

Exercise 1(h)

1. Prove that for all natural numbers n , 9 divides $10^n - 1$.

2. Prove that for all natural numbers n ,

$$3 \mid (n^3 - n)$$

3. By using mathematical induction show that for every natural number n :

$$3 \mid n(n+1)(n+2)$$

4. Prove that for all natural numbers n :

$$n^2 - n \text{ is an even number}$$

5. Prove that for all natural numbers n

$$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \quad [r \neq 1]$$

where a and r are real numbers.

[This is a geometric series with first term equal to a and common ratio r]

6. Let $a \mid b$. Prove by mathematical induction that $a^n \mid b^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

7. Find the fallacy in the following proof of:

For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$n \geq 2^n - 1$$

“Proof”

The result is true for $n = 1$. Assume it is true for $n = k$:

$$k \geq 2^k - 1 \quad (*)$$

Also for $n = k + 1$:

$$k + 1 \geq 2^{k+1} - 1 \quad (**)$$

Subtracting (*) from (**) gives

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

8. *(i) Prove that for all $n \geq 3$:

$$3n^2 + 3n + 1 < 2n^3$$

(ii) Prove that for all $n \geq 4$:

$$3^n > n^3$$

9. (i) Prove that $n^2 \geq 2n + 1$ for $n \geq 3$.

(ii) Prove $2^n \geq n^2$ for all natural numbers $n \geq 4$.

10. *Prove Bernoulli's inequality; For real number $x > -1$ and natural number n we have

$$(1+x)^n \geq 1+nx$$

11. *Prove that for all natural numbers n we have the following trigonometric identity:

$$\sin(x) + \sin(2x) + \dots + \sin(nx) = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2n+1}{2}x\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}$$

where x is a real number such that $\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \neq 0$.

12. **Prove the binomial theorem for the natural number n :

If a and b are real numbers then the binomial theorem says that for all natural numbers n

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + na^{n-1}b + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}a^{n-2}b^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}a^{n-3}b^3 + \dots + b^n$$

For the following proof you will need to use the strong induction process.

13. **Prove there are an infinite number of primes using mathematical induction.

[Hint: Assume there are p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k primes and then consider the number

$$(p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_k) + 1.]$$