

Mini-Homework 13

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Question 1

Proof (induction on n)

(Base step, $n = 2$)

$$3^2 = 9 > 8 = 2^{2+1}$$

(induction step)

assume that $3^k > 2^{k+2}$ for any $k \geq 2$

(Goal: $3^{k+1} > 2^{k+2}$)

$$3^{k+1} = 3^k * 3^1$$

$$= 3^k * 3$$

$$> 2^{k+2}$$

$$= 2^k * 2^2 = 2^k * 4 \text{ Since } k \geq 2, \text{ we know that } 2^{k+2} \geq 16$$

Therefore $3^k > 2^{k+2}$ \square