

**Directions:** You may work to solve these problems in groups, but all written work must be your own. Unless the problem indicates otherwise, all problems require some justification; a correct answer without supporting reasoning is not sufficient. Submissions must be stapled. See “Guidelines and advice” on the course webpage for more information.

1. Use induction to prove the following.

- (a) For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n (8i - 5) = 4n^2 - n$ .
- (b) For each non-negative integer  $n$ , we have  $9 \mid 4^{3n} + 8$ .
- (c) If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $2^n + 3^n \leq 5^n$ .
- (d) If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(\sum_{k=1}^n k)^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n j^3$ .
- (e) If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} = n2^{n-1}$ . (Hint: you may need one to use one of our identities involving binomial coefficients.)

2. Using any method, prove the following.

- (a) If  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are non-negative real numbers, then

$$(1 + x_1)(1 + x_2) \cdots (1 + x_n) \geq 1 + x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n.$$

- (b) If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\gcd(3n + 5, 5n + 8) = 1$ .
- (c) If  $n$  is a non-negative integer, then  $(1 + \sqrt{2})^n + (1 - \sqrt{2})^n$  is an even integer.

3. Recall the Fibonacci numbers, defined by  $F_1 = 1$ ,  $F_2 = 1$ , and  $F_k = F_{k-1} + F_{k-2}$  for  $k \geq 2$ . Prove that each integer  $n$  can be represented as the sum of Fibonacci numbers, no two of which are consecutive. (For example,  $2 = F_3$ ,  $10 = F_6 + F_3 = 8 + 2$ , and  $20 = F_7 + F_5 + F_3 = 13 + 5 + 2$ . However, even though  $20 = F_7 + F_5 + F_2 + F_1$ , this is not a desired representation for 20 since it uses the consecutive Fibonacci numbers  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ .)