

(b) Prove that  $2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**I.** We have  $2 = 2^{1+1} - 2$ , which proves the assertion for  $n = 1$ .

**II.** Assume  $2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 2$ . Now we must prove

$2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^k + 2^{k+1} = 2^{(k+1)+1} - 2$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^k + 2^{k+1} &= (2^{k+1} - 2) + 2^{k+1} \text{ (by inductive hyp.)} \\ &= 2(2^{k+1}) - 2 \\ &= 2^{k+2} - 2, \end{aligned}$$

so the assertion is true for  $n = k + 1$  if it is true for  $n = k$ . Thus

$$2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 2 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

(c) Let  $h > -1$  be a fixed real number. Prove that  $1 + h^n \geq 1 + nh$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**I.** We have  $(1 + h)^1 \geq 1 + 1h$ , so the inequality is true for  $n = 1$ .

**II.** Let us assume  $(1 + h)^k \geq 1 + kh$ . We want to prove that

$(1 + h)^{k+1} \geq 1 + (k + 1)h$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + h)^{k+1} &= (1 + h)^k(1 + h) \\ &\geq (1 + kh)(1 + h) \quad \text{(by inductive hyp. and } 1 + h > 0\text{)} \\ &= 1 + h + kh + kh^2 \\ &\geq 1 + h + kh + 0 \\ &= 1 + (k + 1)h \end{aligned}$$

so the inequality is true for  $n = k + 1$  if it is true for  $n = k$ . By the principle of mathematical induction,

$$1 + h^n \geq 1 + nh \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Sometimes it is convenient to use the principle of mathematical induction in a slightly different form. We assume (not only  $q_k$ , but rather) each one of  $q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_k$  is true and then conclude that  $q_{k+1}$  is true. This establishes the truth of  $q_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , as the following lemma shows.

**4.4 Lemma:** Let  $q_n$  be a statement involving a natural number  $n$ . Assume that

**i.**  $q_1$  is true,

**ii.** for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_k$  are true, then  $q_{k+1}$  is true.

Then  $q_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .