

1. Prove by mathematical induction that  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ .
2. Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $r \neq 1$ . Use mathematical induction to prove that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}, \quad \sum_{i=0}^n r^i = \frac{r^{n+1}-1}{r-1}.$$

3. **[2 marks]** Use mathematical induction to prove that  $\forall n \geq 2, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > \sqrt{n}$ .
4. Prove the following using mathematical induction.
  - (a)  $\forall n \geq 3, 2n + 1 < 2^n$ .
  - (b)  $\forall n \geq 1, 2^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 3.
  - (c)  $\forall n \geq 0, k \geq 2, k^n - 1$  is evenly divisible by  $(k - 1)$ .
5. Prove, by strong induction, that you can make exact change for any amount greater than 7 cents using only 3 and 5 cent coins.
6. Prove by induction that any convex polygon  $P$  with  $k \geq 3$  vertices can be decomposed into a set of  $k - 2$  triangles whose interiors do not overlap.
7. Consider the set  $S$  defined recursively as follows:
  - (base case)  $3 \in S$ , and
  - (recursive step) if  $x \in S$  and  $y \in S$  then  $x + y \in S$ .

Prove that  $S$  equals the set of all positive integers divisible by 3.

8. Prove by induction on  $n$  that  $8^n - 3^n$  is divisible by 5 for any non-negative integer  $n$ .
9. **[2 marks]** Let  $F_n$  denote the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number. Prove that  $F_n \bmod 2 = 0$  if and only if  $n \bmod 3 = 0$ .
10. Let us define a *power of two* as either (i) 1, or (ii)  $2 \cdot k$ , where  $k$  is a power of two. Prove by structural induction that the product of any two powers of two is itself a power of two.
11. Call a logical proposition truth-preserving if the proposition is true under the all-true truth assignment. Prove the following claim by structural induction on the form of the proposition:

Any logical proposition that uses only the logical connectives  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  is truth-preserving.