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### ANSWERS

1) Prove by Mathematical Induction that ; The sum of  $n$  terms of the series :

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5} + \dots \text{ is } \frac{n(3n+5)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}.$$

Answer :

1) For  $n=1$ , LHS =  $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} = \frac{1}{3}$  RHS =  $\frac{1(3+5)}{4(1+1)(1+2)} = \frac{1}{3}$  then true for  $n=1$ .

2) Assume true for  $n = k$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+2)} = \frac{k(3k+5)}{4(k+1)(k+2)}.$$

3) For  $n = k + 1$  ;

LHS =

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+2)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+3)} = \frac{k(3k+5)}{4(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+3)} = \\ & = \frac{k(3k+5)(k+3) + 4(k+2)}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} = \frac{3k^3 + 14k^2 + 15k + 4k + 8}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} = \\ & = \frac{3k^3 + 14k^2 + 19k + 8}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} = \frac{(k+1)(3k^2 + 11k + 8)}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} = \frac{(k+1)(k+1)(3k+8)}{4(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} = \\ & = \frac{(k+1)[3(k+1)+5]}{4[(k+1)+1][(k+1)+2]}. \end{aligned}$$

Which is true for  $n = k+1$ .

2) Show that :  $\frac{(1+x+x^2)(1+x)^2}{1-x+x^2} = 1+4x+7x^2+6x^3$  if powers beyond  $x^3$  are neglected.

Answer :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(1+x+x^2)(1+x)^2}{1-x+x^2} &= \frac{(1+x+x^2)(1+x)^2(1+x)}{(1-x+x^2)(1+x)} = \frac{(1+x+x^2)(1+x)^3}{1+x^3} = \\
 &= (1+x+x^2)(1+3x+3x^2+x^3)(1+x^3)^{-1} = \\
 &= (1+3x+3x^2+x^3+x+3x^2+3x^3+x^2+3x^3+\dots\dots\dots)(1+x^3)^{-1} = \\
 &= (1+4x+7x^2+7x^3+\dots\dots\dots)(1-x^3+\dots\dots\dots) = (1+4x+7x^2+7x^3-x^3+\dots\dots\dots) = \\
 &= 1+4x+7x^2+6x^3 + \text{ terms of higher powers of } x.
 \end{aligned}$$

Another solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(1+x+x^2)(1+x)^2}{1-x+x^2} &= (1+x+x^2)(1+2x+x^2)[1-(x-x^2)]^{-1} = \\
 &= (1+2x+x^2+x+2x^2+x^3+x^2+2x^3+x^4)[1+(x-x^2)+(x-x^2)^2+(x-x^2)^3+\dots] = \\
 &= (1+3x+4x^2+3x^3+\dots)(1+x-x^2+x^2-2x^3+x^4+x^3+\dots) \\
 &= (1+3x+4x^2+3x^3+\dots)(1+x-x^3+\dots) = 1+3x+4x^2+3x^3+x+3x^2+4x^3-x^3 = \\
 &= 1+4x+7x^2+6x^3
 \end{aligned}$$

3) Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial with real coefficients. Let  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . Assume that  $\alpha + \beta i$  is a root for  $f(x)$ , where both  $\alpha, \beta$  are real numbers ( $\beta \neq 0$ ). Prove that  $\alpha - \beta i$  is also a root for  $f(x)$ .

Answer :

Let  $d(x) = (x - \alpha - \beta i)(x - \alpha + \beta i)$ . A polynomial of degree 2.

Then by the remainder and factor theorem there is a polynomial  $q(x)$  and a polynomial of degree one ( $ax + b$ ) such that :

$$f(x) = q(x)d(x) + ax + b.$$

Since  $\alpha + \beta i$  is a root for  $f(x)$ , then :

$$f(\alpha + \beta i) = q(\alpha + \beta i) d(\alpha + \beta i) + a(\alpha + \beta i) + b = 0.$$

Since ;  $d(x) = (x - \alpha - \beta i)(x - \alpha + \beta i)$ .

Then

$$d(\alpha + \beta i) = 0$$

and we get :

$$a(\alpha + \beta i) + b = 0.$$

which gives  $a\beta = 0$  then  $a = 0$  since  $\beta \neq 0$  and so  $b = 0$ .

Then :

$$f(x) = q(x)d(x) = q(x)(x - \alpha - \beta i)(x - \alpha + \beta i)$$

Which means  $\alpha - \beta i$  is also a root for  $f(x)$ .

4) Prove that :

$$\cos^{-1} x = 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{1+x}}$$

Answer :

Let

$$y = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{1+x}}.$$

Then :

$$\sin y = \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos y = \frac{\sqrt{1+x}}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

So :

$$\cos 2y = \cos^2 y - \sin^2 y = \frac{1+x}{2} - \frac{1-x}{2} = x.$$

and

$$2y = \cos^{-1} x.$$

Which gives :

$$\cos^{-1} x = 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{1+x}}.$$

5) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given that :  $y = \sinh^{-1}(\tan x)$  , simplify your answer, note that  $\sqrt{x^2} = |x|$ .

Answer :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tan^2 x + 1}} \frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sec^2 x}} \sec^2 x = \frac{1}{|\sec x|} (|\sec x|)^2 = |\sec x| .$$

6) Let  $y = x^{\sin^{-1} x}$  and  $z = \sin^{-1} x$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dz}$  ( in terms of  $x$  ).

Answer :

First let us find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ :

$\ln y = (\sin^{-1} x)(\ln x)$ . Differentiate with respect to  $x$ , we get :

$$\left(\frac{1}{y}\right)\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x} + (\ln x)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right).$$

Then :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^{\sin^{-1} x} \left[ \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x} + (\ln x)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) \right] .$$

Then :

$$\frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dz} = \left[ \cos(\sin^{-1} x) \right] \cdot x^{\sin^{-1} x} \left[ \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x} + (\ln x)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) \right]$$

Note that :  $x = \sin z$  then  $\frac{dx}{dz} = \cos z = \cos(\sin^{-1} x)$  .