

Please, do not forget to print out, sign, and turn in together with this homework a page with the honor code (e.g., the homework webpage). [CLRS] refers to our course textbook.

**Problem 1.** Prove that:

- (a)  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  for all  $n > 0$
- (b)  $2^n < n!$  for all  $n \geq 4$
- (c) Assuming that  $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n < e$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $\mathbb{N}$  being the set of natural numbers (positive integers)), prove by induction that  $n! > (\frac{n}{e})^n$ .

**Problem 2.** Problem 2-4 from [CLRS].

**Problem 3.** Let  $H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$ . Prove that  $H_n = \Theta(\ln n)$ .

**Problem 4.** Problem 3-3 from [CLRS].

**Problem 5.** Give asymptotic upper and lower bounds for  $T(n)$  in each of the following recurrences. Assume that  $T(n)$  is constant for sufficiently small  $n$ . Make your bounds as tight as possible, and justify your answers.

- (a)  $T(n) = 7T(n/3) + n^2$
- (b)  $T(n) = 7T(n/2) + n^2$
- (c)  $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n \lg n$
- (d)  $T(n) = 3T(n/3 + 5) + n/2$
- (e)  $T(n) = T(n - 1) + 1/n$
- (f)  $T(n) = \sqrt{n}T(\sqrt{n}) + n$