

**PP43121**

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Prove that:

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{2}{k+1} \right) \geq \frac{(n+2)!}{2^{n+1}}$$

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$$P(n) : \prod_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{2}{k+1} \right) \geq \frac{(n+2)!}{2^{n+1}}$$

For:  $n = 1$

$$\frac{1^2}{2} + \frac{2}{1+1} \geq \frac{(1+2)!}{2^{1+1}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} + 1 \geq \frac{6}{4} \Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

By mathematical induction suppose  $P(n)$  true.

Remains to prove:

$$P(n+1) : \prod_{k=1}^{n+1} \left( \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{2}{k+1} \right) \geq \frac{(n+3)!}{2^{n+2}}$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} \left( \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{2}{k+1} \right) = \left( \frac{(n+1)^2}{2} + \frac{2}{n+2} \right) \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{2}{k+1} \right) \geq$$

$$\stackrel{P(n)}{\geq} \left( \frac{(n+1)^2}{2} + \frac{2}{n+2} \right) \cdot \frac{(n+2)!}{2^{n+1}} \geq \frac{(n+3)!}{2^{n+2}}$$

$$\frac{(n+1)^2}{2} + \frac{2}{n+2} \geq \frac{n+3}{2}$$

$$(n+1)^2(n+2) + 4 \geq (n+2)(n+3)$$

$$n^3 + 2n^2 + 2n^2 + 4n + n + 2 + 4 \geq n^2 + 5n + 6$$

$$n^3 + 4n^2 - n^2 \geq 0$$

$$n^3(n+4) \geq 0$$

$$P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$$

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