

Day two : Divisibility

Math Induction proof process for a given conjecture (statement):

Step 1: Show that the statement is true for an initial case, $n=1$.

Step 2: Assume that the statement is true for $n=k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Step 3: Prove that the statement is true for $n=k+1$.

Step 4: \therefore The statement is true for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Problem 1)

Using Mathematical induction, prove that $P(n): n^3 + 2n$ is divisible by 3 true for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

1) When $n=1$, $P(1) = 1^3 + 2 \cdot 1 = 3 \Rightarrow 3 = 3 \cdot 1$, $P(n)$ is divisible by 3.

2) When $n=k$, Assume $P(n)$ is divisible by 3
 $k^3 + 2k = 3 \cdot A$ where $A \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
or $k(k^2 + 2) = 3 \cdot A$

3) If $n=k+1$, $(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1)$
 $= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 2k + 2$
 $= (k^3 + 2k) + 3k^2 + 3k + 3$ ($k^3 + 2k = 3 \cdot A$ from step 2)
 $= 3 \cdot A + 3(k^2 + k + 1)$

4) $\therefore P(n)$ is divisible by 3 for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Problem 2)

Using Mathematical induction, prove $5^n - 1$ is evenly divisible by 4 for all $n \geq 1$.

1) When $n=1$, $5-1=4=4 \cdot 1$, $5^n - 1$ is divisible by 4 for $n=1$.

2) When $n=k$, Assume $5^n - 1$ is divisible by 4.
 $5^n - 1 = 4 \cdot A$ where $A \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

3) If $n=k+1$, $5^{k+1} - 1$
 $= 5 \cdot 5^k - 1$
 $= 5 \cdot 5^k - 5 + 4$
 $= 5(5^k - 1) + 4$
 $= 5(4 \cdot A) + 4$

$\rightarrow 20 \cdot A + 4$
 $= 4 [5A + 1]$
4) $\therefore 5^n - 1$ is divisible by 4 for all $n \geq 1$.

IB Questions) Do on separate paper

1.

Use the method of mathematical induction to prove that $5^{2n} - 24n - 1$ is divisible by 576 for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

2.

Prove, by mathematical induction, that $7^{8n+3} + 2$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, is divisible by 5.

3.

Using Mathematical induction, prove $10^n + 3 \cdot 4^{n+2} + 5$ is evenly divisible by 9 for all $n \geq 1$.

#1.

1) When $n=1$

$$\begin{aligned} 5^{2-24-1} &= 0 \\ 0 &= 576 \cdot 0 \end{aligned}$$

So the statement is true for $n=1$

2) When $n=k$

Assume $5^{2k} - 24k - 1 = 576 \cdot A$ where $A \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

3) If $n=k+1$

$$\begin{aligned} &5^{2(k+1)} - 24(k+1) - 1 \\ &= 25 \cdot 5^{2k} - 24k - 24 - 1 \\ &= 25 \cdot 5^{2k} - 25(24k) - 25 + 24(24k) \\ &= 25 [5^{2k} - 24k - 1] + 576k \\ &= 25 \cdot [576 \cdot A] + 576k \end{aligned}$$

4) $\therefore 5^{2n} - 24n - 1$ is divisible by 576 for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

#2.

1) When $n=1$

$$\begin{aligned} 7^{8+3} + 2 &= 7^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 7^3 + 2 \\ &= 49 \cdot 49 \cdot 49 \cdot 49 \cdot 7 \\ &= (\dots 1)(\dots 3) + 2 = \dots 5 \end{aligned}$$

2) When $n=k$

Assume $7^{8k+3} + 2 = 5 \cdot A$ where $A \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

3) If $n=k+1$

$$\begin{aligned} &7^{8(k+1)+3} + 2 \\ &= 7^{8k+8+3} + 2 \\ &= 7^8 [7^{8k+3}] + 2 \\ &= 7^8 [7^8 \cdot 7^k \cdot 7^3] + 2 \Rightarrow \dots 3 + 2 = \dots 5 \\ &\text{one's digit is } 3 \Rightarrow \text{will have one's digit } 5. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore 7^{8n+3} + 2$ is always divisible by 5 for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

36
8
49
4 49
441
306
2501

#3. $E(n) = 10^n + 3 \cdot 4^{n+2} + 5$

1) When $n=1$ $10 + 3 \cdot 4^3 + 5 = 20719$ is divisible by 9.

2) When $n=k \Rightarrow$ Assume $10^k + 3 \cdot 4^{k+2} + 5 = 9 \cdot m$ where $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

$$\begin{aligned} 3) \text{ If } n=k+1 \Rightarrow &10^{k+1} + 3 \cdot 4^{k+3} + 5 = 10 \cdot 10^k + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 4^{k+2} + 5 \\ &= 10(10^k + 3 \cdot 4^{k+2} + 5) - 18 \cdot 4^{k+2} - 45 \\ &= (10)(9 \cdot m) - 9(2 \cdot 4^{k+2} + 5) \end{aligned}$$

4) $\therefore E(n)$ is divisible by 9 for $n \geq 1$.