

## Induction exercises

If  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$  is a sequence of numbers, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^n c_k = c_1 + \dots + c_n$$

In particular,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} c_k = \left( \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \right) + c_{n+1}$$

The *factorial function* is defined by

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot n$$

More explicitly, this function can be defined by recursion as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 0! &= 1 \\ (n+1)! &= n! \cdot (n+1) \end{aligned}$$

Using the above equations, it is possible to compute  $n!$  for any number  $n$ .

Prove by induction the following statements. (You may wish to first “test” the formula for the first few values of  $n$ .)

$$\forall n \geq 0. \quad \sum_{k=0}^n k^3 = \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\forall n \geq 0. \quad \sum_{k=0}^n 3^k = \frac{3^{n+1} - 1}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$\forall n \geq 0. \quad \sum_{k=0}^n (2k+1)^2 = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)(2n+3)}{3} \quad (3)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1. \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot k! = (n+1)! - 1 \quad (4)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1. \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot (k+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \quad (5)$$

$$\forall n \geq 4. \quad n^2 \leq n! \quad (6)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1. \quad n! \leq n^n \quad (7)$$

$$\forall n \geq 4. \quad n^2 - 7n + 12 \geq 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1. \quad n^2 + n \text{ is even} \quad (9)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1. \quad n^3 + 2n \text{ is a multiple of 3} \quad (10)$$