

# MATHEMATICS

## Chapter 4: PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION



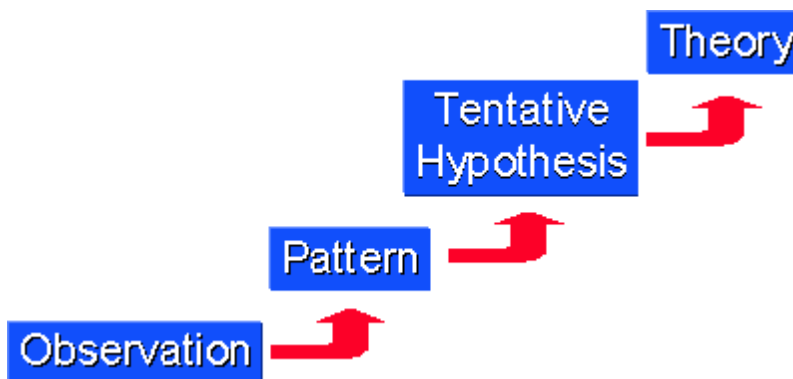
## PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

### Top Concepts

1. There are two types of reasoning—**deductive** and **inductive**.
2. In deduction, given a statement to be proven which is often called a conjecture or a theorem, valid deductive steps are derived and a proof may or may not be established.
3. Deduction is the application of a general case to a particular case.
4. Inductive reasoning depends on working with each case and developing a conjecture by observing incidence till each and every case is observed.
5. Induction is the generalisation from particular cases or facts.
6. A deductive approach is known as a 'top-down approach'. Given the theorem which is narrowed down to specific *hypotheses* then to *observation*. Finally, the hypotheses is tested with specific data to get the *confirmation* (or not) of original theory.



7. Inductive reasoning works the other way—moving from specific observations to broader generalisations and theories. Informally, this is known as a 'bottom-up approach'.



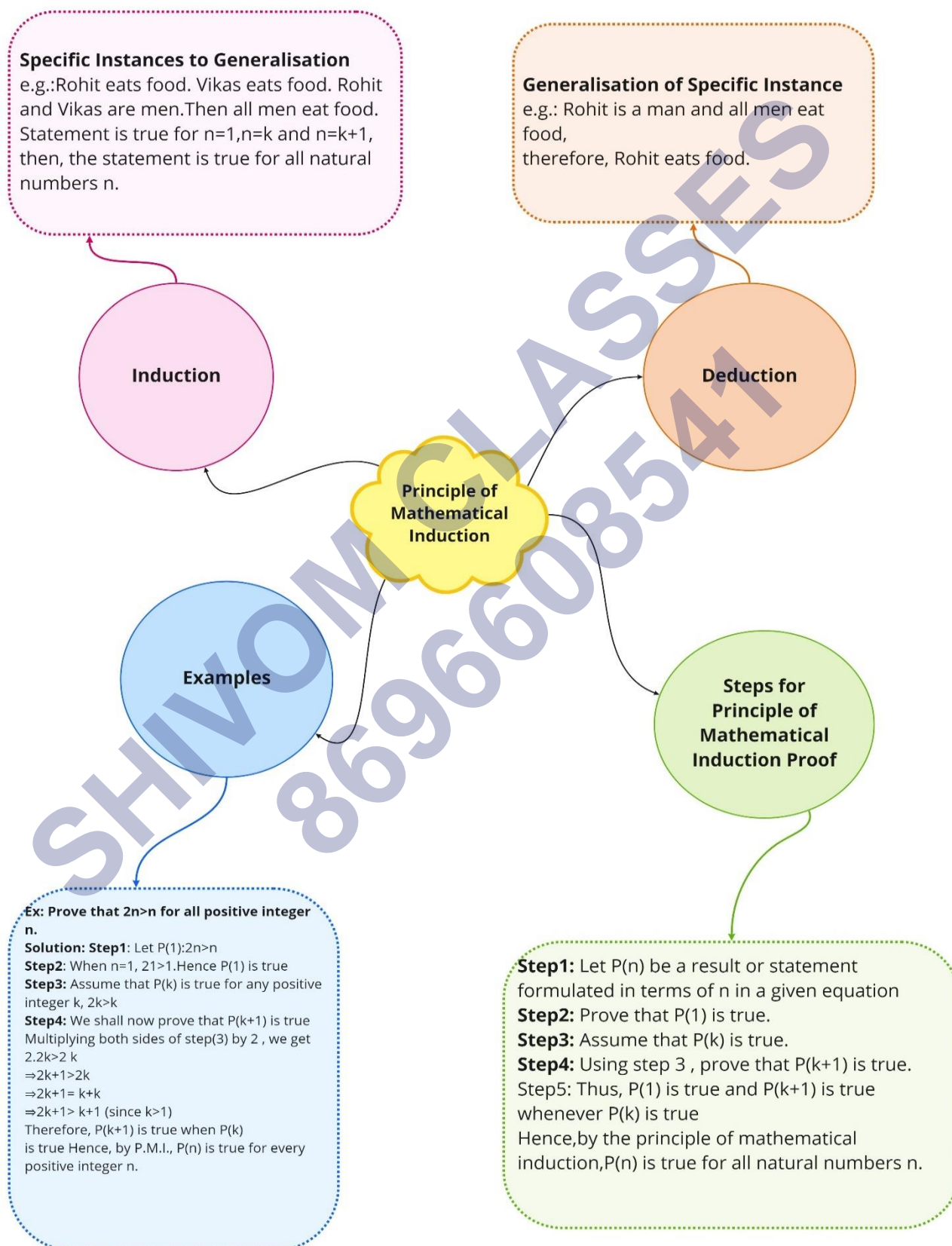
8. To prove statements or results formulated in terms of  $n$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer, a

