k+1} - 1) - (3^{k+1} - 3)} = \frac{3(3^{k+1} - 1)}{3 \times 3^{k+1} - 1} = \frac{3^{k+2} - 3}{3^{k+2} - 1}$.

Right Page:

- Conclusion:** States that if the result holds for $n=k$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$. Since the result holds for $n=1$, it must hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Question 9 (***)

A sequence is defined recursively by

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + 3k - 2, \quad u_1 = 3, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that

$$u_n = \frac{1}{2}(3n-1)(n-2) + 4, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

, proof

INFO TO SHOW THAT THE WHOLE OF THE RECURSIVE RELATION

IS GIVEN BY

$$u_k = \frac{1}{2}(3k-1)(k-2) + 4$$

PROVE IF $n=1$

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times (-1) + 4 = -1 + 4 = 3$$

\therefore THE RESULT HAS BEEN PROVED

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HELDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow u_k = \frac{1}{2}(3k-1)(k-2) + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow u_k + 3k - 2 = \frac{1}{2}(3k-1)(k-2) + 4 + 3k - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(3k-1)(k-2) + 3k + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}[(3k-1)(k-2) + 6k + 4]$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}[3k^2 - 5k + 2 + 6k + 4]$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}[3k^2 + k + 6]$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}[(3k^2 + k - 2) + 8]$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(3k^2 + k - 2) + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(3(k+1)-1)(k+1-2) + 4$$

IF THE RESULT HELDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$

SINCE THE RESULT HELDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 10 (***)

A sequence is defined recursively by

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{u_n}{u_n + 1}, \quad u_1 = 2, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By writing the above recurrence relation in the form

$$u_{n+1} = A + \frac{B}{u_n + 1},$$

where A and B are integers, use proof by induction to show that

$$u_n = \frac{2}{2n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

 , proof

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{u_n}{u_n + 1}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$u_1 = 2$$

$$u_n = \frac{2}{2n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

SIMPLY BY RE-WRITING THE RECURRENCE RELATION

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{u_n}{u_n + 1} = \frac{(u_n + 1) - 1}{(u_n + 1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{u_n + 1}$$

BASE CASE, IF $n=1$

$$u_1 = 2$$

$$u_1 = \frac{2}{2 \times 1 - 1} = 2$$
 } i.e. the result holds for $n=1$

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS
 SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow u_k = \frac{2}{2k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_k + 1 = \frac{2}{2k-1} + 1 = \frac{2 + (2k-1)}{2k-1} = \frac{2k+1}{2k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{u_k + 1} = \frac{2k-1}{2k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{u_k + 1} = 1 - \frac{2k-1}{2k+1} = \frac{(2k+1) - (2k-1)}{2k+1} = \frac{2}{2k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = \frac{2}{2(k+1)-1}$$

CONCLUSION
 IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$ THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 11 (***)

A sequence is generated by the recurrence relation

$$u_{n+2} = 5u_{n+1} - 6u_n, \quad u_1 = 5, \quad u_2 = 13, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that n^{th} term of this sequence is given by

$$u_n = 2^n + 3^n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

proof

Handwritten proof of the recurrence relation by induction:

Given: $u_{n+2} = 5u_{n+1} - 6u_n$
 $u_1 = 5$
 $u_2 = 13$

Propose: $u_n = 2^n + 3^n$

Check base cases:
 $u_1 = 2^1 + 3^1 = 2 + 3 = 5$
 $u_2 = 2^2 + 3^2 = 4 + 9 = 13$
 If the result holds for $n=1$ & $n=2$.

Assume the result holds for two consecutive positive integers $n=k$ & $n=k+1$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then:
 $u_k = 2^k + 3^k$
 $u_{k+1} = 2^{k+1} + 3^{k+1}$
 $5u_{k+1} - 6u_k = 5(2^{k+1} + 3^{k+1}) - 6(2^k + 3^k)$
 $= 5 \times 2^{k+1} + 5 \times 3^{k+1} - 6 \times 2^k - 6 \times 3^k$
 $= (5 \times 2^{k+1} - 6 \times 2^k) + (5 \times 3^{k+1} - 6 \times 3^k)$
 $= (10 \times 2^k - 6 \times 2^k) + (15 \times 3^k - 6 \times 3^k)$
 $= 4 \times 2^k + 9 \times 3^k$
 $= 2^2 \times 2^k + 3^2 \times 3^k$
 $= 2^{k+2} + 3^{k+2}$
 $u_{k+2} = 2^{k+2} + 3^{k+2}$

If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$ & $n=k+1$, then it must also hold for $n=k+2$.
 Since the result holds for $n=1$ & $n=2$, then it must hold $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Question 12 (****)

A sequence is generated by the recurrence relation

$$u_{n+2} = 6u_{n+1} - 8u_n, \quad u_1 = 0, \quad u_2 = 32, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that n^{th} term of this sequence is given by

$$u_n = 4^{n+1} - 2^{n+3}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

proof

Handwritten mathematical proof for the recurrence relation problem. The proof is written on a grid background and includes the following steps:

- Base Case:**
 - For $n=1$: $u_1 = 4^{1+1} - 2^{1+3} = 16 - 8 = 8$. (Note: The handwritten text says $u_1 = 0$, which contradicts the formula.)
 - For $n=2$: $u_2 = 4^{2+1} - 2^{2+3} = 64 - 32 = 32$. (Note: The handwritten text says $u_2 = 32$, which matches the given condition.)
- Inductive Step:**
 - Assume the formula holds for n and $n+1$. Then prove it for $n+2$.
 - Calculate $u_{n+2} = 6u_{n+1} - 8u_n$ using the inductive hypothesis.
 - Substitute $u_{n+1} = 4^{n+2} - 2^{n+4}$ and $u_n = 4^{n+1} - 2^{n+3}$.
 - Simplify the expression to show $u_{n+2} = 4^{n+3} - 2^{n+5}$.
- Conclusion:**
 - Since the formula holds for the base cases and the inductive step, it holds for all $n \geq 1$.

