


# Induction

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1. Prove that  $n! > 2^n > n^2$  for  $n \geq 4$ . Generalise this to

$$\forall k, l \exists m \forall n > m \quad n! > k^n > n^l$$

2. Prove that if there are  $k$  lines on a plane in general position (no three intersect in one point, no two parallel), they divide the plane in  $\frac{k(k+1)}{2} + 1$  parts.
3. Prove that  $n^{n+1} > (n+1)^n$  for  $n \geq 3$ .
4. Prove that for any number of squares it is possible to divide them into pieces from which a larger square can be built.
5. Prove that the number 11...11 with  $3^n$  1s is divisible by  $3^n$ .
6. Prove that for a real  $a$ , if  $a + \frac{1}{a}$  is integer, then for any  $k$ ,  $a^k + \frac{1}{a^k}$  is integer.
7. Prove that any whole number of pounds more than £7 can be paid with only £3 and £5 coins.
8. Prove that for any  $n, m$   $(n+1)$  divides  $n^{2m-1}$ .
9. Prove that it is possible to number all sequences of 0s and 1s of a given length such that every sequence differs by exactly one term from the previous one.
10. Prove that the sum of the first  $n$  triangular numbers is  $\frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(n+2)$ .
11. **Fermat's Little Theorem** Prove that for a prime  $p$ ,  $a^{p-1} = 1 \pmod{p}$ .
12. One square has been removed from a  $2^k \times 2^k$  grid. Prove that it is possible to tile the rest with these 3-square corners: .