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$$\{u_n\} : u_n = u_1 + (n-1)d, u_1, d \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \frac{1}{u_1 u_2} + \frac{1}{u_2 u_3} + \frac{1}{u_3 u_4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{u_{n-1} u_n} & \text{RHS} &= \frac{n-1}{u_1 u_n} \\ &= \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{u_{i-1} u_i} \end{aligned}$$

For the base case,  $n = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sum_{n=2}^2 \frac{1}{u_{i-1} u_i} = \frac{1}{u_1 u_2} & \text{RHS} &= \frac{1}{u_1 u_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$n = 2 \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

Assume for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 2, n = k \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$ , such that:

$$\sum_{n=2}^k \frac{1}{u_{i-1} u_i} = \frac{k-1}{u_1 u_k}$$

When  $n = k + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sum_{n=2}^{k+1} \frac{1}{u_{i-1} u_i} & \text{RHS} &= \frac{(k+1)-1}{u_1 u_{k+1}} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^k \frac{1}{u_{i-1} u_i} + \frac{1}{u_k u_{k+1}} & &= \frac{k}{u_1 u_{k+1}} \\ &= \frac{k-1}{u_1 u_k} + \frac{1}{u_k u_{k+1}} \\ &= \frac{(k-1)u_{k+1}}{u_1 u_k u_{k+1}} + \frac{u_1}{u_1 u_k u_{k+1}} \\ &= \frac{k u_{k+1} - u_{k+1} + u_1}{u_1 u_k u_{k+1}} \\ &= \frac{(u_k + d)k - (u_1 + kd) + u_1}{u_1 u_k u_{k+1}} \\ &= \frac{k u_k + kd - u_1 - kd + u_1}{u_1 u_k u_{k+1}} \\ &= \frac{k u_k}{u_1 u_k u_{k+1}} \\ &= \frac{k}{u_1 u_{k+1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(n = k \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}) \implies (n = k + 1 \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS})$$

Therefore, by mathematical induction,

$$\frac{1}{u_1 u_2} + \frac{1}{u_2 u_3} + \frac{1}{u_3 u_4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{u_{n-1} u_n} = \frac{n-1}{u_1 u_n}, n \geq 2 \quad \square$$

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$$\begin{aligned} y &= x \sin x \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= x \cos x + \sin x \\ \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \boxed{-x \sin x + 2 \cos x} \\ \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} &= -x \cos x - 3 \sin x \\ \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} &= \boxed{x \sin x - 4 \cos x} \\ \frac{d^5 y}{dx^5} &= x \cos x + 5 \sin x \\ \frac{d^6 y}{dx^6} &= -x \sin x + 6 \cos x \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

By inspection, a conjecture is proposed such that:

$$\frac{d^{2n} y}{dx^{2n}} = (-1)^n (x \sin x - 2n \cos x), n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

For the base case,  $n = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \\ &= -x \sin x + 2 \sin x \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= (-1)(x \sin x - 2 \cos x) \\ &= -x \sin x + 2 \sin x \end{aligned}$$

$$n = 1 \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

Assume for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $n = k \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$ , such that:

$$\frac{d^{2k} y}{dx^{2k}} = (-1)^k (x \sin x - 2k \cos x)$$

When  $n = k + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{LHS} &= \frac{d^{2(k+1)}y}{dx^{2(k+1)}} \\
&= \frac{d^{2k+2}y}{dx^{2k+2}} \\
&= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left( \frac{d^{2k}y}{dx^{2k}} \right) \\
&= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( (-1)^k (x \sin x - 2k \cos x) \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{d}{dx} \left( (-1)^k (x \cos x + (2k+1) \sin x) \right) \\
&= (-1)^k (-x \sin x + (2k+2) \cos x)
\end{aligned}
\qquad
\begin{aligned}
\text{RHS} &= (-1)^{k+1} (x \sin x - 2(k+1) \cos x) \\
&= (-1)^k (-1) (x \sin x - 2(k+1) \cos x) \\
&= (-1)^k (-x \sin x + (2k+2) \cos x)
\end{aligned}$$

$$(n = k \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}) \implies (n = k + 1 \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS})$$