Question 13 (****)

A sequence is generated by the recurrence relation

$$u_{n+2} = u_{n+1} + u_n, \quad u_1 = 0, \quad u_2 = 1, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove by induction that u_{5m} is a multiple of 5, for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

 , proof

BASE CASE FOR $u_{5k} = u_{5k-1} + u_{5k-2}$
 $u_1 = 0, u_2 = 1, u_3 = 1, u_4 = 2, u_5 = 3, u_6 = 5$
 BASED THIS AS u_5 IS A MULTIPLE OF 5
 SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS, i.e. u_{5k} IS A MULTIPLE OF 5, IF $u_{5k} = 5m$
 FOR $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\Rightarrow u_{5k} = u_{5k-1} + u_{5k-2} = 5m$
 $\Rightarrow u_{5(k+1)} = u_{5k+1} + u_{5k}$
 $\Rightarrow u_{5(k+1)} = (u_{5k} + u_{5k-1}) + u_{5k}$
 $= 2u_{5k} + u_{5k-1}$
 $\Rightarrow u_{5(k+1)} = 2(u_{5k} + u_{5k-1}) + u_{5k-2}$
 $= 3(u_{5k}) + 2(u_{5k-1})$
 $\Rightarrow u_{5(k+1)} = 3(u_{5k}) + u_{5k} + 2u_{5k-1}$
 $= 5u_{5k} + 2u_{5k-1}$
 $= 5u_{5k} + 3(u_{5k-1})$
 $= 5[u_{5k} + 3m]$
 $= 5[u_{5k} + 3m]$
IS A MULTIPLE OF 5
 IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = 5k$ THEN IT HOLDS FOR $n = 5(k+1)$
 SINCE IT HOLDS FOR $n = 5$ THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL MULTIPLES OF 5

Question 14 (****+)

A sequence of numbers is given by the recurrence relation

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{5u_n - 1}{4u_n + 1}, \quad u_1 = 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Prove by induction that the n^{th} term of the sequence is given by

$$u_n = \frac{n+2}{2n+1}.$$

 , proof

$u_{k+1} = \frac{5u_k - 1}{4u_k + 1}, u_1 = 1 \Rightarrow u_k = \frac{k+2}{2k+1}$

• STATE THE PROVE BY PROVING THE RECURSION

$$u_{k+1} = \frac{5 \left(\frac{k+2}{2k+1} \right) - 1}{4 \left(\frac{k+2}{2k+1} \right) + 1} = \frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{4k+4}$$

$$\therefore u_{k+1} = \frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{4k+4}$$

• BASE CASE

$n=1 \quad u_1 = \frac{1+2}{2(1)+1} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$, THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

• INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow u_k = \frac{k+2}{2k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4u_k + 1 = 4 \left(\frac{k+2}{2k+1} \right) + 1 = \frac{4k+8}{2k+1} + 1 = \frac{4k+8+2k+1}{2k+1}$$

$$= \frac{6k+9}{2k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4u_k + 1} = \frac{2k+1}{6k+9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{4k+4} = \frac{5}{4} - \frac{2k+1}{6k+9} = \frac{5(6k+9) - 4(2k+1)}{6k+9}$$

$$= \frac{30k+45-8k-4}{6k+9} = \frac{22k+41}{6k+9}$$

• CONCLUSION OF THE PROOF

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$. SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT HOLDS FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 15 (****+)

A sequence of numbers is given by the recurrence relation

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{u_n - 5}{3u_n - 7}, \quad u_1 = -1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Prove by induction that the n^{th} term of the sequence is given by

$$u_n = \frac{2^{n+1} - 5}{2^{n+1} - 3}.$$

, proof

REWRITE THE RECURRENCE FIRST

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{u_n - 5}{3u_n - 7} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{u_n - 5}{u_n - \frac{5}{3}} \right)}{\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{u_n - \frac{5}{3}}{u_n - \frac{5}{3}} \right)}$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3} \left[1 - \frac{\frac{5}{3}}{u_n - \frac{5}{3}} \right]$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{\frac{5}{9}}{u_n - \frac{5}{3}}$$

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow u_k = \frac{2^{k+1} - 5}{2^{k+1} - 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(u_k - 2) = 9 \left(\frac{2^{k+1} - 5}{2^{k+1} - 3} - 2 \right) = -21$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(u_k - 2) = \frac{9(2^{k+1} - 5) - 21(2^{k+1} - 3)}{2^{k+1} - 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(u_k - 2) = \frac{9 \times 2^{k+1} - 45 - 21 \times 2^{k+1} + 63}{2^{k+1} - 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(u_k - 2) = \frac{-12 \times 2^{k+1} + 18}{2^{k+1} - 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{9(u_k - 2)} = \frac{2^{k+1} - 3}{-12 \times 2^{k+1} + 18}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{9(u_k - 2)} = \frac{-8 \times 2^{k+1} - 24}{-12 \times 2^{k+1} + 18}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} - \frac{5}{9(u_k - 2)} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{8 \times 2^{k+1} - 24}{12 \times 2^{k+1} - 18}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4 \times 2^{k+1} - 12}{6 \times 2^{k+1} - 9}$$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$

TEST IF $n=1$ $u_1 = \frac{2^2 - 5}{2^2 - 3} = \frac{4 - 5}{4 - 3} = \frac{-1}{1} = -1$, IF RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, ALSO

\therefore THE RESULT HOLDS FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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Question 1 ()**

Prove by induction that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2^n - 1 \\ 0 & 2^n \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

• Take case $n=1$

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{RHS} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2^1 - 1 \\ 0 & 2^1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore Result holds for $n=1$

• Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2^k - 1 \\ 0 & 2^k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2^k - 1 \\ 0 & 2^k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+0 & 2^k-1+2^k \\ 0+0 & 0+2 \times 2^k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \times 2^k - 1 \\ 0 & 2 \times 2^k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2^{k+1} - 1 \\ 0 & 2^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

• If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it must hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 2 (**)

A transformation where $\mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) Find the elements of the matrices, \mathbf{A}^2 and \mathbf{A}^3 .
- b) Write down a suitable form for \mathbf{A}^n and use the method of proof by induction to prove it.

$$\boxed{}, \mathbf{A}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

a) CARRY OUT THE REQUIRED "MULTIPLICATIONS"

