

## EXERCISE

### SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

**Q1.** Give an example of a statement  $P(n)$  which is true for all  $n \geq 4$  but  $P(1)$ ,  $P(2)$  and  $P(3)$  are not true. Justify your answer.

**Sol.** The required statement is  $P(n) = 2n < n!$

Justification:  $P(n) : 2n < n!$

$$P(1) : 2.1 < 1! \Rightarrow 2 < 1 \text{ not true}$$

$$P(2) : 2.2 < 2! \Rightarrow 4 < 2.1 \Rightarrow 4 < 2 \text{ not true}$$

$$P(3) : 2.3 < 3! \Rightarrow 6 < 3.2.1 \Rightarrow 6 < 6 \text{ not true}$$

$$P(4) : 2.4 < 4! \Rightarrow 8 < 4.3.2.1 \Rightarrow 8 < 24 \text{ True}$$

$$P(5) : 2.5 < 5! \Rightarrow 10 < 5.4.3.2.1 \Rightarrow 10 < 120 \text{ True}$$

Hence,  $P(n) = 2n < n!$  is not true for  $P(1)$ ,  $P(2)$  and  $P(3)$  but it is true for all values of  $n \geq 4$ .

**Q2.** Give an example of a statement  $P(n)$  which is true for all  $n$ . Justify your answer.

**Sol.** The required statement is

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

Justification:  $P(1) :$

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

$P(k) :$

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} . \text{ Let it be true.}$$

$P(k+1) : 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k + (k+1)$

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

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

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

**Prove each of the statements in Exercise 3 to 6 by the principle of Mathematical Induction.**

**Q3.**  $4^n - 1$  is divisible by 3, for each natural number  $n$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : 4^n - 1$

**Step 1:**  $P(1) = 4 - 1 = 3$  which is divisible by 3, so it is true.

**Step 2:**  $P(2) = 4^2 - 1 = 3\lambda$ . Let it be true.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 3: } P(k+1) &= 4^{k+1} - 1 \\ &= 4^k \cdot 4 - 1 = 4 \cdot 4^k - 4 + 3 = 4(4^k - 1) + 3 \\ &= 4(3\lambda) + 3 \quad \text{(from Step 2)} \\ &= 3[4\lambda + 1] \text{ which is true as it is divisible by 3.} \end{aligned}$$

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

**Q4.**  $2^{3n} - 1$  is divisible by 7, for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : 2^{3n} - 1$

$$\text{Step 1: } P(1) = 2^{3 \cdot 1} - 1 = 8 - 1 = 7 \text{ which is divisible by 7.}$$

So,  $P(1)$  is true.

$$\text{Step 2: } P(k) = 2^{3k} - 1 = 7\lambda. \text{ Let it be true.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 3: } P(k+1) &= 2^{3(k+1)} - 1 \\ &= 2^{3k+3} - 1 = 2^3 \cdot 2^{3k} - 8 + 7 = 8 \cdot 2^{3k} - 8 + 7 \\ &= 8(2^{3k} - 1) + 7 \quad \text{(from Step 2)} \\ &= 8 \cdot 7\lambda + 7 \\ &= 7(8\lambda + 1) \text{ which is true as it is divisible by 7} \end{aligned}$$

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

**Q5.**  $n^3 - 7n + 3$  is divisible by 3, for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : n^3 - 7n + 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 1: } P(1) &= (1)^3 - 7(1) + 3 \\ &= 1 - 7 + 3 = -3 \text{ which is divisible by 3.} \end{aligned}$$

So, it is true for  $P(1)$ .

$$\text{Step 2: } P(k) : k^3 - 7k + 3 = 3\lambda. \text{ Let it be true.}$$

$$\Rightarrow k^3 = 3\lambda + 7k - 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 3: } P(k+1) &= (k+1)^3 - 7(k+1) + 3 \\ &= k^3 + 1 + 3k^2 + 3k - 7k - 7 + 3 \\ &= k^3 + 3k^2 - 4k - 3 \\ &= (3\lambda + 7k - 3) + 3k^2 - 4k - 3 \quad \text{(from Step 2)} \\ &= 3k^2 + 3k + 3\lambda - 6 \\ &= 3(k^2 + k + \lambda - 2) \text{ which is divisible by 3.} \end{aligned}$$

So it is true for  $P(k+1)$ .

