

## 1. Sample Solution:

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

# We'll prove that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : (1+x)^n \geq 1+nx$  by induction.

**Base step:** Prove  $P(0)$

Let  $n = 0$ .

Then  $(1+x)^n = 1$  and  $1+nx = 1$ .

Then  $(1+x)^0 \geq 1+(0)x$ .

Then  $P(0)$ .

**Induction step:** Prove  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} : ((1+x)^k \geq 1+kx) \Rightarrow ((1+x)^{k+1} \geq 1+(k+1)x)$

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Assume  $(1+x)^k \geq 1+kx$ .

# We want to prove that  $(1+x)^{k+1} \geq 1+(k+1)x$ .

# We'll start with the quantity on the left, and show that it's  $\geq$  the quantity on the right.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then } (1+x)^{k+1} &= (1+x)^k(1+x) \\
 &\geq (1+kx)(1+x) && \text{(by our assumption)} \\
 &= 1+kx+x+kx^2 \\
 &\geq 1+kx+x && \text{(since } kx^2 \geq 0) \\
 &= 1+(k+1)x
 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(1+x)^{k+1} \geq 1+(k+1)x$ .

Then  $((1+x)^k \geq 1+kx) \Rightarrow ((1+x)^{k+1} \geq 1+(k+1)x)$ .

Then  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} : ((1+x)^k \geq 1+kx) \Rightarrow ((1+x)^{k+1} \geq 1+(k+1)x)$ .

Then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : (1+x)^n \geq 1+nx$ .

# Proof by induction is complete

Therefore,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : (1+x)^n \geq 1+nx$ .