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 0 & 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 1 \\ 0 \times 1 + 1 \times 0 & 0 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \times 1 + 4 \times 0 & 1 \times 2 + 4 \times 1 \\ 0 \times 1 + 1 \times 0 & 0 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) A POSSIBLE FORM OF \mathbf{A}^n MIGHT BE

$$\mathbf{A}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- IF $n=1$, $\mathbf{A}^1 = \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, i.e. THE RESULT STANDS
- SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT STANDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \times 1 + 2k \times 0 & 1 \times 2 + 2k \times 1 \\ 0 \times 1 + 1 \times 0 & 0 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2k+2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

IF THE RESULT STANDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO STANDS FOR $n=k+1$
SINCE THE RESULT STANDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST STAND FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 3 ()**Prove by induction that if $n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1-3n & -n \\ 9n & 3n+1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

proof

• If $n=1$, $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1-3(1) & -1 \\ 9(1) & 3(1)+1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
 is result holds for $n=1$

• Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^k = \begin{pmatrix} 1-3k & -k \\ 9k & 3k+1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1-3k & -k \\ 9k & 3k+1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2(1-3k) - 1(9k) & -2(-k) - 1(3k+1) \\ 9(1-3k) + 4(9k) & 9(-k) + 4(3k+1) \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2+6k-9k & 2k-3k-1 \\ 9-27k+36k & -9k+12k+4 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2-3k & -k-1 \\ 9+9k & 3k+4 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-3(k+1) & -(k+1) \\ 9(k+1) & 3(k+1)+1 \end{pmatrix}$

• If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$
 • Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it holds for $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 4 (**)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Prove by induction that if $n \geq 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 3^n & 0 \\ 3(3^n - 1) & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

proof

Handwritten proof of the induction statement for matrix A^n .

Base case: $A^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3^1 & 0 \\ 3(3^1 - 1) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Inductive step: Assume the result holds for $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then:

$$A^{k+1} = A^k A = \begin{pmatrix} 3^k & 0 \\ 3(3^k - 1) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3^{k+1} & 0 \\ 3(3^{k+1} - 1) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the result holds for $n = k+1$. By induction, the result holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Question 5 ()**

Prove by induction that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1+4n & 8n \\ -2n & 1-4n \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

• IF $n=1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{THE RESULT HOLDS FOR } n=1 \end{array} \right.$$

• SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^k = \begin{bmatrix} 1+4k & 8k \\ -2k & 1-4k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+4k & 8k \\ -2k & 1-4k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5+20k-16k & 8+32k-24k \\ -10k-2+12k & -6k-3+12k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4k+5 & 8k+8 \\ -2k-2 & -4k-3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+4(k+1) & 8(k+1) \\ -2(k+1) & 1-4(k+1) \end{bmatrix}$$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$.
SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Question 6 ()**

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Prove by induction that

$$M^n = \begin{pmatrix} n+1 & n \\ -n & 1-n \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

• IF $n=1$

$$M^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1+1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = M$$

• SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$M^k = \begin{pmatrix} k+1 & k \\ -k & 1-k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} k+1 & k \\ -k & 1-k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2k+2-k & 2k+1-k^2 \\ -k-1 & -k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} k+2 & k+1 \\ -k-1 & -k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} (k+1)+1 & (k+1) \\ -(k+1) & 1-(k+1) \end{pmatrix}$$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$.
SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN THE RESULT MUST HOLD FOR $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Question 7 (**+)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Prove by induction that

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 3(2^n - 1) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

• If $n=1$

$$A^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2^1 & 3(2^1-1) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A \quad \text{ie result holds for } n=1$$

• Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} 2^k & 3(2^k-1) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \times 2^k + 3 \times 0 & 2 \times 3(2^k-1) + 3 \times 1 \\ 0 \times 2^k + 1 \times 0 & 0 \times 3(2^k-1) + 1 \times 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2^{k+1} & 3[2^k-2] + 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2^{k+1} & 3 \times 2^k - 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2^{k+1} & 3(2^{k+1}-1) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it must also hold for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it must hold for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 8 (**+)

Prove by induction that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n & \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) \\ 0 & 1 & n \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

• IF $n=1$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times (1+1) \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ \therefore RESULT holds for $n=1$

• SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & \frac{1}{2}k(k+1) \\ 0 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^k \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & \frac{1}{2}k(k+1) \\ 0 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+0+0 & k+1+0 & \frac{1}{2}k(k+1)+k+1 \\ 0+0+0 & 0+1+0 & 0+k+1 \\ 0+0+0 & 0+0+0 & 0+0+1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k+1 & \frac{1}{2}k(k+1)+k+1 \\ 0 & 1 & k+1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k+1 & \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(k+1) \\ 0 & 1 & k+1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k+1 & \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(k+1) \\ 0 & 1 & k+1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$.
SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 9 (**+)

Prove by induction that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n & \frac{1}{2}(n^2 + 3n) \\ 0 & 1 & n \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

• If $n=1$ $A^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2}(1^2+3 \cdot 1) \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A$

• SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & \frac{1}{2}(k^2+3k) \\ 0 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & \frac{1}{2}(k^2+3k) \\ 0 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k+1 & \frac{1}{2}(k^2+3k) + \frac{1}{2}(k^2+3k+4) \\ 0 & 1 & k+1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k+1 & \frac{1}{2}(k^2+3k) + \frac{1}{2}(k^2+3k+4) \\ 0 & 1 & k+1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k+1 & \frac{1}{2}(k^2+3k) + \frac{1}{2}(k^2+3k+4) \\ 0 & 1 & k+1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k+1 & \frac{1}{2}(k^2+3k+4) \\ 0 & 1 & k+1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

BUT $\frac{1}{2}(k^2+3k+4) = \frac{1}{2}(k^2+2k+1 + 3k+3) = \frac{1}{2}(k^2+2k+1) + \frac{3}{2}(k+1)$

$$\Rightarrow A^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k+1 & \frac{1}{2}(k^2+2k+1) + \frac{3}{2}(k+1) \\ 0 & 1 & k+1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$ \Rightarrow IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
SINCE IT HOLDS FOR $n=1 \Rightarrow$ IT HOLDS FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 10 (****)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Prove by induction that

$$A^n = nA - (n-1)I, \quad n \geq 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

