

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  $3 \leq k \xrightarrow{\text{mult } k \text{ on both sides.}} k^2 \leq k^3 \stackrel{\text{by IH}}{\leq} 3^k$

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

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

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  $n \geq 1$ .