

## THE NATURE OF PROOF - CHAPTER REVIEW

1 Use mathematical induction to prove (c)  $\sum_{r=1}^n (r^2 + 1)r! = n \times (n+1)!$

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- 2 (a) Simplify  $\frac{1}{r(r+1)} - \frac{1}{(r+1)(r+2)}$ .      (b) Hence evaluate  $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r(r+1)(r+2)}$ .
- (c) Use mathematical induction to prove that  $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r(r+1)(r+2)}$  equals the result that you obtained in part (b).

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- 3 Consider the sequence of numbers defined by  $T_1 = 3$ ,  $T_n = 2 \times T_{n-1} + 3$  for all  $n \geq 2$ .
- (a) List the first five terms of this sequence.
  - (b) Prove by induction that  $T_n = 3(2^n - 1)$  for all integers  $n \geq 1$ .

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- 4 (a) If  $u_{n+1} = 2u_n + 1$  for all positive integral values of  $n$ , use mathematical induction to prove that  $u_n + 1 = 2^{n-1}(u_1 + 1)$ .

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6 If  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ , prove by induction that  $(x + y)^n > x^n + y^n$  for all integers  $n \geq 2$ .

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7 (a) By writing  $\cos((2k+1)x)$  as  $\cos(2kx+x)$ , and remembering that  $\cos 2x = 1 - 2\sin^2 x$ , show that:

$$\frac{\sin 2kx}{2\sin x} + \cos(2k+1)x = \frac{\sin(2(k+1)x)}{2\sin x}$$

(b) Use the result of part (a) to prove by induction that  $\cos x + \cos 3x + \dots + \cos((2n-1)x) = \frac{\sin(2nx)}{2\sin x}$  for all positive integers  $n$ .

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8 If  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  are positive real numbers, prove by induction that:

$$(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n) \left( \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n} \right) \geq n^2 \text{ for all integers } n \geq 1.$$

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- 9 (a) Prove that  $x + \sqrt{x} \geq \sqrt{x(x+1)}$  for all real  $x \geq 0$ .
- (b) A sequence is defined as  $u_1 = 1, u_2 = 2, u_n = u_{n-1} + (n-1)u_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 3$ . Prove by induction that  $u_n \geq \sqrt{n!}$ .