

SS.1 Homework Solutions

- 1) abc [BB] d) $9+27+81=117$ e) $4+1+2+7+16+29=59$ f) $1-1+1-1+\dots+(-1)^n$
 $= \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ 1 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$
- 4) a) [BB] d) Step 2: Check $n=1$: $8^1-3^1=5$ which is a multiple of 5 ✓

Step 1. Assume P_k is true, i.e. $8^k-3^k \in 5\mathbb{Z}$ for arbitrary $k \geq 1$

Consider $8^{k+1}-3^{k+1} = 8 \times 8^k - 3 \times 3^k = (3+5)8^k - 3 \times 3^k = 3(8^k-3^k) + 5 \times 8^k$

By the inductive hypothesis this is the sum of two multiples of 5 so P_{k+1} is true \square

7) a) [BB], b) $\sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} i^2$ c) $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1)^2$ d) $\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1)(i+2)$ e) $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)}$

9) e) Choose any $x > -1$ and fix it.

Step 2: Check $n=1$. $(1+x)^1 = 1+1 \times x$ ✓

Step 1: Assume the result holds for k i.e. $(1+x)^k \geq 1+kx$ (the inductive hypothesis)

Then $(1+x)^{k+1} = (1+x)^k (1+x) \geq (1+kx)(1+x)$ (by the inductive hypothesis)
 $= 1+kx+x+kx^2 \geq 1+(k+1)x$

So the result holds for $k+1$. \square

h) Step 2. The result holds for $k=2$ since $1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \geq \sqrt{2}$ ✓

Step 1. Assume the result holds for some arbitrary $k \geq 2$

$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \geq \sqrt{k}$

$\Rightarrow (1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \geq \sqrt{k} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$ (by the inductive hypothesis)
 $= \frac{\sqrt{k}\sqrt{k+1} + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \geq \frac{k+1}{\sqrt{k+1}} = \sqrt{k+1}$

So the result holds for $k+1$. \square

- 11) [BB] 12) [BB] 15) [BB].