

Problem 10.2

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$$(x < 0 \wedge x \geq -1) \Rightarrow (1+x)^n \geq nx$$

Proof:

Left hand side will be positive while the right hand side will be negative.

For $x \geq 0$

$$P(n) \Rightarrow (1+x)^n \geq nx$$

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B. Case:

$$1 \geq 0 \equiv True$$

Ind. Step:

$$\begin{aligned} (1+x)^{n+1} &\geq (n+1)x \\ (1+x)^n(1+x) &\geq nx+x \\ (1+x)^n + x(1+x)^n &\geq nx+x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{By } P(n), (1+x)^n \geq nx$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &\geq 0 \\ (1+x)^n &\geq 1 \\ x(1+x)^n &\geq x \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P(n+1) \equiv True$$

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