

**Directions:** You may work to solve these problems in groups, but all written work must be your own. **Show your work;** See “Guidelines and advice” on the course webpage for more information.

1. Prove that  $\sum_{j=1}^n j^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
2. Recall the Fibonacci sequence defined by  $f_0 = 0$ ,  $f_1 = 1$  and  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Prove that  $f_{n-1}f_{n+1} = f_n^2 + (-1)^n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
3. Suppose that  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are real numbers in the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Prove that  $\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - x_i) \geq 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ .
4. Prove that each positive integer  $n$  can be written as a sum of powers of 3 in which each power is used at most twice. For example,  $306 = 3^5 + 3^3 + 3^3 + 3^2$ .
5. Let  $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 0 \leq x \leq 40 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 80\}$ . Starting from position  $(0, 0)$ , two players alternate turns. In each turn, a player increases one of the coordinates and leaves the other unchanged to obtain a new position in  $A$ . The player who reaches position  $(40, 80)$  first wins. Prove that the first player has a strategy to win no matter how the second player moves.