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(15 points) Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

Claim: $\sum_{p=1}^n \frac{p}{p+1} \leq \frac{n^2}{n+1}$ for all positive integers n .

Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s):

Inductive Hypothesis [Be specific, don't just refer to "the claim"]:

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Claim: $(2n)!^2 < (4n)!$ for all positive integers.

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Claim: For any positive integer n and any reals a_1, \dots, a_n between 0 and 1 (inclusive)

$$\prod_{p=1}^n(1 - a_p) \geq 1 - \sum_{p=1}^n a_p$$

Proof by induction on n .

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(15 points) Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim.

$$\text{Claim: For any positive integer } n, \sum_{p=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{p-1}}{p} > 0$$

Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s):

Inductive Hypothesis [Be specific, don't just refer to "the claim"]:**Rest of the inductive step:** Hint: divide into cases based on whether k is even or odd. Consider removing more than term from the summation in one case.

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Claim: $\frac{(2n)!}{n!n!} > 2^n$, for all integers $n \geq 2$

Proof by induction on n .

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Claim: For any natural number n and any real number x , where $0 < x < 1$, $(1-x)^n \geq 1 - nx$.

Let x be a real number, where $0 < x < 1$.

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Claim: $\sum_{p=1}^n \frac{1}{p} \leq \frac{n}{2} + 1$, for any positive integer n .

Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s):

Inductive Hypothesis [Be specific, don't just refer to "the claim"]:**Rest of the inductive step:** Hint: recall that if $x \leq y$, then $\frac{1}{y} \leq \frac{1}{x}$

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Claim: For any positive integer n and any positive reals a_1, \dots, a_n ,

$$\prod_{p=1}^n(1 + a_p) \geq 1 + \sum_{p=1}^n a_p$$

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(15 points) Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

Claim: For any natural number n and any real number $x > -1$, $(1 + x)^n \geq 1 + nx$.

Let x be a real number with $x > -1$.

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(15 points) Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

Claim: For any positive integer n , $\sum_{p=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \geq \sqrt{n}$

You may use the fact that $\sqrt{n+1} \geq \sqrt{n}$ for any natural number n .

Proof by induction on n .

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$$f(1) = f(2) = 1$$

$$f(n) = \frac{1}{2}f(n-1) + \frac{1}{f(n-2)}$$

Use (strong) induction to prove that $1 \leq f(n) \leq 2$ for all positive integers n .

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(15 points) Recall the following fact about real numbers

Triangle Inequality: For any real numbers x and y , $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$.

Use this fact and (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

Claim: For any real numbers x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n ($n \geq 2$), $|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n| \leq |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n|$.

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Claim: $\prod_{p=1}^n \frac{2p-1}{2p} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$ for all integers $n \geq 1$.

Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s):

Inductive Hypothesis [Be specific, don't just refer to "the claim"]:

Rest of the inductive step: Hints: Work backwards from the goal, then rewrite into logical order. Try squaring both sides. For positive numbers a and b , $a < b$ if and only if $\sqrt{a} < \sqrt{b}$.

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(15 points) Suppose that $0 < q < \frac{1}{2}$. Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

Claim: $(1 + q)^n \leq 1 + 2^n q$, for all positive integers n .

Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s):

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Rest of the inductive step: Notice that $1 \leq 2^{n-1}$ for any positive integer n .

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(15 points) Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

Claim: For any sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , $|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n| \leq |A_1| + |A_2| + \dots + |A_n|$

Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s):

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Rest of the inductive step: Hint: remember the "Inclusion-Exclusion" formula for computing $|A \cup B|$ in terms of $|A|$, $|B|$, $|A \cap B|$.

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(15 points) Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim. You may use the fact that $\sqrt{2} \leq 1.5$.

Claim: For any positive integer n , $\sum_{p=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \geq 2\sqrt{n+1} - 2$.

Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s):

Inductive Hypothesis [Be specific, don't just refer to "the claim"]:**Rest of the inductive step:** Hint: notice that $(\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x+2})^2 \geq 0$. What does this imply about $2\sqrt{x+1}\sqrt{x+2}$?

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$$f(n) = 1 + f(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor), \text{ for } n \geq 2,$$

Use (strong) induction on n to prove that $f(n) \leq \log_2 n$ for any positive integer n . You cannot assume that n is a power of 2. However, you can assume that the log function is increasing (if $x \leq y$ then $\log x \leq \log y$) and that $\lfloor x \rfloor \leq x$.

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First prove a lemma: if $k \geq 2$, then $\frac{3k}{2k+1} - \frac{3(k-1)}{2(k-1)+1} < \frac{1}{k^2}$.

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