, proof

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, then $A^n = nA - (n-1)I$

• CHECK THE RESULT FOR $n=1$

$A^1 = (1 \times A - (1-1)I) = A$ ✓ THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

• SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow A^k = kA - (k-1)I$

$\Rightarrow A^k A = kA A - (k-1)I A$

$\Rightarrow A^{k+1} = kA^2 - (k-1)A$

• NOW IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE MANIPULATION WE NEED TO REPLACE A^2 WITH SOME (SIMPLE COMBINATION) OF A & I

$\Rightarrow A^2 = \lambda A + \mu I$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + \mu & 0 \\ 2\lambda & \lambda + \mu \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{matrix} 2\lambda = 4 & \lambda + \mu = 1 \\ \lambda = 2 & 2 + \mu = 1 \\ & \mu = -1 \end{matrix}$

$\therefore A^2 = 2A - I$

• RETURNING TO THE MANIPULATION OF THE INDUCTION

$\Rightarrow A^{k+1} = k[2A - I] - (k-1)A$

$\Rightarrow A^{k+1} = 2kA - kI - kA + A$

$\Rightarrow A^{k+1} = kA + A - kI$

$\Rightarrow A^{k+1} = (k+1)A - [(k+1)-1]I$

• IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN THE RESULT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$. SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN THE RESULT HOLDS FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

MISCELLANEOUS RESULTS

Question 1 (**+)

De Moivre's theorem states

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n \equiv \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove this theorem by induction.

proof

Handwritten proof of De Moivre's theorem by induction:

- If $n=1$ LHS = $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^1 = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ RHS = $\cos(1\theta) + i \sin(1\theta) = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ \therefore LHS = RHS for $n=1$
- Suppose that result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^k = \cos k\theta + i \sin k\theta$
 $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{k+1} = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)(\cos k\theta + i \sin k\theta)$
 $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{k+1} = (\cos \theta \cos k\theta - \sin \theta \sin k\theta) + i(\sin \theta \cos k\theta + \cos \theta \sin k\theta)$
 $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{k+1} = \cos[k\theta + \theta] + i \sin[k\theta + \theta]$
 $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{k+1} = \cos[(k+1)\theta] + i \sin[(k+1)\theta]$
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ it also holds for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1 \Rightarrow$ it must hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 2 (**+)

$$u_n = \frac{3}{7}(8^n - 1), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove by induction that every term of this sequence is an integer.

proof

Handwritten proof that every term of the sequence u_n is an integer:

- $u_1 = \frac{3}{7}(8^1 - 1) = \frac{3}{7} \times 7 = 3$ \therefore is an integer
- Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. u_k is an integer, say N
 Then
 $u_{k+1} - u_k = \frac{3}{7}(8^{k+1} - 1) - \frac{3}{7}(8^k - 1)$
 $u_{k+1} - N = \frac{3}{7}[8^{k+1} - 8^k]$
 $u_{k+1} - N = \frac{3}{7}[8 \times 8^k - 8^k]$
 $u_{k+1} - N = \frac{3}{7} \times 7 \times 8^k$
 $u_{k+1} = N + 8^k$ which is also an integer
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$
 Since the result holds for $n=1$, then the result must also hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 3 (**+)

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (2r+1) = (n+1)^2, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

- a) Show that if the above result holds for $n=k$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$.
- b) Explain why the result is **not** true.

proof

a) $\sum_{r=1}^n (2r+1) = (n+1)^2$

SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{r=1}^k (2r+1) = (k+1)^2$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^k (2r+1) + [2(k+1)+1] = (k+1)^2 + [2(k+1)+1]$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (2r+1) = (k+1)^2 + (2k+3)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (2r+1) = k^2 + 4k + 4 + 2k + 3$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (2r+1) = k^2 + 6k + 7 = (k+2)^2$$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR $n=k+1$

b) RESULT IS NOT TRUE BECAUSE THERE IS NO BASE CASE

$n=1$	3	\neq	4
$n=2$	8	\neq	9
$n=3$	15	\neq	16
$n=4$	24	\neq	25

Question 4 (**+)

The distinct square matrices **A** and **B** have the properties

- $AB = B^5 A$
- $B^6 = I$

where **I** is the identity matrix.

a) Show that $BAB = A$.

b) Hence prove by induction that $B^n AB^n = A$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

proof

$\hookrightarrow BAB = B(AB) = B(B^5 A) = B^6 A = IA = A$
 \hookrightarrow If $n=1$ $B^1 A B^1 = BAB = A$
 \therefore Base case for $n=1$
 • Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $B^k A B^k = A$
 $B B^k A B^k B = BA$
 $B B^k A B^k B = BAB$
 $B^{k+1} A B^{k+1} = A$
 • If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$. Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it must hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Question 5 (***)

$$xy + 3y = x.$$

Prove by induction

$$(x+3) \frac{d^n}{dx^n}(y) + (n+1) \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}}(y) = 0.$$

proof

$xy + 3y - x = 0$
 Diff wrt x
 $y + x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} - 1 = 0$
 $(x+3) \frac{dy}{dx} + y - 1 = 0$

- SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $(x+3) \frac{d^k y}{dx^k} + (k+1) \frac{d^{k-1} y}{dx^{k-1}} = 0$
- INDUCTION STATEMENT FOR $n = k+1$ WORKS
 $(x+3) \frac{d^{k+1} y}{dx^{k+1}} + (k+2) \frac{d^k y}{dx^k} + (k+1) \frac{d^{k-1} y}{dx^{k-1}} = 0$
 $(x+3) \frac{d^k y}{dx^k} + (k+1) \frac{d^{k-1} y}{dx^{k-1}} = 0$
- IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n = k+1$.
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$,
 THEN IT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$n=1$
 $(x+3) \frac{dy}{dx} + 1 \cdot y - 1 = 0$
 $(x+3) \frac{dy}{dx} + y - 1 = 0$

Question 6 (*)**

Bernoulli's inequality asserts that if $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $a > -1$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 2$, then

$$(1+a)^n > 1+an.$$

Prove, by induction, the validity of Bernoulli's identity.

