

Exercises 2.2, Mathematics 1 (12-PHY-BIPMA1)
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1. Prove that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $1 \leq k \leq n$,

$$\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1}.$$

2. Use mathematical induction to prove that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

(a) $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6},$

(b) $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4},$

- (c) for any sequence (a_k) of non-negative real numbers,

$$(1 + a_1)(1 + a_2) \cdot \dots \cdot (1 + a_n) \geq 1 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n,$$

- (d) for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$a^{n+1} - b^{n+1} = (a - b)(a^n + a^{n-1}b + a^{n-2}b^2 + \dots + ab^{n-1} + b^n),$$

- (e) for any $\theta \neq 0, \pm 2\pi, \pm 4\pi, \pm 6\pi, \dots$,

$$\cos \theta + \cos 2\theta + \cos 3\theta + \dots + \cos n\theta = \frac{\sin(n + \frac{1}{2})\theta}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}\theta} - \frac{1}{2}.$$

3. Prove that

(a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{n!} = 0.$

(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n} = 0.$ (Hint: Show using induction that $2^n \geq n^3$ for all $n \geq 10$.)