Hence,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever it is true for  $P(k)$ .

**Q6.**  $3^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 8, for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : 3^{2n} - 1$

$$\text{Step 1: } P(1) : 3^2 - 1 = 9 - 1 = 8 \text{ which is divisible by 8.}$$

So, it is true for  $P(1)$ .

$$\text{Step 2: } P(k) = 3^{2k} - 1 = 8\lambda. \text{ Let it be true.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 3: } P(k+1) &= 3^{2(k+1)} - 1 \\ &= 3^{2k+2} - 1 = 3^2 \cdot 3^{2k} - 9 + 8 = 9(3^{2k} - 1) + 8 \\ &= 9 \cdot 8\lambda + 8 \quad \text{(from Step 2)} \\ &= 8[9\lambda + 1] \text{ which is divisible by 8.} \end{aligned}$$

So it is true for  $P(k+1)$ .

Hence,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever it is true for  $P(k)$ .

**Q7.** For any natural number  $n$ ,  $7^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 5.

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : 7^n - 2^n$

**Step 1:**  $P(1) : 7^1 - 2^1 = 5$  which is divisible by 5.

So it is true for  $P(1)$ .

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : 7^k - 2^k = 5\lambda$ . Let it be true for  $P(k)$ .

**Step 3:**  $P(k+1) = 7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}$   
 $= 7^{k+1} + 7^k \cdot 2 - 7^k \cdot 2 - 2^{k+1}$   
 $= (7^{k+1} - 7^k \cdot 2) + 7^k \cdot 2 - 2^{k+1}$   
 $= 7^k(7 - 2) + 2 \cdot (7^k - 2^k)$   
 $= 5 \cdot 7^k + 2 \cdot 5\lambda$  (from Step 2)  
 $= 5(7^k + 2\lambda)$  which is divisible by 5.

So, it is true for  $P(k+1)$ .

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

**Q8.** For any natural number  $n$ ,  $x^n - y^n$  is divisible by  $x - y$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are any integers with  $x \neq y$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : x^n - y^n$

**Step 1:**  $P(1) : x^1 - y^1 = x - y$  which is divisible by  $x - y$ .

So  $P(1)$  is true.

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : x^k - y^k = (x - y)\lambda$ . Let it be true.

**Step 3:**  $P(k+1) = x^{k+1} - y^{k+1} = x^{k+1} - x^k y - x^k y - y^{k+1}$   
 $= (x^{k+1} - x^k y) + (x^k y - y^{k+1})$   
 $= x^k(x - y) + y(x^k - y^k)$   
 $= x^k(x - y) + y \cdot (x - y)\lambda$  (from Step 2)  
 $= (x - y)(x^k + y\lambda)$  which is divisible by  $(x - y)$ .

So, it is true for  $P(k+1)$ .

**Q9.**  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 6, for each natural number  $n \geq 2$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : n^3 - n$

**Step 1:**  $P(2) : 2^3 - 2 = 6$  which is divisible by 6. So it is true for  $P(2)$ .

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : k^3 - k = 6\lambda$ . Let it be true for  $k \geq 2$

$\Rightarrow k^3 = 6\lambda + k$  ... (i)

**Step 3:**  $P(k+1) = (k+1)^3 - (k+1)$   
 $= k^3 + 1 + 3k^2 + 3k - k - 1$   
 $= k^3 - k + 3(k^2 + k)$   
 $= 6\lambda + 3(k^2 + k)$  [from (i)]

We know that  $3(k^2 + k)$  is divisible by 6 for every value of  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Hence  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

**Q10.**  $n(n^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6, for each natural number  $n$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : n(n^2 + 5)$

**Step 1:**  $P(1) : 1(1 + 5) = 6$  which is divisible by 6. So it is true for  $P(1)$ .

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : k(k^2 + 5) = 6\lambda$ . Let it be true.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow k^3 + 5k &= 6\lambda \\ \Rightarrow k^3 &= 6\lambda - 5k \end{aligned} \quad \dots(i)$$

**Step 3:**  $P(k+1) = (k+1)[(k+1)^2 + 5]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (k+1)[k^2 + 1 + 2k + 5] \\ &= (k+1)[k^2 + 2k + 6] \\ &= k^3 + 2k^2 + 6k + k^2 + 2k + 6 \\ &= k^3 + 3k^2 + 8k + 6 \\ &= k^3 + 5k + 3k^2 + 3k + 6 \\ &= 6\lambda - 5k + 5k + 3(k^2 + k + 2) \quad [\text{From (i)}] \\ &= 6\lambda + 3(k^2 + k + 2) \end{aligned}$$

We know that  $k^2 + k + 2$  is divisible by 2 for each value of  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , so, let  $k^2 + k + 2 = 2m$ .

