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## Recitation 1

1. Prove by induction on  $n \geq 0$  that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}.$$

- **2.** Exercise 2.2-2, page 27.
- **3.** Arrange the following functions in order from the slowest growing function to the fastest growing function. Briefly justify your answers. (*Hint:* It may help to plot the functions and obtain an estimate of their relative growth rates. It may also help to express each function as a power of 2 and then compare.)

$$(\lg n)^{20} \quad n^{1/4} \quad 2^{n/100}$$