

## Math 2534\_ In Class\_ PMI\_ worksheet

### Problem 1:

Theorem: if  $f(x) = x^2 e^x$ , then  $f^{(n)}(x) = e^x [x^2 + 2nx + n(n-1)]$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x \in \mathbb{R}$

### Problem 2:

Theorem:  $n! > 4^n$  for natural numbers  $n > ?$  (fill missing value for  $n$  before beginning proof)

**Problem 3:** Theorem:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 3^n - 1$  is divisible by 2

### Problem 4:

Theorem: For all natural numbers  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} 2^n & n2^{n-1} \\ 0 & 2^n \end{bmatrix}$

### Problem 5:

**Theorem:** The function  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 6x + 5$  is even for all values of the natural numbers.

#### **Proof by PMI:**

If my hypothesis is true for  $n = 1$ , then assume true up to some arbitrary  $k$  so that  $f(k) = 2k^2 + 6k + 5$  is even and then prove true for  $k + 1$ : i.e. we will show that  $f(k + 1) = 2(k + 1)^2 + 6(k + 1) + 5$  is also even. Consider the  $k + 1$  term given below:

$$\begin{aligned} f(k + 1) &= 2(k + 1)^2 + 6(k + 1) + 5 = 2k^2 + 4k + 2 + 6k + 6 + 5 = (2k^2 + 6k + 5) + 4k + 6 \\ &= (2k^2 + 6k + 5) + 2(2k + 3) \end{aligned}$$

We assumed  $2k^2 + 6k + 5$  is even and  $2(2k + 3) = 2m$  is even by definition of even where  $m = 2k + 3$  is an integer. Therefore  $(2k^2 + 6k + 5) + 2(2k + 3)$  is even since the sum of two even integers is always even.

I have assumed true for  $k$  and proved true for  $k + 1$ , therefore  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 6x + 5$  is even for all natural numbers.