

## 1. Details of Module and its structure

Module Detail	
Subject Name	Mathematics
Course Name	Mathematics 01 (Class XI, Semester - 1)
Module Name/Title	Principle of Mathematical Induction - Part 2
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Pre-requisites	Knowledge about Mathematical Inductions.
Objectives	After going through this lesson, the learners will be able to understand the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Principle of Mathematical Induction</li><li>● Examples of Mathematical Induction</li></ul>
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**Example 1: Prove by mathematical induction  $2n+1 < 2^n$ , for all natural numbers  $n \geq 3$  .**

**Solution:**

Let  $P(n)$  be the given statement, i.e.,

$P(n): 2n+1 < 2^n$  for  $n \geq 3$

For  $n = 3$ ,  $P(3): 2 \times 3 + 1 < 2^3$

i.e.,  $7 < 8$ , which is true

Assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some positive integer  $k$ , i.e.,

$P(k) : (2k+1) < 2^k + \text{_____}$  (1)

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, i.e.,

$P(k+1): 2(k+1) + 1 < 2^{k+1} \text{_____}$  (2)

Now,  $2(k+1)+1 = 2k+3$

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

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

Hence,  $2(k+1) + 1 < 2^{k+1}$

Thus,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence, from the principle of mathematical induction, the statement  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n$ .

**Example 2: Prove by induction, that  $x^{2n} - y^{2n}$  is divisible by  $(x+y)$  where  $x, y$  are distinct real numbers for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .**

**Solution:**

Let  $P(n)$  be the given statement, i.e.,

$P(n): x^{2n} - y^{2n}$  is divisible by  $(x+y)$

$P(1): x^2 - y^2 = (x-y)(x+y)$  which is divisible by  $(x+y)$

Hence  $P(1)$  is true.

Assume that  $P(k)$  is true, i.e.,

$P(k): x^{2k} - y^{2k}$  is divisible by  $(x+y)$ \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, i.e.,

$P(k+1): x^{2(k+1)} - y^{2(k+1)}$  is divisible by  $(x+y)$ \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

Now, let us consider the expression:  $x^{2k} x^2 - y^{2k} y^2$

$$= x^{2k} x^2 - y^{2k} x^2 + y^{2k} x^2 - y^{2k} y^2$$

$$= x^2 (x^{2k} - y^{2k}) + y^{2k}(x-y)(x+y)$$

Since, the expression  $x^2 (x^{2k} - y^{2k})$  is divisible by  $(x+y)$  [using (1)] and  $y^{2k}(x-y)(x+y)$  is divisible by  $(x+y)$ , therefore,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true

Hence, by principle of mathematical induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Example 3: By mathematical induction, prove that  $\frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{7n}{15}$  is a positive integer for all**

**$n \in \mathbb{N}$ .**

**Solution:**

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement:  $\frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{7n}{15}$  is a positive integer

$$P(1): \frac{1^5}{5} + \frac{1^3}{3} + \frac{7 \times 1}{15} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{7}{15} = 1 \text{ which is a positive integer}$$

Hence  $P(1)$  is true.

Assume that  $P(k)$  is true i.e.,

$$P(k) = \frac{k^5}{5} + \frac{k^3}{3} + \frac{7k}{15} \text{ is a positive integer} \quad \text{---(1)}$$

We shall now prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true, i.e.,

$$P(k) = \frac{(K+1)^5}{5} + \frac{(K+1)^3}{3} + \frac{7(K+1)}{15} \text{ is a positive integer.}$$

Now, let us consider the expression,  $\frac{(K+1)^5}{5} + \frac{(K+1)^3}{3} + \frac{7(K+1)}{15}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{k^5 + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k + 1}{5} + \frac{k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1}{3} + \frac{7k + 7}{15} \\ &= \left( \frac{k^5}{5} + \frac{k^3}{3} + \frac{7k}{15} \right) + (k^4 + 2k^3 + 2k^2 + k + k^2 + k) + \left( \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{7}{15} \right) \end{aligned}$$

= a positive integer + a positive integer + 1 [using (1)]

= a positive integer i.e.,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true

Hence, by principle of mathematical induction,  $P(n)$  is true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Example 4: Prove by the principle of mathematical induction,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .**

