

$7^n + 2$  is divisible by 3,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$P_n$  is:  $7^n + 2$  is divisible by 3 for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $7^1 + 2 = 9$  which is divisible by 3  $\therefore P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $7^k + 2 = 3A$  where  $A \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore 7^{k+1} + 2 &= 7 \times 7^k + 2 \\ &= 7(3A - 2) + 2 \quad \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 21A - 14 + 2 \\ &= 21A - 12 \\ &= 3(7A - 4) \quad \text{where } 7A - 4 \text{ is an integer as } A \text{ is an integer}\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore 7^{k+1} + 2$  is divisible by 3

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1)(i+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$P_n$  is:  $1 \times 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 3 \times 4 + 3 \times 4 \times 5 + \dots + n(n+1)(n+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$   
for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , LHS =  $1 \times 2 \times 3 = 6$ , RHS =  $\frac{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4}{4} = 6 \therefore P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then

$$1 \times 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 3 \times 4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4}$$

$$\therefore 1 \times 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 3 \times 4 + \dots + k(k+1)(k+2) + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} + (k+1)(k+2)(k+3) \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} + \frac{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{4} \quad \{\text{equalising denominators}\}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)(k+4)}{4}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

$$1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + r^4 + \dots + r^{n-1} = \frac{1-r^n}{1-r}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, r \neq 1.$$

$$P_n \text{ is: } 1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{n-1} = \frac{1-r^n}{1-r} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, r \neq 1$$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, \text{ LHS} = 1 \text{ and } \text{RHS} = \frac{1-r}{1-r} = 1 \text{ as } r \neq 1 \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{k-1} = \frac{1-r^k}{1-r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } 1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{k-1} + r^k &= \frac{1-r^k}{1-r} + r^k && \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= \frac{1-r^k}{1-r} + r^k \left( \frac{1-r}{1-r} \right) && \{\text{equalising denominators}\} \\ &= \frac{1-r^k + r^k - r^{k+1}}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{1-r^{k+1}}{1-r} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

$5^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 24,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$$P_n \text{ is: } 5^{2n} - 1 \text{ is divisible by 24 for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

$$(1) \text{ If } n = 1, 5^2 - 1 = 25 - 1 = 24 \text{ is divisible by 24 } \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

$$(2) \text{ If } P_k \text{ is true, then } 5^{2k} - 1 = 24A \text{ where } A \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } 5^{2(k+1)} - 1 &= 5^{2k} 5^2 - 1 \\ &= 25[24A + 1] - 1 && \{\text{using } P_k\} \\ &= 25 \times 24A + 25 - 1 \\ &= 25 \times 24A + 24 \\ &= 24(25A + 1) \text{ where } 25A + 1 \text{ is an integer} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 5^{2(k+1)} - 1 \text{ is divisible by 24}$$

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,  
then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

$$5^n \geq 1 + 4n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$P_n$  is:  $5^n \geq 1 + 4n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ , we have  $5^1 \geq 1 + 4(1)$

$\therefore 5 \geq 5$  which is true, so  $P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $5^k \geq 1 + 4k$

Now  $5^{k+1} = 5 \times 5^k \geq 5 \times (1 + 4k)$  {using  $P_k$ }

$$\geq 5 + 20k$$

$$\geq 5 + 4k \quad \{k \geq 0\}$$

$$\geq 1 + 4(k + 1)$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}

If  $u_1 = 1$  and  $u_{n+1} = 3u_n + 2^n$ ,  
then  $u_n = 3^n - 2^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$P_n$  is: if  $u_1 = 1$  and  $u_{n+1} = 3u_n + 2^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $u_n = 3^n - 2^n$

**Proof:** (By the principle of mathematical induction)

(1) If  $n = 1$ ,  $u_1 = 1 = 3^1 - 2^1$ , so  $P_1$  is true

(2) If  $P_k$  is true, then  $u_k = 3^k - 2^k$  and  $u_{k+1} = 3u_k + 2^k$

$$= 3(3^k - 2^k) + 2^k \quad \{\text{using } P_k\}$$

$$= 3^{k+1} - 3 \times 2^k + 2^k$$

$$= 3^{k+1} - 2 \times 2^k$$

$$= 3^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true.

Since  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_{k+1}$  is true whenever  $P_k$  is true,

then  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  {Principle of mathematical induction}