principle based on inductive reasoning called the **Principle of Mathematical Induction (PMI)** is used.

9. PMI is one such tool which can be used to prove a wide variety of mathematical statements. Each of such statements is assumed as  $P(n)$  associated with a positive integer  $n$  for which the correctness of the case  $n = 1$  is examined. Then, assuming the truth of  $P(k)$  for some positive integer  $k$ , the truth of  $P(k + 1)$  is established.
10. Let  $p(n)$  denote a mathematical statement such that
  - (1)  $p(1)$  is true.
  - (2)  $p(k + 1)$  is true whenever  $p(k)$  is true.
 Then, the statement is true for all natural numbers  $n$  by PMI.
11. PMI is based on the Peano's Axiom.
12. PMI is based on a series of well-defined steps, so it is necessary to verify all of them.
13. PMI can be used to prove the equality, inequalities and divisibility of natural numbers.

#### Key Formulae

1. Sum of  $n$  natural numbers:  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
2. Sum of  $n^2$  natural numbers:  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
3. Sum of odd natural numbers:  $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$
4. Steps of PMI
  1. Denote the given statement in terms of  $n$  by  $P(n)$ .
  2. Check whether the proposition is true for  $n = 1$ .
  3. Assume that the proposition result is true for  $n = k$ .
  4. Using  $p(k)$ , prove that the proposition is true for  $p(k + 1)$ .
5. Rules of inequalities
  - a. If  $a < b$  and  $b < c$ , then  $a < c$ .
  - b. If  $a < b$ , then  $a + c < b + c$ .
  - c. If  $a < b$  and  $c > 0$  which means  $c$  is positive, then  $ac < bc$ .
  - d. If  $a < b$  and  $c < 0$  which means  $c$  is negative, then  $ac > bc$ .



## Important Questions

### Multiple Choice questions-

Question 1. For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $3n^5 + 5n^3 + 7n$  is divisible by

- (a) 5
- (b) 15
- (c) 10
- (d) 3

Question 2.  $\{1 - (1/2)\}\{1 - (1/3)\}\{1 - (1/4)\} \dots \dots \{1 - 1/(n + 1)\} =$

- (a)  $1/(n + 1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (b)  $1/(n + 1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{R}$
- (c)  $n/(n + 1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (d)  $n/(n + 1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{R}$

Question 3. For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $3^{2n} + 7$  is divisible by

- (a) non of these
- (b) 3
- (c) 11
- (d) 8

Question 4. The sum of the series  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + \dots \dots \dots n$  is

