

(1) Prove that

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

(2) Prove that

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

(3) Prove that

$$1 + 2q + 3q^2 + \dots + nq^{n-1} = \frac{1 - (n+1)q^n + nq^{n+1}}{(1-q)^2}$$

(4) Find the sum of the following geometric progression

$$\frac{x}{1+x^2} + \frac{x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{(1+x^2)^n}$$

(5) Prove that

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

(6) Let $x_1 > 2$. Define x_n by the formula $x_{n+1} = \frac{3x_n+2}{x_n+2}$.
Prove that $x_n > 2$ for all n .

(7) Prove that $(1+p)^n > 1+np$ for any real $p \neq 0, p > -1$ and any natural $n \geq 2$.

(8) Find and prove the formula for the sum

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3$$

(9) Find a mistake in the following "proof".

Claim. any two natural numbers are equal.

We'll prove the following statement by induction in n : Any two natural numbers $\leq n$ are equal.

We prove it by induction in n .

a) The statement is trivially true for $n = 1$.

b) Suppose it's true for $n \geq 1$. Let a, b be two natural numbers $\leq n+1$. Then $a-1 \leq n$ and $b-1 \leq n$. Therefore, by induction assumption

$$a-1 = b-1$$

Adding 1 to both sides of the above equality we get that $a = b$. Thus the statement is true for $n+1$. By the principle of mathematical induction this means that it's true for all natural n . \square .