

# COSC201: Tutorial Week 2

## Proofs: Induction

Use induction to prove the following<sup>1</sup>:

1. Prove that  $2n + 1 = O(2^n)$ .
2. Prove that  $n^2 = O(n!)$ .
3. Prove that  $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = n(n + 1)(2n + 1)/6$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
4. Prove that  $4^n - 1$  is divisible by 3 for all  $n \geq 1$ .
5. Show that  $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = n(n + 1)(2n + 1)/6$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
6. Prove that  $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = [n(n + 1)/2]^2$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .
7. Prove that  $n^3 - 7n + 3$  is divisible by 3 for all  $n \geq 0$ .
8. Prove that  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + \dots + (n - 1) \cdot n = n(n - 1)(n + 1)/3$  for all  $n \geq 2$ .
9. *Extension exercise:* Prove that  $6^{n+2} + 7^{2n+1}$  is divisible by 43 for all  $n \geq 0$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Note: there are more tutorial questions here that can reasonably be completed in the tutorial. The extra questions are for practice.