So  $P(k+1) = 6\lambda + 3.2m = 6(\lambda + m)$  which is divisible by 6. Hence,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

**Q11.**  $n^2 < 2^n$ , for all natural numbers  $n \geq 5$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : n^2 < 2^n$  for all natural numbers,  $n \geq 5$

**Step 1:**  $P(5) : 1^5 < 2^5 \Rightarrow 1 < 32$  which true for  $P(5)$ .

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : k^2 < 2^k$ . Let it be true for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Step 3:**  $P(k+1) : (k+1)^2 < 2^{k+1}$

From Step 2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &k^2 < 2^k \\ \Rightarrow k^2 + 2k + 1 &< 2^k + 2k + 1 \\ \Rightarrow (k+1)^2 &< 2^k + 2k + 1 \end{aligned} \quad \dots(i)$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} &(2k+1) < 2^k \\ \text{So } k^2 + 2k + 1 &< 2^k + 2^k \\ \Rightarrow k^2 + 2k + 1 &< 2.2^k \\ \Rightarrow k^2 + 2k + 1 &< 2^{k+1} \end{aligned} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From eqn. (i) and (ii), we get  $(k+1)^2 < 2^{k+1}$ .

Hence,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 5$ .

**Q12.**  $2n < (n+2)!$  for all natural number  $n$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : 2n < (n+2)!$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Step 1:**  $P(1) : 2.1 < (1+2)!$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2 &< 3! \Rightarrow 2 < 6 \text{ which is true for } P(1) \\ &(\because 3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6) \end{aligned}$$

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : 2k < (k+2)!$ . Let it be true for  $P(k)$

**Step 3:**  $P(k+1) : 2(k+1) < (k+1+2)!$

Since  $2k < (k+2)!$  (from Step 2)

$$\Rightarrow 2k + 2 < (k+2)! + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(k+1) < (k+2)! + 2$$

Also,  $(k+2)! + 2 < (k+3)!$

$$\therefore 2(k+1) < (k+3)!$$

$\Rightarrow 2(k+1) < (k+2+1)!$  which is true for  $P(k+1)$   
Hence,  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

**Q13.**  $\sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  for all natural numbers  $n \geq 2$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n)$ :  $\sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \forall n \geq 2$

**Step 1:**  $P(2)$ :  $\sqrt{2} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  which is true.

**Step 2:**  $P(k)$ :  $\sqrt{k} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$ . Let it be true.

**Step 3:**  $P(k+1)$ :  $\sqrt{k+1} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$   
From Step 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{k} &< \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{k} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} &< \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{k} \cdot \sqrt{k+1} + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} &< \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \quad \dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now if } \sqrt{k+1} &< \frac{\sqrt{k} \cdot \sqrt{k+1} + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \\ \Rightarrow (k+1) &< \sqrt{k} \cdot \sqrt{k+1} + 1 \\ \Rightarrow k &< \sqrt{k} \cdot \sqrt{k+1} \quad \dots(ii) \end{aligned}$$

From eqn. (i) and (ii) we get

$$\sqrt{k+1} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

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

**Q14.**  $2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n = n^2 + n$ , for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n)$ :  $2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n = n^2 + n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Step 1:**  $P(1)$ :  $2 = 1^2 + 1 = 2$   
which is true for  $P(1)$

**Step 2:**  $P(k)$ :  $2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2k = k^2 + k$ . Let it be true.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 3: } P(k+1) : 2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2k + 2k + 2 \\ &= k^2 + k + 2k + 2 = k^2 + 3k + 2 \\ &= k^2 + 2k + k + 1 + 1 \\ &= (k+1)^2 + (k+1) \end{aligned}$$

Which is true for  $P(k+1)$

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

**Q15.**  $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$  for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$P(n) : 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