Therefore, by mathematical induction,

$$\boxed{\frac{d^{2n}y}{dx^{2n}} = (-1)^n (x \sin x - 2n \cos x), n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$$

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$$\text{LHS} = \frac{d^n}{d\theta^n} (\sin a\theta) \qquad \text{RHS} = a^n \sin \left( a\theta + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right)$$

For the base case,  $n = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{LHS} &= \frac{d}{d\theta} (\sin a\theta) \\
&= a \cos a\theta
\end{aligned}
\qquad
\begin{aligned}
\text{RHS} &= a \sin \left( a\theta + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \\
&= a \cos a\theta
\end{aligned}$$

$$n = 1 \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

Assume for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $n = k \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$ , such that:

$$\frac{d^k}{d\theta^k} (\sin a\theta) = a^k \sin \left( a\theta + \frac{k\pi}{2} \right)$$

When  $n = k + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{LHS} &= \frac{d^{k+1}}{d\theta^{k+1}}(\sin a\theta) & \text{RHS} &= a^{k+1} \sin\left(a\theta + \frac{(k+1)\pi}{2}\right) \\
&= \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \frac{d^k}{d\theta^k}(\sin a\theta) \right) \\
&= \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( a^k \sin\left(a\theta + \frac{k\pi}{2}\right) \right) \\
&= a^k a \cos\left(a\theta + \frac{k\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\
&= a^{k+1} \sin\left(a\theta + \frac{(k+1)\pi}{2}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$(n = k \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}) \implies (n = k + 1 \implies \text{LHS} = \text{RHS})$$

Therefore, by mathematical induction,

$$\boxed{\frac{d^n}{d\theta^n}(\sin a\theta) = a^n \sin\left(a\theta + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right), n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$$

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For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^-$ ,  $n!$  is undefined. Hence, consider  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$ .

$n$	$3^n$	$n!$
0	1	1
1	3	1
2	9	2
3	27	6
4	81	24
5	243	120
6	729	720
7	2187	5040

Therefore, the smallest integer for which  $3^n < n!$  is  $n_0 = \boxed{7}$ .

$$\text{LHS} = 3^n$$

$$\text{RHS} = 3!$$

For the base case,  $n = 7$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{LHS} &= 3^7 \\
&= 2187
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHS} = 7! = 5040$$

$$n = 1 \implies \text{LHS} < \text{RHS}$$

Assume for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k \geq 7, n = k \implies \text{LHS} < \text{RHS}$ , such that:

$$3^k < k!$$

When  $n = k + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= 3^{k+1} & \text{RHS} &= (k+1)! \\ &= 3(3^k) & &= (k+1)k! \end{aligned}$$

$$k \geq 7 \implies k+1 \geq 8 > 3$$

$$3^k < k!$$

$$3(3^k) < 3k!$$

$$3(3^k) < (k+1)k!$$

$$\text{LHS} < \text{RHS}$$

$$(n = k \implies \text{LHS} < \text{RHS}) \implies (n = k+1 \implies \text{LHS} < \text{RHS})$$

Therefore, by mathematical induction,

$$3^n < n!, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 7 \quad \square$$

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$$\{u_n\} : u_{n+1} = \frac{u_n^2 + 4}{u_n + 2}, u_1 = 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 1$$

For base case,  $n = 1$ .

$$u_n = u_1 = 1$$

$$n = 1 \implies 0 < u_n < 2$$

Assume for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n = k \implies 0 < u_n < 2$ , such that:

$$0 < u_k < 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 - u_{k+1} &= 2 - \frac{u_k^2 + 4}{u_k + 2} \\ &= 2 - \left( u_k - 2 + \frac{8}{u_k + 2} \right) \\ &= 4 - u_k - \frac{8}{u_k + 2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\{u_n\} : u_{n+1} = \frac{u_n^2 + 3u_n}{u_n + 1}, u_1 = 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 1$$

Let  $P(n) \iff u_n < 2n$ . For base case,  $n = 1$ .

$$u_n = u_1 = 1 < 2 = 2(1) = 2n$$

$$P(1) \rightarrow \top$$