

3 Prove by induction that $n^n \geq n!$.

Lemma 3:

$$(a+1)^n \geq a^n \quad \forall a > 0$$

Proof of lemma 3: Induct on n .

$$(n=1): (a+1)^1 = a+1 \geq a = a^1. \text{ Thus, } (n=1) \text{ is true.}$$

$$\text{Assume } (n=n) \text{ is true: } (a+1)^n \geq a^n.$$

$$(n=n+1): (a+1)^{n+1} = (a+1)^n(a+1) \geq a^n(a+1) = a^{n+1} + a \geq a^{n+1}. \text{ Q.E.D.}$$

Proof of question 3: Induct on n .

$$(n=1): 1^1 = 1 \geq 1 = 1! \text{ Thus, } (n=1) \text{ is true.}$$

$$\text{Assume } (n=n) \text{ is true: } n^n \geq n!$$

$$(n=n+1): (n+1)^{n+1} = (n+1)^n(n+1) \geq n^n(n+1) \geq n!(n+1) = (n+1)!$$

where lemma 3 was used in the second step and the induction assumption was used in the third step. Q.E.D.