

# CSCA67 - Exercises #8

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2.1

For every integer  $n \geq 1, n^3 - n$  is divisible by 3.

Let  $P(n)$  be  $\exists z \in \mathbb{N}, n^3 - n = 3z$ .

Base Case

$$\begin{aligned} & n^3 - n \\ & \Rightarrow 1^3 - 1 \\ & = 0 \\ & = 3(0) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $P(1)$ .

Induction Step

Let  $k$  be arbitrary.

(1)

Suppose  $k \geq 1$

(2)

Suppose  $P(k)$

Induction Hypothesis (3)

$$\exists z \in \mathbb{N}, k^3 - k = 3z$$

Defintion of  $P$  (4)

$$k^3 - k = 3z$$

4, E.I (5)

$$(k+1)^3 - (k+1) = k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - k - 1$$

(6)

$$= (k^3 - k) + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - 1$$

$$= (k^3 - k) + 3k^2 + 3k$$

$$= 3z + 3k^2 + 3k$$

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$$= 3(z + k^2 + k)$$

$$(k+1)^3 - (k+1) = 3j$$

$(z + k^2 + k) \in \mathbb{N}$  (7)

$$\exists z \in \mathbb{N}, (k+1)^3 - (k+1) = 3z$$

7, E.G (8)

$$P(k+1)$$

Definition of  $P$  (9)

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

3, 9, Implication (10)

$$k \geq 1 \rightarrow (P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1))$$

2, 10, Implication (11)

$$\forall k, k \geq 1 \rightarrow (P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1))$$

1, 12, Implication (12)

Therefore,  $\forall n \geq 1, P(n) \implies \forall n \geq 1, \exists z \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n^3 - n = 3z \blacksquare$ .

2.2

For every integer  $n \geq 4, 2^n < n!$ .

Let  $P(n)$  be  $2^n < n!$ .

Base Case

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^n < n! \\ & \Rightarrow 2^4 < 4! \\ & 16 < 24 \\ & T \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $P(4)$ .

### Induction Step

Let  $k$  be arbitrary. (1)

Suppose  $k \geq 4$  (2)

Suppose  $P(k)$

$$2^k < k!$$

$$(2^k)(k) < (k!)(2)$$

$$2^{k+1} < (k!)(2)$$

$$< (k!)(k + 1)$$

$$< (k + 1)!$$

$$P(k + 1)$$

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

$$k \geq 4 \rightarrow (P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1))$$

$$\forall k, k \geq 4 \rightarrow (P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1))$$

Induction Hypothesis (3)

Defintion of  $P$  (4)

$$(5)$$

$$(6)$$

$$(k \geq 4)$$

Definition of  $P$  (7)

3, 7, Implication (8)

2, 8, Implication (9)

1, 9, Implication (10)

Therefore,  $\forall n \geq 4, P(n) \implies \forall n \geq 4, 2^n < n!$  ■

2.3

For every integer  $n \geq 1$ , if  $a, r \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $r \neq 1$ , then  $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n = \frac{ar^{n+1}-a}{r-1}$ . Using summation notation,  $\sum_{i=0}^n ar^n = \frac{ar^{n+1}-a}{r-1}$

Let  $P(n)$  be  $\sum_{i=0}^n ar^n = \frac{ar^{n+1}-a}{r-1}$

### Base Case

$$\sum_{i=0}^n ar^n = \frac{ar^{n+1}-a}{r-1}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^1 ar^n = \frac{ar^2-a}{r-1}$$

$$a + ar = \frac{ar^2-a}{r-1}$$

$$a + ar = \frac{a(r^2-1)}{r-1}$$

$$a + ar = \frac{a(r+1)(r-1)}{r-1}$$

$$a + ar = a(r+1)$$

$$a + ar = ar + a$$

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Therefore,  $P(1)$ .

### Induction Step

Let  $n$  be arbitrary. (1)

Suppose  $n \geq 1$  (2)

Suppose  $P(n)$  Induction Hypothesis (3)

$$\sum_{i=0}^n ar^n = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r - 1} \quad \text{Defintion of } P \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n ar^n + ar^{n+1} = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r - 1} + ar^{n+1} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r - 1} + \frac{(ar^{n+1})(r - 1)}{r - 1} \\ &= \frac{ar^{n+1} - a + ar^{n+1}(r - 1)}{r - 1} \\ &= \frac{ar^{n+1} - a + ar^{n+2} - ar^{n+1}}{r - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{ar^{n+2} - a}{r - 1}$$

$$= \frac{ar^{(n+1)+1} - a}{r - 1}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} ar^n = \frac{ar^{(n+1)+1} - a}{r - 1} \quad (6)$$

$P(n+1)$  Definition of  $P$  (7)

$P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$  3, 7, Implication (8)

$n \geq 1 \rightarrow (P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1))$  2, 8, Implication (9)

$\forall n, n \geq 1 \rightarrow (P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1))$  1, 9, Implication (10)

Therefore,  $\forall n \geq 1, P(n) \implies \forall n \geq 1, \sum_{i=0}^n ar^n = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r - 1}$  ■.

2.4

For every integer  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{n}$

Let  $P(n)$  be  $\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{n}$ .

### Base Case

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^2 \frac{1}{i^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} < 2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{5}{4} < \frac{3}{2}$$

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Therefore,  $P(2)$ .

### Induction Step

Let  $n$  be arbitrary.

Suppose  $n \geq 2$

Suppose  $P(n)$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i^2} < 2 - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i^2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} &< 2 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \\ &= 2 - \frac{(n+1)^2 + n}{n(n+1)^2} \\ &< 2 - \frac{(n+1)}{n(n+1)^2} \\ &= 2 - \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \\ &< 2 - \frac{1}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \frac{1}{i^2} < \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$P(n+1)$

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

$n \geq 2 \rightarrow (P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1))$

$\forall n, n \geq 2 \rightarrow (P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1))$

(1)

(2)

Induction Hypothesis (3)

Defintion of  $P$  (4)

(5)

$n \geq 2$

$n \geq 2$

(6)

Definition of  $P$  (7)

3, 7, Implication (8)

2, 8, Implication (9)

1, 9, Implication (10)

Therefore,  $\forall n \geq 1, P(n) \implies \forall n \geq 2, \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i^2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}$  ■.