 , proof

BERNOULLI INEQUALITY

$(1+a)^n > 1+an$ $a \in \mathbb{R}, a > -1$
 $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$

PROVE BY INDUCTION

- IF $n=2$ LHS = $(1+a)^2 = a^2+2a+1$
RHS = $1+2a$
 $\therefore a^2+2a+1 > 2a+1$, so the result holds for $n=2$
- SUPPOSE THAT THE INEQUALITY HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 2$
 $\Rightarrow (1+a)^k > 1+ak$
 $\Rightarrow (1+a)^k(1+a) > (1+a)(1+ak)$
 $\Rightarrow (1+a)^{k+1} > 1+ak+a+a^2k$
 $\Rightarrow (1+a)^{k+1} > 1+a(k+1) + a^2k$
↑
(positive)
 $\Rightarrow (1+a)^{k+1} > 1+a(k+1)$
- IF THE INEQUALITY HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 2$, THEN IT WILL ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$.
AS THE INEQUALITY HOLDS FOR $n=2$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL POSITIVE INTEGERS GREATER THAN 2

Question 7 (*)**

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r > \frac{1}{2}n^2, \quad \text{for } n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

$\sum_{r=1}^n r > \frac{1}{2}n^2$

- If $n=1$ LHS = 1
RHS = $\frac{1}{2} \times 1^2 = \frac{1}{2}$ ✓ The result holds for $n=1$
- Suppose the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\sum_{r=1}^k r > \frac{1}{2}k^2$
 $\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r = \left(\sum_{r=1}^k r \right) + (k+1) > \frac{1}{2}k^2 + k + 1$
 $> \frac{1}{2}(k^2 + 2k + 2)$
 $> \frac{1}{2}(k+1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}$
 $> \frac{1}{2}(k+1)^2$

✓ If the inequality holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$.
 Since the inequality holds for $n=1$, then the inequality must hold for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Question 8 (*)**

Prove by induction that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}n(n+1)^2, \quad \text{for } n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

- If $n=1$ LHS = $1^2 = 1$
RHS = $\frac{1}{4}(1+1)^2 = 1$
✓ Result holds true for $n=1$
- Suppose the result holds for $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\sum_{r=1}^k r^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}k(k+1)^2$
 $\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r^2 = \left(\sum_{r=1}^k r^2 \right) + (k+1)^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}k(k+1)^2 + (k+1)^2$
 $\geq \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2 [k + 4]$
 $\geq \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2 (k+1)(k+3)$
 $\geq \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2 (k^2 + 4k + 3)$
 $\geq \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2 (k^2 + 4k + 4) \geq \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2 (k+2)^2$
 $\geq \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2 (k+2)^2 = \frac{1}{4}(k+1)(k+2)^3$
- If the result holds for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, then it also holds for $n=k+1$.
 Since the result holds for $n=1$, then it must hold for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Question 9 (**)**

Prove by induction that

$$2^n > 2n, \text{ for } n \geq 3, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

$2^n > 2n$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3$

- IF $n=3$ $\frac{2^3}{2 \times 3} = \frac{8}{6} > 1$ ie result holds for $n=3$
- SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 4$
 $2^k > 2k \Rightarrow 2 \times 2^k > 2 \times 2k$
 $2^{k+1} > 4k = 2k + 2k$ (ie $k \geq 3$)
 $2^{k+1} > 2k + 2$
 $2^{k+1} > 2k + 2 = 2(k+1)$
- IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 4$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=3$, THEN IT HOLDS FOR $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3$

Question 10 (**)**

Prove by induction that

$$2^n > n^2, \text{ for } n \geq 5, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

proof

$2^n > n^2$

- IF $n=5$ LHS is $2^5 = 32$ RHS is $5^2 = 25$ ie the result holds for $n=5$
- SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 5$
 $\Rightarrow 2^k > k^2$
 $\Rightarrow 2 \times 2^k > 2 \times k^2$
 $\Rightarrow 2^{k+1} > 2k^2$
 $\Rightarrow 2^{k+1} > k^2 + k^2$
 $\Rightarrow 2^{k+1} > k^2 + (2k+1)$ for $k \geq 5$ $k^2 > 2k+1$
 $\Rightarrow 2^{k+1} > (k+1)^2$
- IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 5$
 THEN THE RESULT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=5$, THEN
 THE RESULT MUST HOLD FOR $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 5$

$k^2 - 2k - 1 > 0$
 $k^2 - 2k - 1 > 0$
 $(k-1)^2 > 2$
 $k-1 > \sqrt{2}$
 $k-1 < -\sqrt{2}$
 $k > 1 + \sqrt{2}$
 $k < 1 - \sqrt{2}$
 \therefore FOR $k \geq 5, k^2 > 2k+1$

Question 11 (****)

Prove by induction that if $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 3$, then

$$3^n > (n+1)^2.$$

□, proof

IF $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 3$ THEN $3^n > (n+1)^2$

BASE CASE: $n=3$
 LHS = $3^3 = 27$
 RHS = $(3+1)^2 = 16$
 $27 > 16$ SO THE INEQUALITY HOLDS FOR $n=3$

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS
 SUPPOSE THAT THE INEQUALITY HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \geq 3$

$\Rightarrow 3^k > (k+1)^2$
 $\Rightarrow 3 \times 3^k > 3 \times (k+1)^2$
 $\Rightarrow 3^{k+1} > 3k^2 + 6k + 3 > k^2 + 6k + 2 > k^2 + 6k + 4$
 $\Rightarrow 3^{k+1} > k^2 + 6k + 4$
 NOW AS $k \geq 3$ $2k+2 > 0 > 4$
 $\Rightarrow 3^{k+1} > k^2 + 6k + 4$
 $\Rightarrow 3^{k+1} > (k+2)^2 = [(k+1)+1]^2$

CONCLUSION
 IF THE INEQUALITY HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \geq 3$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$.
 SINCE THE INEQUALITY HOLDS FOR $n=3$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 3$

Question 12 (****)

Prove by induction that for all even natural numbers n

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(\sin 3x) = (-1)^{\frac{n}{2}} \times 3^n \times \sin 3x.$$