**Step 1:**  $P(1) = 2^0 = 2^{0+1} - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1 = 2^0$  which is true.

**Step 2:**  $P(k) = 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 1$ . Let it be true.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 3: } P(k+1) &= 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^k + 2^{k+1} \\ &= 2^{k+1} - 1 + 2^{k+1} = 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} - 1 = 2^{k+2} - 1 \\ &= 2^{(k+1)+1} - 1 \text{ which is true for } P(k+1) \end{aligned}$$

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

**Q16.**  $1 + 5 + 9 + \dots + (4n - 3) = n(2n - 1)$ , for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : 1 + 5 + 9 + \dots + (4n - 3) = n(2n - 1), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Step 1:**  $P(1) : 1 = 1(2 \cdot 1 - 1) = 1$  which is true for  $P(1)$

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : 1 + 5 + 9 + \dots + (4k - 3) = k(2k - 1)$ . Let it be true.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 3: } P(k+1) &: 1 + 5 + 9 + \dots + (4k - 3) + (4k + 1) \\ &= k(2k - 1) + (4k + 1) = 2k^2 - k + 4k + 1 \\ &= 2k^2 + 3k + 1 = 2k^2 + 2k + k + 1 \\ &= 2k(k + 1) + 1(k + 1) = (2k + 1)(k + 1) \\ &= (k + 1)(2k + 2 - 1) = (k + 1)[2(k + 1) - 1] \end{aligned}$$

Which is true for  $P(k+1)$ .

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

**Q17.** A sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  is defined by letting  $a_1 = 3$  and  $a_k = 7a_{k-1}$  for all natural numbers  $k \geq 2$ . Show that  $a_n = 3 \cdot 7^{n-1}$  for all natural numbers.

**Sol.** Given that:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 3 \\ a_2 &= 7a_{2-1} = 7 \cdot a_1 = 7 \cdot 3 = 21 \\ a_3 &= 7 \cdot a_{3-1} = 7 \cdot a_2 = 7 \cdot 21 = 147 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $P(n) : a_n = 3 \cdot 7^{n-1}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Step 1:**  $P(2) : a_2 = 3 \cdot 7^{2-1} = 21 \Rightarrow 21 = 21$  which is true for  $P(2)$ .

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : a_k = 3 \cdot 7^{k-1}$ . Let it be true.

**Step 3:**  $a_k = 7a_{k-1}$  (given)

Put  $k = k + 1$

$$a_{k+1} = 7a_k = 7(3 \cdot 7^{k-1}) = 3 \cdot 7^{k+1-1} = 3 \cdot 7^{(k+1)-1}$$

which is true for  $P(k+1)$

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

**Q18.** A sequence  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$  is defined by letting  $b_0 = 5$  and  $b_k = 4 + b_{k-1}$  for all natural numbers  $k$ . Show that  $b_n = 5 + 4n$  for all natural number  $n$  using Mathematical Induction.

**Sol.** We have  $b_0 = 5$  and  $b_k = 4 + b_{k-1}$

$$\Rightarrow b_0 = 5, b_1 = 4 + b_0 = 4 + 5 = 9 \text{ and } b_2 = 4 + b_1 = 4 + 9 = 13$$

Let  $P(n) : b_n = 5 + 4n$

**Step 1:**  $P(1) : b_1 = 5 + 4 = 9 \Rightarrow 9 = 9$  which is true.

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : b_k = 5 + 4k$ . Let it be true  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

**Step 3:** Given that:

$$\begin{aligned} & P(k) = 4 + b_{k-1} \\ \Rightarrow & P(k+1) = 4 + b_{k+1-1} \\ \Rightarrow & P(k+1) = 4 + b_k = 4 + 5 + 4k \\ \Rightarrow & P(k+1) = 5 + 4(k+1) \text{ which is true for } P(k+1) \end{aligned}$$

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

**Q19.** A sequence  $d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots$  is defined by letting  $d_1 = 2$  and  $d_k = \frac{d_{k-1}}{k}$  for all natural numbers  $k \geq 2$ . Show that  $d_n = \frac{2}{n!}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Sol.** Given that:  $d_1 = 2$  and  $d_k = \frac{d_{k-1}}{k}$

Let  $P(n) : d_n = \frac{2}{n!}$

**Step 1:**  $P(1) : d_1 = \frac{2}{1!} = 2$  which is true for  $P(1)$ .

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : d_k = \frac{2}{k!}$ . Let it be true for  $P(k)$ .

