

5.1 HW 6 ($n!$ on 151), 8, 14, 18, 28, 38, 40

6) Prove that $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + \dots + n \cdot n! = (n + 1)! - 1$ whenever n is a positive integer.

Basis Step: $n \times n! = (n+1)! - 1$

P(1): $1 \times 1 = 1 + 1 - 1 = 1$, so $1 = 1$ for $P(1)$.

Because $P(1)$ is true, this shows the basis step.

Inductive Step: States $P(k)$, where $P(k)$ is $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + \dots + k \cdot k! = (k + 1)! - 1$ is true.

We must show that if $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k+1)$ is also true.

To do this, add $(k + 1) \times (k + 1)!$ to each side.

$$\begin{aligned} (K \times k)! + (k+1) \times (k+1)! &= (k+1)! - 1 + (k+1) \times (k+1)! \\ &= (k+1)! [1 + k + 1] - 1 \\ &= (k+1)! (k + 2) - 1 \\ &= (k+2)! - 1 \end{aligned}$$

This shows the inductive hypothesis is true and completes the inductive argument. By showing the basis and inductive argument to be true, we can conclude that $P(n)$ is also true.

8) Prove that $2 - 2 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 7^2 - \dots + 2(-7)^n = (1 - (-7)^{n+1}) / 4$ whenever n is a nonnegative integer.

Basis Step: $2(-7)^n = (1 - (-7)^{n+1}) / 4$

$P(0)$ gives us $2 = 2$, proving that the basis step is true

Inductive Step: We must show that if $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k+1)$ is also true.

Add $2(-7)^{n+1}$ to both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} 2(-7)^n + 2(-7)^{n+1} &= ((1 - (-7)^{n+1}) / 4) + 2(-7)^{n+1} \\ &= 1 - (-7)^{n+1} + 8(-7)^{n+1} / 4 \\ &= 1 + 7(-7)^{n+1} / 4 \\ &= 1 + (-7)^{n+2} / 4 \end{aligned}$$

This shows the inductive hypothesis to be true where if $P(k)$, then $P(k+1)$. Because we have shown the basis and inductive steps to be true, we can conclude that the statement is true.

14) Prove that for every positive integer n , $\sum_{k=1}^n k 2^k = (n - 1)2^{n+1} + 2$.

Basis Step:

$P(1)$: $2 = 2$

Because $2 = 2$, we have shown that the basis step, $P(1)$ is true

Inductive Step:

Show that if $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k+1)$ is also true

Add $(k+1)2^{n+1}$ to each side, making the right side:

$$(k-1)2^{k-1} + 2 + (k+1)2^{k+1} = 2^{k+1}(k-1+k+1) + 2$$

$$= 2^{k+1}(2k) + 2$$

$$= 2^{k+2}(k) + 2$$

This shows that the inductive hypothesis is true for $P(k)$, and that $P(k+1)$ must also be true. Because we have shown the basis and inductive steps to be true, we can conclude that the statement is true.

18) Let $P(n)$ be the statement that $n! < n^n$, where n is an integer greater than 1.

a) What is the statement $P(2)$?

$$\mathbf{2 < 4 \text{ or just } 2! < 2^2}$$

b) Show that $P(2)$ is true, completing the basis step of the proof.

Because $(1 \times 2) < (2)^{(2)}$, we have shown the basis step that $P(2)$ is true.

c) What is the inductive hypothesis?

For all positive integers n , where n is greater than 1, and $P(n)$ is true, then $P(n+1)$ is true. $k+1! < k+1^{k+1}$

d) What do you need to prove in the inductive step?

I need to prove that for every n , if $P(n)$ is true, then $P(n+1)$ is also true.

e) Complete the inductive step.

$$\mathbf{K!(k+1) < k^2(k+1) < (k+1)^k(k+1) = (k+1)^{k+1}}$$

f) Explain why these steps show that this inequality is true whenever n is an integer greater than

These steps show both the basis step and inductive step to be true, showing that the statement is true.

28) Prove that $n^2 - 7n + 12$ is nonnegative whenever n is an integer with $n \geq 3$.

Basis Case:

$$\mathbf{P(3): 9 - 21 + 12 = 0, \text{ which is a nonnegative integer.}}$$

Because $P(3)$ is true, we can say that the base case is true.

Inductive Case:

If $P(k)$ is true, show that $P(k+1)$ is also true.

Insert $(k+1)$ to the equation

$$(k+1)^2 - 7(k+1) + 12 = k^2 + 2k + 1 - 7k - 7 + 12$$

$$= (k^2 - 7k + 12) + (2k - 6)$$

$$= (k^2 - 7k + 12) + 2(k - 3)$$

$2(k-3)$ will be non-neg whenever $k \geq 3$, and $(k^2 - 7k + 12)$ has already been proven for $P(k)$.

We have shown that the inductive hypothesis, if true for $P(k)$, is also true for $P(k+1)$. By proving the basis case and the inductive case true, we can conclude that the statement is true.

38) Prove that if A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n and B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n are sets such that $A_j \subseteq B_j$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

then $\bigcup_{j=1}^n A_j \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^n B_j$

Basis Step: $P(1)$ shows $A_1 \subseteq B_1$

Inductive Step: $P(k)$ is T where $A_1 \subseteq B_1$, then $U_{k+1, j=1} A_j \subseteq U_{k+1, j=1} B_j$.

x is an arbitrary element of $(U_{k+1, j=1} A_j) \cup A_{k+1}$, where x will be an element of the first or second.

If it is of the first, then we can clearly conclude x is an element of $U_{k+1, j=1} B_j$. If it is of the second, we can say that x is an element of B_{k+1} because $A_{k+1} \subseteq B_{k+1}$.

We have thus shown the inductive hypothesis $P(k)$ is true, and that then $P(k+1)$ must also be true. Because we have shown the basis step and the inductive step to be true, we can conclude that the original statement is true.

40) Prove if A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , and B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n are sets such that $A_j \subseteq B_j$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ then $(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) \cup B = (A_1 \cup B) \cap (A_2 \cup B) \cap \dots \cap (A_n \cup B)$

Basis Step: $P(1)$: $A_1 \cup B = A_1 \cup B$ is true, and proves the Basis step.

Inductive Step: If we assume $P(k)$ is true, then we must show that $P(k+1)$ is also true.

This gives us $(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k \cap A_{k+1}) \cup B$

$= [(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k) \cap A_{k+1}] \cup B$ - Associative Law

$= [(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k) \cup B] \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B)$ - Distributive Law

$= (A_1 \cup B) \cap (A_2 \cup B) \cap \dots \cap (A_k \cup B) \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B)$

We have thus shown that the inductive hypothesis $P(k)$ is true, and that $P(k+1)$ then must also be true. We have then shown both the basis case and the inductive case, showing that the original statement is true.