- (a)  $n(n + 1)$
- (b)  $(n + 1)/2$
- (c)  $n/2$
- (d)  $n(n + 1)/2$

Question 5. The sum of the series  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots \dots \dots n^2$  is

- (a)  $n(n + 1) (2n + 1)$
- (b)  $n(n + 1) (2n + 1)/2$
- (c)  $n(n + 1) (2n + 1)/3$
- (d)  $n(n + 1) (2n + 1)/6$

Question 6. For all positive integers  $n$ , the number  $n(n^2 - 1)$  is divisible by:

- (a) 36
- (b) 24

- (c) 6  
(d) 16

Question 7. If  $n$  is an odd positive integer, then  $a^n + b^n$  is divisible by :

- (a)  $a^2 + b^2$   
(b)  $a + b$   
(c)  $a - b$   
(d) none of these

Question 8.  $n(n + 1)(n + 5)$  is a multiple of \_\_\_\_ for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

- (a) 2  
(b) 3  
(c) 5  
(d) 7

Question 9. For any natural number  $n$ ,  $7^n - 2^n$  is divisible by

- (a) 3  
(b) 4  
(c) 5  
(d) 7

Question 10. The sum of the series  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3$  is

- (a)  $\{(n + 1)/2\}^2$   
(b)  $\{n/2\}^2$   
(c)  $n(n + 1)/2$   
(d)  $\{n(n + 1)/2\}^2$

### Very Short:

1.

### Short Questions:

- For every integer  $n$ , prove that  $7n - 3n$  divisible by 4.
- Prove that  $n(n + 1)(n + 5)$  is multiple of 3.
- Prove that  $10^{2n-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11.
- Prove that  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = (n + 1)$

5. Prove  $1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$

### Long Questions:

1. Prove  $(2n+7) < (n+3)^2$

2. Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \frac{1}{7.10} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{(3n+1)}$$

3. Prove  $1.2 + 2.22 + 3.23 + \dots + n.2^n = (n-1)^{2n+1} + 2$

4. Prove that  $2.7^n + 3.5^n - 5$  is divisible by 24  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

5. Prove that  $41^n - 14^n$  is a multiple of 27.

### Answer Key:

### MCQ:

1. (b) 15
2. (a)  $1/(n+1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
3. (d) 8
4. (d)  $n(n+1)/2$
5. (d)  $n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$
6. (c) 6
7. (b)  $a+b$
8. (b) 3
9. (c) 5
10. (d)  $\{n(n+1)/2\}^2$

### Very Short Answer:

1.  $\left(\frac{\pi}{32}\right)^c$
2.  $39^\circ 22' 30''$
3.  $\frac{5\pi}{12} \text{ cm}$
4.  $\sqrt{3}$
5.  $\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$
6.  $2 - \sqrt{3}$



7.  $\frac{-4}{5}$

8.  $45^\circ$

9.  $2 \sin 8\theta \cos 4\theta$

10.  $\sin 6x - \sin 2x$

**Short Answer:**

- 1.
- $P(n) : 7^n - 3^n$
- is divisible by 4

For  $n = 1$  $P(1) : 7^1 - 3^1 = 4$  which is divisible by 4. Thus,  $P(1)$  is trueLet  $P(k)$  be true $7^k - 3^k$  is divisible by 4

$7^k - 3^k = 4\lambda$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$  (i)

we want to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true

$7^{k+1} - 3^{k+1} = 7^k \cdot 7 - 3^k \cdot 3$

$= (4\lambda + 3^k) \cdot 7 - 3^k \cdot 3$  (from i)

$= 28\lambda + 7 \cdot 3^k - 3^k \cdot 3$

$= 28\lambda + 3^k(7 - 3)$

$= 4(7\lambda + 3^k)$

Hence

 $7^{k+1} - 3^{k+1}$  is divisible by 4thus  $P(k+1)$  is true when  $P(k)$  is true.Therefore by P.M.I. the statement is true for every positive integer  $n$ .

- 2.

