

Prove the following statements **using the method of mathematical induction**.

1. Guess the formula for $\frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$ by looking at small values of n and then prove your answer is correct for any positive value of n using induction.
2. For every positive integer n , $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^k} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$.
3. $1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + \cdots + n \times n! = (n+1)! - 1$ for any natural number n .
4. $\sum_{k=0}^n k^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$ for any positive integer n .
5. For any natural number n , $\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{n}{2n+1}$.
6. For any natural number n , $2 + 9 + 16 + \cdots + (7n-5) = \frac{n(7n-3)}{2}$.
7. The number $n^3 - n$ is divisible by three for any positive integer n .
8. The number $n^5 + 4n$ is divisible by 5 for any natural number n .
9. The sum of the angles of any polygon with n sides is $\pi(n-2)$.
10. Any postage of over 7 cents can be paid using only 3 cent stamps and 5 cent stamps.
11. For every positive integer n , $n^2 \geq n$.
12. For any natural number n , $3n \leq 3^n$.
13. For any real number $x \geq -1$ and any natural number n , $(1+x)^n \geq 1+nx$.
14. For any natural number n and any real number x , $|\sin nx| \leq n|\sin x|$.
15. For any natural number n , $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < 2\sqrt{n}$.
16. Define the Fibonacci sequence by $f_1 = 1$, $f_2 = 2$, and for $n \geq 3$, $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$. Prove for any natural number n , $f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \cdots + f_n = f_{n+2} - 1$.
17. Using the Fibonacci sequence defined in the previous problem, prove that $\sum_{k=1}^n f_k^2 = f_n f_{n+1}$ for any natural number n .
18. Using the notation in the previous two problems show that $f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \right]$ for any natural number n .