**Step 3:** Given that:  $d_k = \frac{d_{k-1}}{k}$

$$\therefore d_{k+1} = \frac{d_{k+1-1}}{k+1} = \frac{d_k}{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{k+1} = \frac{1}{k+1} \cdot d_k = \frac{1}{k+1} \cdot \frac{2}{k!}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{k+1} = \frac{2}{(k+1)!} \text{ Which is true for } P(k+1)$$

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

**Q20.** Prove that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\cos \alpha + \cos (\alpha + \beta) + \cos (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos (\alpha + (n-1)\beta)$$

$$= \frac{\cos \left[ \alpha + \left( \frac{n-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \sin \left[ \frac{n\beta}{2} \right]}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : \cos \alpha + \cos (\alpha + \beta) + \cos (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos [\alpha + (n-1)\beta]$

$$= \frac{\cos \left[ \alpha + \left( \frac{n-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \left[ \sin \frac{n\beta}{2} \right]}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$\text{Step 1: } P(1) : \cos \alpha = \frac{(\cos \alpha) \left( \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \right)}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} = \cos \alpha$$

which is true for P(1)

$$\text{Step 2: } P(k) : \cos \alpha + \cos (\alpha + \beta) + \cos (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos [\alpha + (k-1)\beta]$$

$$= \frac{\cos \left[ \alpha + \left( \frac{k-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \sin \left( \frac{k\beta}{2} \right)}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}}. \text{ Let it be true.}$$

$$\text{Step 3: } P(k+1) : \cos \alpha + \cos (\alpha + \beta) + \cos (\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos [\alpha + (k-1)\beta]$$

$$+ \cos [\alpha + (k+1-1)\beta]$$

$$= \frac{\cos \left[ \alpha + \left( \frac{k-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \sin \left( \frac{k\beta}{2} \right)}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} + \cos (\alpha + k\beta) \quad (\text{from Step 2})$$

$$= \frac{2 \cos \left[ \alpha + \left( \frac{k-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \sin \left( \frac{k\beta}{2} \right) + 2 \cos (\alpha + k\beta) \cdot \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sin \left[ \alpha + k\beta - \frac{\beta}{2} \right] - \sin \left[ \alpha - \frac{\beta}{2} \right] + \sin \left[ \alpha + k\beta + \frac{\beta}{2} \right] - \sin \left[ \alpha + k\beta - \frac{\beta}{2} \right]}{2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

[ $\because 2 \cos A \sin B = \sin (A+B) - \sin (A-B)$ ]

$$= \frac{\sin \left[ \alpha + k\beta + \frac{\beta}{2} \right] - \sin \left( \alpha - \frac{\beta}{2} \right)}{2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cos \left( \alpha + \frac{k\beta}{2} \right) \sin (k+1) \frac{\beta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$\left[ \because \sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{A-B}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\cos \left( \alpha + \frac{k\beta}{2} \right) \cdot \sin (k+1) \frac{\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\cos \left[ \alpha + \left( \frac{k+1-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \sin \left( \frac{k+1}{2} \right) \beta}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} \text{ which is true for } P(k+1)$$

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

**Q21.** Prove that:  $\cos \theta \cdot \cos 2\theta \cdot \cos 2^2\theta \dots \cos 2^{n-1}\theta = \frac{\sin 2^n \theta}{2^n \sin \theta}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : \cos \theta \cdot \cos 2\theta \cdot \cos 2^2\theta \dots \cos 2^{n-1}\theta = \frac{\sin 2^n \theta}{2^n \sin \theta}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\text{Step 1: } P(1) : \cos \theta = \frac{\sin 2^1 \theta}{2^1 \sin \theta} = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2 \sin \theta} = \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{2 \sin \theta} = \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \cos \theta \text{ which is true for } P(1)$$

$$\text{Step 2: } P(k) : \cos \theta \cdot \cos 2\theta \cdot \cos 2^2\theta \dots \cos 2^{k-1}\theta = \frac{\sin 2^k \theta}{2^k \sin \theta}$$