 $P(n) : n(n+1)(n+5)$  is multiple of 3for  $n=1$  $P(1) : 1(1+1)(1+5) = 12$  is multiple of 3let  $P(k)$  be true $P(k) : k(k+1)(k+5)$  is multiple of 3

$\Rightarrow k(k+1)(k+5) = 3\lambda$  where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$  (i)

we want to prove that result is true for  $n=k+1$  $P(k+1) : (k+1)(k+2)(k+6)$



$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow (K+1)(k+2)(k+6) = [(k+1)(k+2)](k+6) \\
&= k(k+1)(k+2) + 6(k+1)(k+2) \\
&= k(k+1)(k+5-3) + 6(k+1)(k+2) \\
&= k(k+1)(k+5) - 3k(k+1) + 6(k+1)(K+2) \\
&= k(k+1)(k+5) + (k+1)[6(k+2) - 3k] \\
&= k(k+1)(k+5) + (k+1)(3k+12) \\
&= k(k+1)(k+5) + 3(k+1)(k+4) \\
&= 3\lambda + 3(k+1)(k+4) \text{ (from i)} \\
&= 3[\lambda + (K+1)(K+4)] \text{ which is multiple of three} \\
&\text{Hence } P(k+1) \text{ is multiple of } 3.
\end{aligned}$$

3.

$P(n): 10^{2n-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11

for  $n=1$

$P(1) = 10^{2 \times 1 - 1} + 1 = 11$  is divisible by 11 Hence result is true for  $n=1$

let  $P(k)$  be true

$P(k): 10^{2k-1} + 1$  is divisible by 11

$\Rightarrow 10^{2k-1} + 1 = 11\lambda$  where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}(i)$

we want to prove that result is true for  $n=k+1$

$$= 10^{2(k+1)-1} + 1 = 10^{2k+2-1} + 1$$

$$= 10^{2k+1} + 1$$

$$= 10^{2k} \cdot 10^1 + 1$$

$$= (110\lambda - 10) \cdot 10 + 1 \text{ (from i)}$$

$$= 1100\lambda - 100 + 1$$

$$= 1100\lambda - 99$$

$$= 11(100\lambda - 9) \text{ is divisible by 11}$$

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

4.

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

for  $n=1$

$$P(1): \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) = (1+1) = 2$$

which is true

let  $P(k)$  be true

$$P(k) : \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) = (k+1)$$

we want to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true

$$P(k+1) : \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{k+1}\right) = (k+2)$$

$$L.H.S. = \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{k+1}\right)$$

$$= (k+1) \left(1 + \frac{1}{k+1}\right) \quad [from(1)]$$

$$= (k+1) \left(\frac{k+1+1}{k+1}\right)$$

$$= (k+2)$$

thus  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever

$P(k)$  is true.

5.

$$p(n) : 1.2 + 2.3 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$$

for  $n=1$

$$p(1) : 1(1+1) = \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3}$$

$$p(1) = 2 = 2$$

hence  $p(1)$  be true

$$p(k) : 1.2 + 2.3 + \dots + k(k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \dots (i)$$

we want to prove that

$$p(k+1) :$$

$$1.2 + 2.3 + \dots + (k+1)(k+2) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3}$$

$L.H.S.$

$$= 1.2 + 2.3 + \dots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{1} \quad [from(i)]$$

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

$$\frac{(k+1)(k+2)[k+3]}{3}$$

hence  $p(k+1)$  is true whenever  $p(k)$  is true

## Long Answer:

1.

$$p(n): (2n+7) < (n+3)^2$$

for  $n=1$

$$9 < (4)^2$$

$$9 < 16$$

which is true

let  $p(k)$  be true

$$(2k+7) < (k+3)^2$$

now

$$2(k+1)+7 = (2k+7)+2$$

$$< (k+3)^2 + 2 = k^2 + 6k + 11$$

$$< k^2 + 8k + 16 = (k+4)^2$$

$$= (k+3+1)^2$$

$$\therefore p(k+1): 2(k+1)+7 < (k+1+3)^2$$

$\Rightarrow p(k+1)$  is true, whenever  $p(k)$  is true

hence by PMI  $p(k)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

2.

$$p(n): \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-2)(3n+1)} = \frac{n}{(3n+1)}$$

for  $n=1$

$$p(1): \frac{1}{(3-2)(3+1)} = \frac{1}{(3+1)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

which is true

let  $p(k)$  be true

$$p(k): \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-2)(3k+1)} = \frac{k}{(3k+1)} \dots (i)$$

we want to prove that  $p(k+1)$  is true

$$p(k+1): \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+4)} = \frac{k+1}{(3k+4)}$$

L.H.S.

$$= \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{4.7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-2)(3k+1)} + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+4)}$$

$$= \frac{k}{3k+1} + \frac{1}{(3k+1)(3k+4)} \quad [\text{from.....(i)}]$$

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

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

$p(k+1)$  is true whenever  $p(k)$  is true.

