

[40] **Homework 2:** *Mathematical Induction*

**Due:** September 18 by the end of the class.

[10] Using induction, verify the following identity for every positive integer  $n$ :

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}.$$

Compare it with the answer you obtained in Homework 1.

[10] Find a formula for

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 2^i.$$

[10] Find a formula for

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k^2.$$

[10] Prove by induction on  $k$  that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^k \leq \frac{n^k(n+1)}{2}.$$