

Q3a:

Let  $P(n)$  denote  $\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$ . We proceed by induction on  $n$ . When  $n = 1$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^1 1^3 = \left(\frac{(1)(2)}{2}\right)^2 = 1$$

. Thus  $P(1)$  is true. Now suppose the formula holds for  $n$ . We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k^3 &= \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 + (n+1)^3 \\ &= \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2 + (n+1)^3 && \text{(by induction hypothesis)} \\ &= (n+1)^2 \left[ \frac{n^2}{4} + (n+1) \right] \\ &= (n+1)^2 \left( \frac{n^2 + 4n + 4}{4} \right) \\ &= (n+1)^2 \frac{(n+2)^2}{4} \\ &= \left( \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

We have that  $P(1)$  is true and  $P(n) \implies P(n+1)$ . By the principle of induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Q3b:

Let  $P(n)$  denote  $n \leq 2^n$ . We proceed by induction on  $n$ .  $P(1)$  corresponds to  $1 \leq 2$ . This is clearly true. Now Suppose that  $P(n)$  is true, i.e.  $n \leq 2^n$ , Multiplying by 2, we have that  $2n \leq 2^{n+1}$ . For  $n \geq 1$ ,  $n+1 \leq 2n$ , so we will have  $n+1 \leq 2^{n+1}$ . We have  $P(1)$  true and  $P(n) \implies P(n+1)$  so by the principle of induction  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n$ .

Q3c:

Let  $P(n)$  = "n has a binary representation". We proceed by strong induction on  $n$ . We see that  $P(1) = 2^0 = 1$ . Now suppose that  $P(1) \dots P(n)$  each have binary representations. We will consider 2 separate cases, one in which  $n$  is even and one in which  $n$  is odd. First, when  $n$  is even, we know that  $2^0$  is not included in our representation, since it is the only odd power of 2. Hence  $n+1$  is represented as  $n+2^0$ . If  $n$  is odd, then  $n+1$  will be even and will be represented in the following way.  $n+1$  even implies  $n+1 = 2k$  for some  $k < n$ . By assumption  $k$  will have a binary representation, say  $k = 2^{i_1} + \dots + 2^{i_j}$  for unique natural  $i_1 \dots i_j$ . We have that  $2k = 2(2^{i_1} + \dots + 2^{i_j}) = 2^{i_1+1} + \dots + 2^{i_j+1} = n+1$ . Since We translate the list  $i_1 \dots i_j$  by 1 at each point, we preserve the uniqueness. Thus,  $n+1$  will have a binary representation. Since  $P(1)$  is true, and  $P(1) \dots P(n) \implies P(n+1)$ ,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  by the principle of Strong Induction.