

**Solution** (#241) The inequality

$$S_n = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r^2} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n}$$

is clear when  $n = 1$ . If it is the case that  $S_N \leq 2 - N^{-1}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} S_{N+1} &= S_N + \frac{1}{(N+1)^2} \\ &\leq 2 - \frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{(N+1)^2} \quad [\text{by assumption}] \\ &\leq 2 - \left( \frac{(N+1)^2 - 1}{N(N+1)^2} \right) \\ &\leq 2 - \left( \frac{N+2}{(N+1)^2} \right) \\ &\leq 2 - \left( \frac{N+1}{(N+1)^2} \right) \\ &\leq 2 - \frac{1}{(N+1)} \end{aligned}$$

and the proof follows by induction.