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

**Solution:**

$$P(n) = 1 + \frac{1}{1+2} + \frac{1}{1+2+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots+n} = \frac{2n}{n+1}$$

$$P(1) = \frac{2 \times 1}{1+1} = 1, \text{ which is true.}$$

Assume that  $P(k)$  is true, i.e.,

$$P(k) = 1 + \frac{1}{1+2} + \frac{1}{1+2+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots+k} = \frac{2k}{k+1} \quad (1)$$

We shall now prove  $P(k+1)$  is true, i.e.,

$$P(k+1) = 1 + \frac{1}{1+2} + \frac{1}{1+2+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots+k}$$

$$\frac{+1}{1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1)} = \frac{2k}{k+1} + \frac{1}{\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}} \quad [\text{using (1)}]$$

$$= \frac{2}{k+1} \left[ k + \frac{1}{k+2} \right] = \frac{2}{k+1} \left[ \frac{k^2 + 2k + 1}{k+2} \right]$$

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

Thus,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence, by principle of mathematical induction,  $P(k)$  is true.

**Example 5: prove by the principle of mathematical induction,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$**

$\mathbb{N}$

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

**Solution:**

Let  $P(n)$  be the given statement i.e.,

$$P(n): \sin \sin \theta + \sin \sin 2\theta + \sin \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin \sin n\theta = \frac{\sin \sin \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)\theta \sin \sin \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$P(1): \sin \sin \theta = \frac{\sin \sin \left(\frac{1+1}{2}\right)\theta \sin \sin \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} = \sin \sin \theta, \text{ which is true}$$

Assume that  $P(k)$  is true i.e.,

$$P(n): \sin \sin \theta + \sin \sin 2\theta + \sin \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin \sin k\theta = \frac{\sin \sin \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)\theta \sin \sin \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

We shall now prove  $P(k+1)$  is true, i.e.,

$$P(n): \sin \sin \theta + \sin \sin 2\theta + \sin \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin \sin k\theta + \sin \sin (k+1)\theta =$$

$$\frac{\sin \sin \left(\frac{k+2}{2}\right)\theta \sin \sin \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \quad \text{---(2)}$$

Now let us consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta + \sin \sin 2\theta + \sin \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin \sin k\theta + \sin \sin (k+1)\theta \\ &= \frac{\sin \sin \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)\theta \sin \sin \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} + 2 \sin \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)\theta \cos \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)\theta \quad [\text{using (1)}] \\ &= \frac{\sin \sin \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \left[ \sin \sin \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)\theta + 2 \sin \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)\theta \right] \\ &= \frac{\sin \sin \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)\theta}{\sin \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \left[ \sin \sin \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)\theta + \frac{k\theta}{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\sin \sin \left( \frac{k+1}{2} \right) \theta \sin \left( \frac{k+2}{2} \right) \theta}{\sin \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} = \text{RHS}$$

Thus,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence, by principle of mathematical induction,  $P(n)$  is true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Example 6: Use mathematical induction to prove**

$$\lfloor n < \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)^n, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } n > 1$$

**Solution:**

Let  $P(n)$  be the given statement, i.e.,

$$P(n): \lfloor n < \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)^n$$

Now,  $P(2): \lfloor 2 < \left( \frac{2+1}{2} \right)^2$  i.e.,  $2 < \frac{9}{4}$  which is true.

Assume that  $P(k)$  is true i.e.,

$$P(n): \lfloor k < \left( \frac{k+1}{2} \right)^k \text{ _____ (1)}$$

We shall now prove  $P(k+1)$  is true, i.e.,

$$P(k): \lfloor k+1 < \left( \frac{k+2}{2} \right)^{k+1} \text{ _____ (2)}$$

Now,  $\lfloor k+1 = (k+1) \lfloor k < (k+1) \left( \frac{k+1}{2} \right)^k = \frac{(k+1)^{k+1}}{2^k}$

$$\lfloor k+1 < \frac{(k+1)^{k+1}}{2^k} \text{ _____ (3)}$$

By binomial theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{k+1} \right)^{k+1} &= 1 + (k+1) \frac{1}{k+1} + \dots \\ \implies \left( \frac{k+2}{k+1} \right)^{k+1} &> 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \frac{(k+2)^{k+1}}{(k+1)^{k+1}} > \frac{2 \times 2^k}{2^k}$$

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

$$\implies \frac{(k+1)^{k+1}}{2^k} < \left(\frac{k+2}{2}\right)^{k+1} \quad \text{_____ (4)}$$

From (3) and (4)

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

Thus,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence, by principle of mathematical induction  $P(k)$  is true.