

8.2. Principle of Mathematical Induction

Exercises

Use Principle of Mathematical Induction and prove that

a) $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$ for all $n \in N$

b) $5^n + 2 \cdot (11^n)$ is a multiple of 3 for all $n \in N$.

c) $\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}\right) = \frac{n+2}{2n+2}$ for all $n \in N$.

d) $n^7 - 7n^5 + 14n^3 - 8n$ is divisible by 840 for all $n \in N$.

e) $2^2 + (2^2 + 4^2) + (2^2 + 4^2 + 6^2) + \dots n \text{ terms} = \frac{n(n+1)^2(n+2)}{2}$ for all $n \in N$

f) $1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3^2 + 3 \cdot 3^3 + \dots + n \cdot 3^n = \frac{(2n-1)3^{n+1}+3}{4}$ for all $n \in N$

g) $\sin\theta + \sin 2\theta + \dots + \sin(n\theta) = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)\theta \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin(\theta/2)}$ for all $n \in N$

h) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \cdot \cos(nx) dx = \frac{\pi}{2^{n+1}}$ for all $n \in N$.

i) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^2 nx}{\sin x} dx = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n-1}$ for all $n \in N$.

j) $\sum_{r=0}^n r \cdot n_{C_r} = n \cdot 2^{n-1}$ for all $n \in N$.