

1. Prove that for any natural numbers  $n$  and  $d$  there are unique  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $n = q \cdot d + r$  where  $-d \leq r < 0$ .

*Proof.* For the base step ( $n = 0$ ) we write  $0 = 1 \cdot d - d$  (here  $r = -d$ , which is allowed under this remainder scheme!). For the sake of induction now assume that for any  $k < n$  we can write  $k = q \cdot d + r$  with  $-d \leq r < 0$ . If  $d \geq n$  we write  $n = 1 \cdot d + (n - d)$ , and note that  $n \leq d$  implies  $-d \leq n - d < 0$ . If  $d < n$  we write  $n - d = q \cdot d + r$  with  $-d \leq r < 0$  which we can do this by the induction hypothesis. Adding  $d$  to both sides we have  $n = (q + 1) \cdot d + r$ .  $\square$

2. Prove for  $n \geq 4$  that  $n^3 + 20 > n^2 + 15n$ .

*Proof.* For  $n = 4$  we have  $84 > 76$ . For the sake of induction suppose that  $n^3 + 20 > n^2 + 15n$  and consider

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)^3 + 20 &= n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1 + 20 \\ &= (n^3 + 20) + (3n^2 + 3n + 1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)^2 + 15(n+1) &= n^2 + 2n + 1 + 15n + 15 \\ &= (n^2 + 15n) + (2n + 16). \end{aligned}$$

By induction we have  $n^3 + 20 > (n^2 + 15n)$  and  $n \geq 4$  implies  $3n^2 > n^2 \geq 16$  and  $3n + 1 > 2n$ . Thus putting the two larger together will remain larger, implying

$$(n+1)^3 + 20 > (n+1)^2 + 15(n+1)$$

which establishes our result by induction that for  $n \geq 4$ :

$$n^3 + 20 > n^2 + 15n$$

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3. Prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$ .

*Proof.* For the base case let  $n = 1$ , the left hand side becomes  $1(1+1) = 2$  and the right hand side is  $\frac{1(2)(3)}{3} = 2$ , and hence the result holds.

For the sake of induction suppose that the equality in question holds for  $n$ , and consider the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i(i+1)$ . Now  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i(i+1) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1) \right) + (n+1)(n+2)$ . Using the induction hypothesis, by substitution we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i(i+1) &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1) \right) + (n+1)(n+2) \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} + (n+1)(n+2) \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} + \frac{3(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(n+2) + 3(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)[n+3]}{3} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired result. Thus the result is true for all  $n$  by induction.  $\square$

4. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  prove that if  $x < y$  then  $x^{2n-1} < y^{2n-1}$ .

It was intended here that  $0 < x < y$  to avoid turning this into an exercise in handling special cases. We prove this result, which is an exercise in induction.

*Proof.* For the base case we let  $n = 1$  and have  $2n - 1 = 1$ , so  $x^{2n-1} = x$  and  $y^{2n-1} = y$ , and the result holds by the hypothesis that  $x < y$ .

Now assume that  $x^{2n-1} < y^{2n-1}$  and consider  $x^{2(n+1)-1} = x^{2n+1}$  and  $y^{2(n+1)-1} = y^{2n+1}$ . Note that if  $x < y$ , it follows that  $x^2 < xy$  by multiplying both sides of the inequality by  $x > 0$ , and  $xy < y^2$  by multiplying both sides of the inequality by  $y > 0$ , which together imply by the transitive property that  $x^2 < y^2$ .

Now  $x^{2n-1} < y^{2n-1}$  and so  $x^{2n+1} = x^{2n-1}x^2 < y^{2n-1}x^2$ . Further since  $x^2 < y^2$  we know  $y^{2n-1}x^2 < y^{2n-1}y^2 = y^{2n+1}$ . Putting these together with the transitive property we have  $x^{2n+1} < y^{2n+1}$  as desired, and the result thus holds by induction.  $\square$