

MATH 2001  
Practicing Proof by Induction

1. Prove that for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $3|(n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n)$

Setup:

- What is  $P(n)$ ?: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is  $P(k)$ ?: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is  $P(k + 1)$ ?: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the base case that you need to prove? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the inductive hypothesis for this proof? \_\_\_\_\_

*Proof:*

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

2. Prove that  $n! > 2^n$  for natural numbers  $n \geq 4$ .