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## Exercise Sheet No. 2 Advanced Mathematics I

**Exercise 6:**

(a) Let  $n, m, r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \geq m \geq r \geq 0$ . Prove the following equality about binomial coefficients.

$$\binom{n}{m} \cdot \binom{m}{r} = \binom{n}{r} \cdot \binom{n-r}{m-r}.$$

(b) Evaluate the following summations:

(i)

$$\sum_{k=0}^5 \binom{5}{k},$$

(ii)

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} 5 \frac{\binom{n}{3}}{n!}.$$

**Exercise 7:**

(a) Prove that the sum of three consecutive natural numbers is always divisible by 3.

(b) Prove by contradiction that for each prime  $p$ ,  $\sqrt{p}$  is irrational (recall that 1 is not prime).

**Exercise 8:** Prove the following equality by induction:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2.$$

**Exercise 9:** Prove the following identities by induction:

(a)

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (2k+1) = (n+1)^2,$$

(b)

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

**Exercise 10:** Prove the following identity for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(2k)! - 2 \cdot (2k-2)!}{2^k} = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n} - 1.$$

**Due date:** Your written solutions are due at 14:00 on Tuesday, **6 November, 2018**.  
 Please submit them at the beginning of the problem session  
 or in the box in J101 (note the box will be emptied before the problem session).

**Problem Session:** 14:00 Tuesday, November 6, 2018

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