□, proof

CHECK THE BASE CASE: $n=2$
 $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\sin 3x) = \frac{d}{dx}(3 \cos 3x) = -9 \sin 3x$
 $(-1)^{\frac{2}{2}} \times 3^2 \times \sin 3x = 1 \times 9 \times \sin 3x = 9 \sin 3x$
 LE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=2$

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k=2m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\frac{d^k}{dx^k}(\sin 3x) = (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} \times 3^k \times \sin 3x$
 $\frac{d^{k+2}}{dx^{k+2}}(\sin 3x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} \times 3^k \times \cos 3x \right] = (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}+1} \times 3^{k+2} \times \sin 3x$
 $\frac{d^{k+2}}{dx^{k+2}}(\sin 3x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} \times 3^k \times \sin 3x \right] = (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}+1} \times 3^{k+2} \times \sin 3x$
 $\frac{d^{k+2}}{dx^{k+2}}(\sin 3x) = (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}+1} \times 3^{k+2} \times \sin 3x$
 $\frac{d^{k+2}}{dx^{k+2}}(\sin 3x) = (-1)^{\frac{k+2}{2}} \times 3^{k+2} \times \sin 3x$
 $\frac{d^{k+2}}{dx^{k+2}}(\sin 3x) = (-1)^{\frac{k+2}{2}} \times 3^{k+2} \times \sin 3x$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k=2m$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR $n=k+2=2(m+1)$
 AS THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=2$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL EVEN $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 13 (****+)

Prove by induction that for $n \geq 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\prod_{r=1}^n \left(\cos \left(2^{r-1} x \right) \right) = \frac{\sin \left(2^n x \right)}{2^n \sin x}.$$

□, proof

WRITE THE \prod OUTSIDE EXPLICITLY

$$\prod_{r=1}^1 [\cos(2^0 x)] = \cos x \cos x \cos x \dots \cos(2^0 x)$$

CHECK THE BASE CASE, i.e. IF $n=1$

$$L.H.S = \prod_{r=1}^1 \cos(2^0 x) = \cos x$$

$$R.H.S = \frac{\sin(2^1 x)}{2^1 \sin x} = \frac{\sin 2x}{2 \sin x} = \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{2 \sin x} = \cos x$$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\rightarrow \prod_{r=1}^k [\cos(2^0 x)] = \frac{\sin(2^k x)}{2^k \sin x}$$

$$\rightarrow \prod_{r=1}^k [\cos(2^0 x)] \times \cos(2^k x) = \frac{\sin(2^k x)}{2^k \sin x} \times \cos(2^k x)$$

$$\rightarrow \prod_{r=1}^{k+1} [\cos(2^0 x)] = \frac{\sin(2^k x) \cos(2^k x)}{2^k \sin x} = \frac{2 \sin(2^k x) \cos(2^k x)}{2 \times 2^k \sin x}$$

$$\rightarrow \prod_{r=1}^{k+1} [\cos(2^0 x)] = \frac{\sin[2 \times 2^k x]}{2^{k+1} \sin x}$$

$$\rightarrow \prod_{r=1}^{k+1} [\cos(2^0 x)] = \frac{\sin(2^{k+1} x)}{2^{k+1} \sin x}$$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$

SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 14 (****+)

Prove by induction that

$$\cos x + \cos 3x + \cos 5x + \dots + \cos[(2n-1)x] = \frac{\sin(2nx)}{2\sin x}$$

□, proof

CHECK THE BASE CASE, $n=1$

LHS = $\cos(2(1)-1)x = \cos x$
 RHS = $\frac{\sin(2(1)x)}{2\sin x} = \frac{\sin 2x}{2\sin x} = \frac{2\sin x \cos x}{2\sin x} = \cos x$
 \therefore THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\sum_{r=1}^k \cos[(2r-1)x] = \frac{\sin(2kx)}{2\sin x}$
 $\cos[(2(k+1)-1)x] + \sum_{r=1}^k \cos[(2r-1)x] = \frac{\sin(2(k+1)x)}{2\sin x}$
 $\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \cos[(2r-1)x] = \frac{\sin(2kx)}{2\sin x} + \cos(2k+1)x$
 $\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \cos[(2r-1)x] = \frac{\sin(2kx) + 2\sin x \cos(2k+1)x}{2\sin x}$

NOW WE NEED TO PROVE SOME IDENTITIES

$\sin(A+B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$
 $\sin(A-B) = \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$ } Adding
 $\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B) = 2\sin A \cos B$
 $2\sin A \cos B = \sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)$
 $2\sin x \cos(2k+1)x = \sin[x + (2k+1)x] + \sin[x - (2k+1)x]$
 $2\sin x \cos(2k+1)x = \sin(2k+2)x + \sin(-2kx)$
 $2\sin x \cos(2k+1)x = \sin(2k+2)x + \sin(-2kx)$

RETURNING TO THE INDUCTION, NOTING $\sin(-A) = -\sin A$

$\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \cos[(2r-1)x] = \frac{\sin(2kx) + \sin(2k+2)x - \sin(2kx)}{2\sin x}$
 $\sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \cos[(2r-1)x] = \frac{\sin(2k+2)x}{2\sin x}$ [COMPARE THE 'RECURRING' BITS AT THE TOP OF THE INDUCTION]
 IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$
SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN THE RESULT HOLDS $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 15 (****+)

Prove by induction that every positive integer power of 5 can be written as the sum of squares of two distinct positive integers.

