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## 0: Verifications

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## 1: Your Average Induction

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**Claim:**  $Average(A, n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} A_i/n$ , where  $A_i = A[i]$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

We do this by induction.

**Base Case:**  $Average(A, 1) = A_0/1 = A_0$  by the definition of *Average*.

**Induction Hypothesis:** Suppose the claim is true for some  $k \geq 1$ .

**Induction Step:**

$Average(A, k+1) = ((Average(A, k) * k) + A[k])/(k+1)$  (by the given function)

$Average(A, k) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A_i/k$  (by I.H.)

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} Average(A, k+1) &= ((\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A_i/k) * k + A[k])/(k+1) \\ &= ((\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A_i) + A[k])/(k+1) \\ &= (\sum_{i=0}^k A_i)/(k+1) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k A_i/(k+1) \end{aligned}$$

which is exactly  $Average(A, k+1)$ . Since the base case and inductive step both hold,  $Average(A, n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} A_i/n$ , where  $A_i = A[i]$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

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## 2: No, You're Being Irrational

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**Claim:**  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}$  is irrational.

We will do this through proof by contradiction.

Lets assume that  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}$  is rational. If this is true, it can be written as a fraction,  $a/b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are two coprime integers and  $\neq 0$ .

$$\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5} = a/b \qquad \text{Definition of Rational Numbers}$$

Using Algebra to rearrange the equation, we can isolate the  $a$  and  $b$  terms.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{5} &= a/b - \sqrt{2} \\ 5 &= a^2/b^2 - (2\sqrt{2})a/b + 2 \\ 3 - a^2/b^2 &= -(2\sqrt{2})a/b \\ (3b)/a - a/b &= -2\sqrt{2} \\ a/(2b) - (3b)/(2a) &= \sqrt{2} \\ (a^2 - 3b^2)/(2ab) &= \sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

Since we know that  $a$  and  $b$  are integers  $\neq 0$ , we also can state that  $(a^2 - 3b^2)$  and  $(2ab)$  are also integers and  $(2ab) \neq 0$ . If we let them be  $n$  and  $m$  respectively, the left side of the equation becomes  $n/m$ , indicating that the right side of the equation is rational. However, we know that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational. Therefore, the initial assumption that  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}$  is rational is contradicted. Thus,  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}$  is irrational.

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### 3: Prime Examples

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**Claim:** For any prime  $p > 3$ , either  $p \equiv_6 1$  or  $p \equiv_6 5$ .

We do this through proof by contradiction.

Lets assume that there exists some prime  $p > 3$  such that  $p \not\equiv_6 1$  and  $p \not\equiv_6 5$ . Lets consider all possible remainders for  $(p/6) \notin \{1, 5\}$ .

1.  $p \equiv_6 0$ : In this case,  $p$  is divisible by 6, meaning it is additionally divisible by 2 and 3 and therefore not prime.
2.  $p \equiv_6 2$ : In this case,  $p$  is divisible by 2. The only prime number for which this is true is when  $p = 2$ ; however,  $p$  would no longer be  $> 3$ . Therefore,  $p$  is not prime.
3.  $p \equiv_6 3$ : In this case,  $p$  is divisible by 3 and not 2. However, the only prime number for which this is true is 3. Therefore, for any  $p > 3$ ,  $p$  is not prime.
4.  $p \equiv_6 4$ : In this case,  $p$  is an even number and therefore not prime.

Therefore, there are no such prime values for  $p > 3$  such that the claim holds. Thus, for any prime  $p$  such that  $p > 3$ , either  $p \equiv_6 1$  or  $p \equiv_6 5$ .

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#### 4: Balanced Ternary

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**Claim:**  $evaluate_n(X)$  is injective for all  $n$ . That is, if  $evaluate_n(X) = evaluate_n(Y)$ , then  $X = Y$ . We do this by induction.

**Base Case:** By the definition of  $V$ , if  $V(t_0) = 0$ ,  $t_0 = 0$ . If  $V(t_0) = 1$ ,  $t_0 = 1$ . If  $V(t_0) = -1$ ,  $t_0 = T$ . Thus, because every output only has 1 input for length  $n = 1$ ,  $evaluate_1(X)$  is injective.

**Induction Hypothesis:** Assume that the claim is true for some ternary number of length  $k$ .

**Induction Step:** Suppose  $A = (a_k \dots a_0)$  and  $B = (b_k \dots b_0)$  are two ternary numbers of length  $k + 1$  such that  $evaluate_{k+1}(A) = evaluate_{k+1}(B)$ . From this, we can expand.

$$\begin{aligned}
 evaluate_{k+1}(A) &= evaluate_{k+1}(B) \\
 \sum_{i=0}^k V(a_i)3^i &= \sum_{i=0}^k V(b_i)3^i && \text{by Definition of } V \\
 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(a_i)3^i + V(a_k)3^k &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(b_i)3^i + V(b_k)3^k && \text{Algebra} \\
 \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(a_i)3^i + V(a_k)3^k \right) (mod 3^k) &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(b_i)3^i + V(b_k)3^k \right) (mod 3^k) && (\text{mod } 3^k) \text{ on both sides} \\
 \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(a_i)3^i \right) (mod 3^k) &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(b_i)3^i \right) (mod 3^k) && \text{Definition of Modulus}
 \end{aligned}$$

By the **Lemma**, both  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(a_i)3^i$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(b_i)3^i$  are  $< 3^k$  and are not affected by the  $(mod 3^k)$  term. Thus, we end up with

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(a_i)3^i = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(b_i)3^i$$

Thus,  $A = B$  by the Inductive Hypothesis and  $evaluate_{k+1}$  is injective. Since the base case and inductive step both hold,  $evaluate_n(X)$  is injective for all  $n$ .

**Lemma:** Proving that there exists a maximum value for  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(x_i)3^i$  that is  $< 3^k$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . Note that the maximum value for  $V(x_1)$  is 1, so it can be omitted from the proof.

**Claim:**  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(x_i)3^i \leq 3^k - 1$ .

We do this by induction.

**Base Case:** When  $k = 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^0 3^i = 3^0 = 1$ . This is  $\leq 3^1 - 1 = 2$ , so the base case holds.

**Inductive Hypothesis:** The claim is true for some  $k \geq 1$ .

**Inductive Step:** Show the claim holds for ternary numbers of length  $k + 1$ .

$$\sum_{i=0}^k 3^i = 3^k + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 3^i \leq 3^k + 3^k - 1 \text{ by Inductive Hypothesis.}$$

Thus, the claim that  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} V(x_i)3^i \leq 3^k - 1$  holds for all  $k \geq 1$ .