

Proof by Induction (Unit 2)

1. Prove the following results by induction:

$$(i) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1};$$

$$(ii) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{r=1}^n r(r+1)(r+2) = \frac{1}{4}n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3);$$

$$(iii) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} ax^r = a \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1}, (x \neq 1);$$

$$(iv) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^{r-1} r^2 = \frac{1}{2}(-1)^{n-1}n(n+1);$$

$$(v) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{r=1}^n r^5 = \frac{1}{12}n^2(n+1)^2(2n^2+2n-1);$$

$$(vi) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 1.2^2 + 2.3^2 + \dots + n.(n+1)^2 = \frac{1}{12}n(n+1)(n+2)(3n+5);$$

$$(vii) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{(r+1)^2}{r(r+2)} = \frac{n(4n^2+15n+13)}{4(n+1)(n+2)};$$

$$(viii) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{r=1}^{2n} (-1)^r r^3 = n^2(4n+3);$$

$$(ix) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{3r+2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} (-2)^{r-1} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(-2)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)};$$

$$(x) \text{ If } f_r(x) = \frac{x(x+1)\dots(x+r-1)}{r!}, \text{ then, } \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n f_r(x) = f_n(x+1) - 1;$$

$$(xi) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{r=0}^n x^r(1+x)^{n-r} = (1+x)^{n+1} - x^{n+1};$$

$$(xii) \forall n \geq 4, 3^n > n^3;$$

$$(xiii) \forall n \geq 5, \binom{2n}{n} < 2^{2n-2};$$

$$(xiv) \forall n \geq 2, \sqrt[n]{n} < 2 - \frac{1}{n};$$

$$(xv) \forall n \geq 2, \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2n+1)}} > \frac{1.3.5.\dots(2n-1)}{2.4.6.\dots(2n)} > \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}.$$