

Due date: Friday, April 1, 2016 (before class).

1. Using induction, verify that for all $n \geq 1$, the sum of the squares of the first $2n$ positive integers is given by the formula:

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (2n)^2 = \frac{n(2n+1)(4n+1)}{3}$$

2. Consider the sequence of real numbers defined by the relations:

$$x_1 = 1, x_{n+1} = \sqrt{1 + 2x_n}$$

for $n \geq 1$.

Use the Principle of Mathematical Induction to show that $x_n < 4$ for all $n \geq 1$.

3. Show that $n! > 3^n$ for $n \geq 7$ via induction.
4. Let $p_0 = 1, p_1 = \cos\theta$ (for θ some fixed constant) and $p_{n+1} = 2p_1p_n - p_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$. Use Principle of Mathematical Induction to prove that $p_n = \cos(n\theta)$ for $n \geq 0$.
5. Using strong induction, prove that the Fibonacci sequence:
 $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 1, a_{k+1} = a_k + a_{k+1}$ for $k \geq 1$:

$$a_k \geq \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{k-2}.$$