Let it be true for  $P(k)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 3: } P(k+1) : \cos \theta \cdot \cos 2\theta \cdot \cos 2^2\theta \dots \cos 2^{k-1}\theta \cdot \cos 2^{(k+1)-1}\theta \\ &= \frac{\sin 2^k \theta}{2^k \sin \theta} \cdot \cos 2^{(k+1)-1}\theta = \frac{\sin 2^k \theta}{2^k \sin \theta} \cdot \cos 2^k \theta \\ &= \frac{2 \sin 2^k \theta \cdot \cos 2^k \theta}{2 \cdot 2^k \sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin 2 \cdot 2^k \theta}{2^{k+1} \sin \theta} \quad [\because 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \sin 2\theta] \\ &= \frac{\sin 2^{k+1}\theta}{2^{k+1} \sin \theta} \text{ which is true for } P(k+1). \end{aligned}$$

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

**Q22.** Prove that  $\sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin n\theta$

$$= \frac{\sin \frac{n\theta}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{(n+1)\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin n\theta$

$$= \frac{\sin \frac{n\theta}{2} \cdot \sin \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) \theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$\text{Step 1: } P(1) : \sin \theta = \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \sin \left( \frac{1+1}{2} \right) \theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \sin \theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} = \sin \theta$$

$\therefore \sin \theta = \sin \theta$  which is true for P(1).

**Step 2:** P(k) :  $\sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin k\theta$

$$= \frac{\sin \frac{k\theta}{2} \cdot \sin \left( \frac{k+1}{2} \theta \right)}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}. \text{ Let it be true for P(k).}$$

**Step 3:** P(k + 1):  $\sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin (k + 1)\theta$

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \because \cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{(A+B)}{2} \sin \frac{(A-B)}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{-2 \sin \left( \frac{k\theta + 2\theta}{2} \right) \cdot \sin \left( \frac{-k\theta - \theta}{2} \right)}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \\ &= \frac{\sin \left( \frac{k\theta + 2\theta}{2} \right) \cdot \sin \left( \frac{k\theta + \theta}{2} \right)}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \\ &= \frac{\sin \left[ \frac{(k+1)\theta}{2} \right] \cdot \sin \left[ \frac{(k+1)\theta}{2} \right]}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \text{ which is true for } P(k+1). \end{aligned}$$

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

**Q23.** Show that:  $\frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{7n}{15}$  is a natural number for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : \frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{7n}{15}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Step 1:**  $P(1) : \frac{1^5}{5} + \frac{1^3}{3} + \frac{7 \cdot 1}{15} = \frac{3+5+7}{15} = \frac{15}{15} = 1 \in \mathbb{N}$

Which is true for  $P(1)$ .

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : \frac{k^5}{5} + \frac{k^3}{3} + \frac{7k}{15}$ . Let it be true for  $P(k)$  and let  $\frac{k^5}{5} + \frac{k^3}{3} + \frac{7k}{15} = \lambda$ .

**Step 3:**  $P(k+1) = \frac{(k+1)^5}{5} + \frac{(k+1)^3}{3} + \frac{7(k+1)}{15}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{5} [k^5 + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k + 1] + \frac{1}{3} [k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1] \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad + \frac{7}{15}k + \frac{7}{15} \\ &= \left( \frac{k^5}{5} + \frac{k^3}{3} + \frac{7k}{15} \right) + (k^4 + 2k^3 + 3k^2 + 2k) + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{7}{15} \\ &= \lambda + k^4 + 2k^3 + 3k^2 + 2k + 1 \qquad\qquad\qquad \text{[from Step 2]} \\ &= \text{positive integers} = \text{natural number} \end{aligned}$$

Which is true for  $P(k+1)$ .

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

**Q24.** Prove that:  $\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} > \frac{13}{24}$  for all natural numbers,  $n > 1$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} > \frac{13}{24}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Step 1:**  $P(2) : \frac{1}{2+1} + \frac{1}{2+2} > \frac{13}{24} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} > \frac{13}{24}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{7}{12} > \frac{13}{24} \Rightarrow \frac{14}{24} > \frac{13}{24}$  which is true for  $P(2)$ .

**Step 2:**  $P(k) : \frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k} > \frac{13}{24}$ . Let it be true for  $P(k)$ .