□, proof

START BY INVESTIGATING SMALLER CASES

IF $n=1$ $5^1 = 2^2 + 1^2$ I.E. RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$
 IF $n=2$ $5^2 = 3^2 + 4^2$ I.E. RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=2$

SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = 5^k$ WHERE a, b ARE DISTINCT POSITIVE INTEGERS
 $\Rightarrow 25(a^2 + b^2) = 25 \times 5^k$
 $\Rightarrow 25a^2 + 25b^2 = 5^{k+2}$
 $\Rightarrow (5a)^2 + (5b)^2 = 5^{k+2}$
 [AS a, b ARE DISTINCT POSITIVE INTEGERS, SO WOULD $5a$ AND $5b$]

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k$ IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+2$
 BUT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, SO IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL ODD POSITIVE POWERS OF 5
 AND AS THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=2$, IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR ALL EVEN POSITIVE POWERS OF 5
 \therefore THE RESULT HOLDS FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 16 (****)

Prove by induction that

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n} (e^x \cos x) = 2^{\frac{1}{2}n} e^x \cos\left(x + \frac{n\pi}{4}\right), \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

, proof

BASE CASE, $n=1$

• $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x \cos x) = e^x \cos x + e^x (-\sin x) = e^x (\cos x - \sin x)$

• R.H.S. = $2^{\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1} e^x \cos\left(x + \frac{1\pi}{4}\right) = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} e^x \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

$= \sqrt{2} e^x \left[\cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$
 $= \sqrt{2} e^x \left[\cos x \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \sin x \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$
 $= e^x [\cos x - \sin x]$
i.e. RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS

SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d^k}{dx^k} (e^x \cos x) = 2^{\frac{k}{2}} e^x \cos\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{d^k}{dx^k} (e^x \cos x) \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[2^{\frac{k}{2}} e^x \cos\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) \right]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}} (e^x \cos x) = 2^{\frac{k}{2}} \left[e^x \cos\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) - e^x \sin\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) \right]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}} (e^x \cos x) = 2^{\frac{k}{2}} e^x \left[\cos\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) - \sin\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) \right]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}} (e^x \cos x) = 2^{\frac{k}{2}} e^x \sqrt{2} \times \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) \right]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}} (e^x \cos x) = 2^{\frac{k}{2}} e^x \times 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\cos\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) - \sin\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) \right]$

$\uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \quad \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}} (e^x \cos x) = 2^{\frac{k}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} e^x \left[\cos\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) - \sin\left(x + \frac{k\pi}{4}\right) \right]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}} (e^x \cos x) = 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}} e^x \cos\left(x + \frac{(k+1)\pi}{4}\right)$

CONCLUSION

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 17 (*****)It is given that for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{7u_n + 12}{u_n + 3}, \quad u_1 = 7.$$

Prove by induction that

$$u_n > 6.$$

□, proof

$u_{n+1} = \frac{7u_n + 12}{u_n + 3}, \quad u_1 = 7$

● START BY REWRITING THE RECURSIVE RELATION AS FRACTIONS

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{7(u_n + 3) - 9}{u_n + 3} = 7 - \frac{9}{u_n + 3}$$

● SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow u_k > 6$$

$$\Rightarrow u_k + 3 > 9$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{u_k + 3} < \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9}{u_k + 3} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{9}{u_k + 3} > -1$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 - \frac{9}{u_k + 3} > 6$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{k+1} > 6$$

● IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT ALSO HOLDS FOR $k+1$
 AS THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$ ($u_1=7$), THEN IT MUST HOLD $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 18 (*****)

Prove by induction that every positive integer power of 14 can be written as the sum of squares of three distinct positive integers.

□, proof

● IF $n=1$ $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 = 14 = 14^1$, 14 RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$
 $n=2$ $4^2 + 6^2 + 12^2 = 156 = 14^2$, 14 RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=2$

● SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow 14^k = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 14^k \quad \text{WHERE } a, b, c \text{ ARE DISTINCT POSITIVE INTEGERS}$$

$$\Rightarrow 14^k (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = 14^k \times 14^k$$

$$\Rightarrow 14^{k+1} = (14a)^2 + (14b)^2 + (14c)^2 = 14^{k+2}$$

IF a, b, c ARE DISTINCT THEN $14a, 14b, 14c$ ARE ALSO DISTINCT

● IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k$, THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+2$.
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL POSITIVE INTEGERS.
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=2$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL POSITIVE INTEGERS.
 THEN THE RESULT HOLDS $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 19 (*****)

It is given that for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$U_n = \frac{2n}{2n+1} U_{n-1}, \quad U_1 = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Prove by induction that

$$U_n \leq \left(\frac{2n}{2n+1} \right)^n.$$

□, proof

BASE CASE (TO $n=1$ & $n=2$ FOR THE FIRST INEQUALITY)

IF $n=1$ $U_1 = \frac{2}{3}$ $U_1 = \frac{2 \times 1}{2 \times 1 + 1} = \frac{2}{3}$

IF $n=2$ $U_2 = \frac{4}{5} U_1$ $U_2 = \left(\frac{2 \times 2}{2 \times 2 + 1} \right)^2$

$U_2 = \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{15}$ $U_2 = \left(\frac{4}{5} \right)^2 = \frac{16}{25}$

\therefore THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$ & $n=2$.

NOW SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$

$U_k \leq \left(\frac{2k}{2k+1} \right)^k$

WE HAVE TO PROVE THAT

$U_{k+1} = \frac{2(k+1)}{2(k+1)+1} U_k = \frac{2k+2}{2k+3} U_k \leq \frac{2k+2}{2k+3} \left(\frac{2k}{2k+1} \right)^k$

NOW WE HAVE TO PROVE THAT

$\frac{2k}{2k+1} < \frac{2k+2}{2k+3}$

DEFINITION: $f(x) = \frac{2k+2}{2k+3} - \frac{2k}{2k+1}$ $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$f(x) = \frac{(2k+2)(2k+1) - 2k(2k+3)}{(2k+3)(2k+1)} = \frac{4k^2 + 4k + 2 - 4k^2 - 6k}{(2k+3)(2k+1)} = \frac{-2k + 2}{(2k+3)(2k+1)} > 0$

$f(x) > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2k+2}{2k+3} - \frac{2k}{2k+1} > 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{2k}{2k+1} < \frac{2k+2}{2k+3}$

RETURNING TO THE MAIN UNIT OF THE INDUCTION

$U_{k+1} = \dots = \frac{2k+2}{2k+3} \left(\frac{2k}{2k+1} \right)^k$

$< \frac{2k+2}{2k+3} \left(\frac{2k+2}{2k+3} \right)^k$

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

$= \left(\frac{2(k+1)}{2(k+1)+1} \right)^{k+1}$

$\therefore U_{k+1} \leq \left(\frac{2(k+1)}{2(k+1)+1} \right)^{k+1}$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR $n=k+1$

SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$, THEN THE RESULT HOLDS $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 20 (****)

