

**CS2022/MA2201**  
**HW#5 SOLUTIONS**

1. (a)  $P(1)$  is  $1*1!=2!-1=1$  which is true.

(b)  $P(4)$  is  $1*1!+2*2!+3*3!+4*4!=5!-1$  which is equivalent to  $1+4+18+96=119$  which is true.

(c)  $P(n)$  is  $\sum_{k=1}^n k * k! = (n+1)! - 1$

(d)  $P(n+1)$  is  $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k * k! = (n+2)! - 1$

(e) The basis,  $P(1)$ , was shown in (a). As an induction step assume  $P(n)$ , that is, assume

that for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^n k * k! = (n+1)! - 1$ . Then  $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k * k! = \sum_{k=1}^n k * k! + (n+1)(n+1)!$ . By the

induction hypothesis, this is equal to

$$(n+1)! - 1 + (n+1)(n+1)! = (n+1)! + (n+1)(n+1)! - 1 = (n+2)(n+1)! - 1 = (n+2)! - 1$$

which is  $P(n+1)$ .

2. Basis  $1^2 + 1 = 2$  so  $2 | (1^2 + 1)$

Induction Step: Assume that for any fixed positive integer  $n$ ,  $2 | (n^2 + n)$ . Substituting  $n+1$  for  $n$  yields  $(n+1)^2 + (n+1) = (n^2 + n) + 2(n+1)$ . By the Induction Hypothesis, the first term,  $n^2+n$ , is even, and clearly  $2 | 2(n+1)$ , so  $2 | ((n+1)^2 + (n+1))$ , which completes the proof.

3.  $4*6=24$

4. (a)  $2^{12}$  (b)  $2^9$  (c)  $2^8$