**Step 3:**  $P(k+1) : \frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k} + \frac{1}{2(k+1)} > \frac{13}{24}$

Since  $\frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k} > \frac{13}{24}$

So  $\frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k} + \frac{1}{2(k+1)} > \frac{13}{24}$

Which is true for  $P(k+1)$ .

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

**Q25.** Prove that number of subsets of a set containing  $n$  distinct elements is  $2^n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $P(n)$  : Number of subsets of a set containing  $n$  distinct elements is  $2^n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Step 1:** It is clear that  $P(1)$  is true for  $n = 1$ . Number of subsets =  $2^1 = 2$ . Which is true.

**Step 2:**  $P(k)$  is assumed to be true for  $n = k$ . Since the number of subsets =  $2^k$ .

**Step 3:**  $P(k+1) = 2^{k+1}$

We know that if one number (*i.e.*, element) is added to the elements of a given set, the number of subsets become double.

$\therefore$  Number of subsets of set having  $(k+1)$  distinct elements =  $2 \times 2^k = 2^{k+1}$  which is true for  $P(k+1)$ . Hence  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

### OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

Choose the correct answer out of the given four options in each of the Exercises from 26 to 28 (M.C.Q.)

**Q26.** If  $10^n + 3.4^{n+2} + k$  is divisible by 9 for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the least positive integral value of  $k$  is

- (a) 5                      (b) 3                      (c) 7                      (d) 1

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) = 10^n + 3 \cdot 4^{n+2} + k$  is divisible by 9,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $P(1) = 10^1 + 3 \cdot 4^{1+2} + k = 10 + 3 \cdot 64 + k$   
 $= 10 + 192 + k = 202 + k$  must be divisible by 9.

If  $(202 + k)$  is divisible by 9 then  $k$  must be equal to 5  
 $202 + 5 = 207$  which is divisible by 9

$$= \frac{207}{9} = 23$$

So, the least positive integral value of  $k = 5$ .

Hence, the correct option is (a).

**Q27.** For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $3 \cdot 5^{2n+1} + 2^{3n+1}$

(a) 19                      (b) 17                      (c) 23                      (d) 25

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) : 3 \cdot 5^{2n+1} + 2^{3n+1}$

$$\text{For } P(1) : 3 \cdot 5^{2 \cdot 1 + 1} + 2^{3 \cdot 1 + 1} = 3 \cdot 5^3 + 2^4 = 3(125) + 16 = 375 + 16 \\ = 391 = 23 \times 17$$

So it is divisible by 17 and 23 both.

Hence, the correct option is (b) and (c).

**Q28.** If  $x^n - 1$  is divisible by  $x - k$ , then the least positive integral value of  $k$  is

(a) 1                      (b) 2                      (c) 3                      (d) 4

**Sol.** Let  $P(n) = x^n - 1$  is divisible by  $x - k$ .

$$P(1) = x - 1 \text{ is divisible by } x - k.$$

Since  $k = 1$  is the possible least integral value of  $k$ .

Hence, the correct option is (a).

### Fill in the Blanks in the Exercises 29.

**Q29.** If  $P(n) : 2n < n!$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $P(n)$  is true for  $n \geq \dots\dots\dots$

**Sol.** Given that  $P(n) : 2n < n!$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{For } n = 1 \quad 2 < 1 \quad \text{(Not true)}$$

$$\text{For } n = 2 \quad 2 \times 2 < 2! \Rightarrow 4 < 2 \quad \text{(Not true)}$$

$$\text{For } n = 3 \quad 2 \times 3 < 3! \Rightarrow 6 < 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \Rightarrow 6 < 6 \quad \text{(Not true)}$$

$$\text{For } n = 4 \quad 2 \times 4 < 4! \Rightarrow 8 < 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \Rightarrow 8 < 24 \quad \text{(True)}$$

$$\text{For } n = 5 \quad 2 \times 5 < 5! \Rightarrow 10 < 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \Rightarrow 10 < 120 \quad \text{(True)}$$

So,  $P(n)$  is the true for  $n \geq 4$ .

Hence, the value of the filler is 4.

### State True or False for the Statements in the Exercises 30.

**Q30.** Let  $P(n)$  be a statement and let  $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k + 1)$ , for some natural number  $k$ , then  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Sol.** Given that:  $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k + 1)$

$$P(1) \Rightarrow P(2) \text{ which is not true.}$$

Hence, the statement is 'False'.