

Thm. $n^3 \leq 3^n \dots$

Predicate: $P(s) = s^3 \leq 3^s$

Base case: $k=3$. $3^3 \leq 3^3$ ✓

Inductive Step: Let us assume that ~~$k^3 \leq 3^k$~~ $\exists k \geq 3$.

We want to show that $(k+1)^3 \leq 3^{k+1}$

Consider $(k+1)^3 \stackrel{\text{Alg}}{=} k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 \stackrel{\text{by IH}}{\leq} 3^k + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 \text{ --- (1)}$

(A) consider $3k^2$
we know that $3 \leq k \Rightarrow 3k^2 \leq k^3 \leq 3^k$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{mult } k \text{ on both sides.}}$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{by IH.}}$

(B) consider $3k+1$
we know that $3k+1 \leq 3k+k \leq 4k \leq 9k \leq k^3 \leq 3^k$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{since } k \geq 1}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{Alg.}}$ $\xrightarrow{k > 0}$ $\xrightarrow{k \geq 3. \text{ by IH.}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad (k+1)^3 &\leq 3^k + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 \\ &\leq 3^k + 3^k + 3k + 1 \quad \text{by (A)} \\ &\leq 3^k + 3^k + 3^k \quad \text{by (B)} \\ &\leq 3 \cdot 3^k \\ &\leq 3^{k+1} \\ \therefore (k+1)^3 &\leq 3^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by mathematical induction, $n^3 \leq 3^n$ for $n \geq 3$.
So.. fill in $1 \leq 3^1$ and $2 \leq 3^2$ $\therefore n^3 \leq 3^n$ for $n \geq 1$.