3.

$$p(n): 1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + n.2^n = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2$$

$$p(n): 1.2 + 2.2^2 + 3.2^3 + \dots + n.2^n = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2$$

for  $n=1$

$$p(1): 1.2^1 = (1-1)2^2 + 2$$

$$2 = 2 \text{ which is true}$$

let  $p(k)$  be true

$$p(k): 1.2 + 2.2^2 + \dots + k.2^k = (k-1)2^{k+1} + 2 \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

we want to prove that  $p(k+1)$  is true

$$p(k+1): 1.2 + 2.2^2 + \dots + (k+1)2^{k+1} = k.2^{k+2} + 2$$

L.H.S.

$$1.2 + 2.2^2 + \dots + k.2^k + (k+1)2^{k+1} \quad [\text{from.....(i)}]$$

$$= (k-1)2^{k+1} + 2 + (k+1)2^{k+1} \quad \text{c}$$

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

$$= 2^{k+2}k + 2$$

This  $p(k+1)$  is true whenever  $p(k)$  is true

4.  $P(n) : 2.7^n + 3.5^n - 5$  is divisible by 24

for  $n = 1$

$$P(1) : 2.7^1 + 3.5^1 - 5 = 24 \text{ is divisible by 24}$$

Hence result is true for  $n = 1$

Let  $P(K)$  be true

$$P(K) : 2 \cdot 7^K + 3 \cdot 5^K - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot 7^K + 3 \cdot 5^K - 5 = 24\lambda \text{ when } \lambda \in \mathbb{N}$$

we want to prove that  $P(K+1)$  is True whenever  $P(K)$  is true

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \cdot 7^{K+1} + 3 \cdot 5^{K+1} - 5 &= 2 \cdot 7^K \cdot 7 + 3 \cdot 5^K \cdot 5 - 5 \\ &= 7[2 \cdot 7^K + 3 \cdot 5^K - 5 - 3 \cdot 5^K + 5] + 3 \cdot 5^K \cdot 5 - 5 \\ &= 7[24\lambda - 3 \cdot 5^K + 5] + 15 \cdot 5^K - 5 \text{ (from i)} \\ &= 7 \times 24\lambda - 21 \cdot 5^K + 35 + 15 \cdot 5^K - 5 \\ &= 7 \times 24\lambda - 6 \cdot 5^K + 30 \\ &= 7 \times 24\lambda - 6(5^K - 5) \\ &= 7 \times 24\lambda - 6 \cdot 4p \text{ } [\because 5^K - 5 \text{ is multiple of } 4] \\ &= 24(7\lambda - p). \quad 24 \text{ is divisible by } 24 \end{aligned}$$

Hence by P M I  $p(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

5.  $P(n) : 41^n - 14^n$  is a multiple of 27

for  $n = 1$

$$P(1) : 41^1 - 14 = 27, \text{ which is a multiple of } 27$$

Let  $P(K)$  be True

$$P(K) : 41^K - 14^K$$

$$\Rightarrow 41^K - 14^K = 27\lambda, \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{N}$$

we want to prove that result is true for  $n = K + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 41^{K+1} - 14^{K+1} &= 41^K \cdot 41 - 14^K \cdot 14 \\ &= (27\lambda + 14^K) \cdot 41 - 14^K \cdot 14 \text{ (from i)} \\ &= 27\lambda \cdot 41 + 14^K \cdot 41 - 14^K \cdot 14 \\ &= 27\lambda \cdot 41 + 14^K(41 - 14) \\ &= 27\lambda \cdot 41 + 14^K(27) \\ &= 27(41\lambda + 14^K) \quad \text{is a multiple of } 27 \end{aligned}$$

Hence by PMI  $p(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .