

Prove:

$$n! > 2^n \text{ for } n \geq 4$$

Base Case:

$$n = 4$$

$$4! > 2^4$$

$$24 > 16$$

Hypothesis:

$$k! > 2^k \text{ is TRUE for } k \geq 4$$

Proof:

$$(k+1)! > 2^{k+1}$$

$$(k+1)k! > 2(2^k)$$

$$(k+1)2^k > 2(2^k)$$

$$k \geq 4 \therefore k+1 > 2$$

$$(k+1)! > k!(k+1) > 2^k(k+1) > 2(2^k) > 2^{k+1}$$

Prove:

$$2^{2n} - 1 \text{ is divisible by 3}$$

Base Case:

$$n = 1$$

$$2^{2(1)} - 1$$

$$4 - 1 = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

Hypothesis:

$$2^{2k} - 1 \text{ is divisible by 3 is TRUE for } k \geq 1$$

Proof:

$$2^{2(k+1)} - 1$$

$$2^{2k+2} - 1$$

$$2^2(2^k) - 1$$

$$4(2^k) - 1$$

$$(3+1)2^k - 1$$

$$3(2^k) + 2^k - 1$$

Prove

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fact(n)
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * fact(n-1)
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Base case

$$n = 0$$

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fact(0)
  if 0 == 0:
    return 1
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Hypothesis:

`fact(k)` is TRUE for $k \geq 0$

Proof:

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fact(k + 1):
  if k + 1 == 0 false
  else:
    return k * fact(k + 1 - 1)
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