Prove by induction that

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n} \left(e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x) \right) = 2^n e^x \sin\left(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{n\pi}{3}\right), \quad n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

□ P, proof

$\frac{d^1}{dx^1} [e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x)] = 2^1 e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{\pi}{3})$

- IF $n=1$ $\frac{d}{dx} [e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x)] = e^x \sin \sqrt{3}x + \sqrt{3} e^x \cos \sqrt{3}x$
 $= e^x [\sin \sqrt{3}x + \sqrt{3} \cos \sqrt{3}x]$
 $= 2e^x [\frac{1}{2} \sin \sqrt{3}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos \sqrt{3}x]$
 $= 2e^x [\sin(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{\pi}{3})]$
 $= 2e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{\pi}{3})$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1$

- SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\frac{d^k}{dx^k} [e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x)] = 2^k e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{k\pi}{3})$

DIFFERENTIATE AGAIN W.R.T x

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}} [e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x)] &= \frac{d^k}{dx^k} [e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{k\pi}{3})] + 2^k e^x \times \sqrt{3} \cos(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{k\pi}{3}) \\
 &= 2^k e^x [\sin(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{k\pi}{3}) + \sqrt{3} \cos(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{k\pi}{3})] \\
 &= 2^k e^x \times 2 [\frac{1}{2} \sin(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{k\pi}{3}) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{k\pi}{3})] \\
 &= 2^{k+1} e^x [\sin(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{k\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3})] \\
 &= 2^{k+1} e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x + \frac{(k+1)\pi}{3})
 \end{aligned}$$

IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ THE RESULT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n=k+1$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1 \Rightarrow$ THE RESULT HOLDS $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Question 21 (****)

The function $f(x)$ is defined by

$$f(x) = 2 - \frac{1}{x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0.$$

a) Prove that

$$f^n(x) = \frac{(n+1)x - n}{nx - (n-1)}, \quad n \geq 1,$$

where $f^n(x)$ denotes the n^{th} composition of $f(x)$ by itself.

b) State an expression for the domain of $f^n(x)$.

$$\boxed{}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq \frac{n-1}{n}$$

(a) • $f^1(x) = \frac{(1+1)x - 1}{1x - (1-1)} = \frac{2x-1}{x} = 2 - \frac{1}{x} = f(x)$
 • $f^2(x) = f(f(x)) = f\left(2 - \frac{1}{x}\right) = 2 - \frac{1}{2 - \frac{1}{x}} = 2 - \frac{x}{2x-1} = \frac{2x-2}{2x-1}$
 Also $f^2(x) = \frac{(2+1)x - 2}{2x - (2-1)} = \frac{3x-2}{2x-1}$ ✓ RECUR HENCE FOR $n \in \mathbb{N}$
 SUPPOSE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$
 • $f^k(x) = \frac{(k+1)x - k}{kx - (k-1)}$
 • $f^{k+1}(x) = f\left(\frac{(k+1)x - k}{kx - (k-1)}\right) = 2 - \frac{1}{\frac{(k+1)x - k}{kx - (k-1)}} = 2 - \frac{kx - (k-1)}{(k+1)x - k}$

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

 THIS IS THE RESULT FOR $n = k+1 \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ THE RESULT ALSO HOLDS FOR $n \in \mathbb{N}$
 SINCE THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=1, 2 \Rightarrow$ THE RESULT MUST HOLD FOR $n \in \mathbb{N}$
 (b) RESTRICTION IN DOMAIN OF $f(x)$ IS 'NOT ZERO'
 $\therefore 1/x - (1/x) \neq 0$
 $2 \neq \frac{1}{x-1}$
 $\therefore x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq \frac{1}{n-1}$

Question 22 (****)

Prove by induction that if $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 3$, then

$$n^{n+1} > (n+1)^n,$$

and hence deduce that if $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 3$, then

$$\sqrt[n]{n} > \sqrt[n+1]{n+1}$$

, proof

IF $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 3$ THEN $n^{n+1} > (n+1)^n$

BASE CASE, $n=3$
L.H.S. = $3^4 = 81$
R.H.S. = $4^3 = 64$
 $81 > 64$, SO THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=3$

INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS
SUPPOSE THAT THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \geq 3$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow k^{k+1} > (k+1)^k$
 $\Rightarrow k^{k+1} \cdot k^{k+2} > (k+1)^k \cdot (k+1)^{k+2}$
 $\Rightarrow k^{k+1} \cdot (k+1)^{k+2} > (k+1)^{2k+2}$
 $\Rightarrow (k+1)^{k+2} > \frac{(k+1)^{2k+2}}{k^{k+1}}$

NOW WE NEED TO SHOW THAT
 $\frac{(k+1)^{2k+2}}{k^{k+1}} > (k+2)^{k+1} \Rightarrow (k+1)^{2k+2} > k^{k+1} \cdot (k+2)^{k+1}$
 $\Rightarrow [(k+1)^2]^{k+1} > [k(k+2)]^{k+1}$
 $\Rightarrow (k+1)^2 > k(k+2)$
 $\Rightarrow k^2 + 2k + 1 > k^2 + 2k$
 $\Rightarrow 1 > 0$
WHICH HOLDS

RETURNING TO THE MAIN LINE OF THE INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS

• IF $k^{k+1} > (k+1)^k$
 $\dots \dots \dots$
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• THEN $(k+1)^{k+2} > \frac{(k+1)^{2k+2}}{k^{k+1}} > (k+2)^{k+1}$
I.E. $(k+1)^{k+2} > [(k+1)+1]^{k+1}$

CONCLUSION
IF THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, WITH $n \geq 3$ THEN IT MUST ALSO HOLD FOR $n=k+1$
AS THE RESULT HOLDS FOR $n=3$, THEN IT MUST HOLD FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$, WITH $n \geq 3$

FINALLY WE HAVE
 $n^{n+1} > (n+1)^n \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3$
 $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{n(n+1)} > \left[\frac{(n+1)}{(n+1)}\right]^{\frac{n(n+1)}{n+1}}$
 $\Rightarrow \left[\frac{n}{n+1}\right]^{n+2n} > \left[\frac{(n+1)}{(n+1)}\right]^{n+1}$
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{n} > \sqrt[n+1]{n+1}$