

$$2n + 3 \leq 2^n$$

for which  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ?

$n=1$	$5 \leq 2^1$	False	$n=3$	$9 \leq 2^3$	False
$n=2$	$7 \leq 2^2$	False	$n=4$	$11 \leq 2^4$	True
$n=5$	$13 \leq 2^5$	True	$n=6$	$15 \leq 2^6$	True

$\begin{matrix} 32 & & 64 \end{matrix}$

Answer: it is true for  $n \geq 4$ .

Proof:

Basis step:  $n=4$ :  $2 \cdot 4 + 3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2^4$   
 $11 \leq 16$  True!

this completes basis step.

Inductive step: assume  $2k + 3 \leq 2^k$  for any  $(IH)$   
 arbitrary fixed integer  $k \geq 4$ .

we need to show that in this case:

$$2(k+1) + 3 \leq 2^{k+1} \text{ also}$$

$$2(k+1) + 3 = 2k + 5 = \underbrace{2k + 3}_{\leq 2^k} + 2 \stackrel{\text{(by IH)}}{\leq} 2^k + 2 \leq$$

$$\underline{2} < 2^k \text{ for } k \geq 4$$

$$2^k + \underline{2^k} = 2^{k+1}$$

this completes inductive step.

By math. induction we proved that

$$2n + 3 \leq 2^n \text{ for any integer } n \geq 4$$

q.e.d.