

**Writing Exercises.** Type up your solution to #1 using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. Start by going to the course webpage and downloading the .tex file for this assignment; pop that .tex file into your favorite latex editor (probably Overleaf.com) and type your responses just after the corresponding problem in the .tex file.

1. Prove that  $3^n > n^3$  using induction, for all  $n \geq 4$ . You can use the following two hints to help you, without proving them:

- If  $k \geq 4$  then  $k^3 \geq 3k^2$ .
- If  $k \geq 3$  then  $k^3 > 4k > 3k + 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $s(n)$  be the statement:

$$3^n > n^3$$

for all  $n \geq 4$ .

Base Case: When  $n = 4$ :

$$LHS : 3^4 = 81,$$

$$RHS : 4^3 = 64,$$

$$LHS > RHS.$$

Thus  $s(4)$  is true. Now suppose  $s(k)$  is true for some  $k$ . To show that  $s(k+1)$  is true, let's look at the RHS:

$$RHS : (k+1)^3 = k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1.$$

By Hint 1, if  $k \geq 4$ , then  $k^3 \geq 3k^2$ :

$$RHS \leq k^3 + k^3 + 3k + 1.$$

By Hint 2, If  $k \geq 3$  then  $k^3 > 4k > 3k + 1$ :

$$RHS < k^3 + k^3 + 4k < k^3 + k^3 + k^3,$$

$$RHS < 3k^3 + k^3,$$

by the hypothesis that  $s(k)$  is true.

$$3k^3 + k^3 = 4k^3 = 3 \times 3^k = 3^{k+1} = LHS.$$

Then, putting these together, we have

$$LHS > RHS.$$

Thus if  $s(k)$  is true, then  $s(k+1)$  is true. By PMI,  $s(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 4$ . ■

**Additional Exercises.** Complete the rest of these problems. You need not typeset your answers, unless you want to. Staple your answers to your write-up for the Writing Exercise and turn in one homework with your name on the front, at the top.

2. Let  $V$  be a set and let  $\varphi \subset V \times V$ . One way to visualize how  $\varphi$  pairs up the elements of  $V$  is to draw “dots”, or *vertices* or *nodes*, to represent the elements of  $V$  and to draw an arrow from the vertex  $v_1 \in V$  to the vertex  $v_2 \in V$  if and only if  $(v_1, v_2) \in \varphi$ . For each set  $V$  and set  $\varphi$ , draw the corresponding picture.

(a)  $V = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\varphi = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1), (2, 3), (2, 2)\}$

(b)  $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and

$$\varphi = \{(v_1, v_2) \in V \times V \mid v_1 \text{ and } v_2 \text{ have the same remainder after division by 3}\}$$

(c)  $V = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and

$$\varphi = \{(v_1, v_2) \in V \times V \mid v_2 = v_1 + 1 \text{ or } v_1, v_2 \in \{5, 0\} \text{ or } v_1 = v_2 + 1\}$$

(d)  $V = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $\varphi = \{(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 4), (1, 3)\}$

Another way to visualize subsets of  $V \times V$  is to create a matrix, with one row and one column for each element of  $V$  and then if  $(v_1, v_2) \in \varphi$ , put a 1 in the entry that marks the intersection of row  $v_1$  and column  $v_2$ . For example, the set  $\varphi$  from #2(a) is associated with the matrix in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Capturing  $\varphi$  from #2(a) in matrix form.

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|ccc} & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

3. Make the matrix associated with each of the relations in #2(b), #2(c), and #2(d).