

Assignment #2

Section 5.1

74. Prove that if p is a prime number and r is an integer with $0 < r < p$, then $\binom{p}{r}$ is divisible by p .

Proof: Suppose p is a prime number and r is an integer with $0 < r < p$.

$$\text{Then } \binom{p}{r} = \frac{p!}{r!(p-r)!} = \frac{p \cdot (p-1) \cdot (p-2) \cdot \dots \cdot (p-r+1) \cdot (p-r)!}{r!(p-r)!} = \frac{p \cdot (p-1) \cdot (p-2) \cdot \dots \cdot (p-r+1)}{r!}$$

The prime factorization of the numerator will contain a p and the primes in the prime factorization of the denominator will be less than p . Since $\binom{p}{r}$ is an integer, all the primes in the denominator will cancel out with the primes from the numerator.

This will result in p times an integer. Therefore, $\binom{p}{r}$ is divisible by p .

Section 5.2

16. Prove each of the statements in 10–17 by mathematical induction.

$$(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}) (1 - \frac{1}{3^2}) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{n^2}) = \frac{n+1}{2n}, \text{ for all integers } n \geq 2.$$

$$\text{Proof: } P(n): (1 - \frac{1}{2^2}) (1 - \frac{1}{3^2}) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{n^2}) = \frac{n+1}{2n}$$

Basis Step: Show that $P(2)$ is true.

$$(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}) = \frac{2+1}{2 \cdot 2}$$

$$(1 - \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \checkmark$$

$$\text{Inductive Hypothesis - } P(k): (1 - \frac{1}{2^2}) (1 - \frac{1}{3^2}) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{k^2}) = \frac{k+1}{2k}, \text{ for all integers } k \geq 2.$$

Suppose $P(k)$ is true. Show that if $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k+1)$ is true:

$$P(k+1): (1 - \frac{1}{2^2}) (1 - \frac{1}{3^2}) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}) = \frac{(k+1)+1}{2(k+1)}$$

$$P(k+1): (1 - \frac{1}{2^2}) (1 - \frac{1}{3^2}) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}) = \frac{k+2}{2k+2}$$

$$P(k+1) = (1 - \frac{1}{2^2}) (1 - \frac{1}{3^2}) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{k^2}) (1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2})$$

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

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

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

$$P(k+1) = \frac{k+1}{2k} (\frac{k^2+2k}{k^2+2k+1})$$

$$P(k+1) = \frac{k+1}{2k} (\frac{k^2+2k}{(k+1)^2})$$

$$P(k+1) = \frac{k^2+2k}{2k \cdot (k+1)}$$

$$P(k+1) = \frac{k \cdot (k+2)}{2k \cdot (k+1)}$$

$$P(k+1) = \frac{(k+2)}{2 \cdot (k+1)}$$

$$P(k+1) = \frac{k+2}{2k+2} \checkmark$$

27. Use the formula for the sum of the first n integers and/or the formula for the sum of a geometric sequence to evaluate the sums in 20–29 or to write them in closed form.

$5^3 + 5^4 + 5^5 + \dots + 5^k$, where k is any integer with $k \geq 3$.

$$5^3 + 5^4 + 5^5 + \dots + 5^k = 1 + 5 + 5^2 + 5^3 + 5^4 + 5^5 + \dots + 5^k - (1 + 5 + 5^2)$$

$$1 + 5 + 5^2 + 5^3 + 5^4 + 5^5 + \dots + 5^k - (1 + 5 + 5^2) = \frac{5^{k+1}-1}{4} - \frac{5^3-1}{4} = \frac{5^{k+1}-1}{4} - 31 = \frac{5^{k+1}-1}{4} - \frac{124}{4} = \frac{5^{k+1}-125}{4}$$

Section 5.3

21. Prove each statement in 8–23 by mathematical induction.

$$\sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \text{ for all integers } n \geq 2.$$

$$\text{Proof: } P(n): \sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Basis Step: Show that $P(2)$ is true.

$$\sqrt{2} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} < 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} < \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} < \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}} \checkmark$$

$$\text{Inductive Hypothesis - } P(k): \sqrt{k} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}, \text{ for all integers } k \geq 2.$$

Suppose $P(k)$ is true. Show that if $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k+1)$ is true:

$$P(k+1): \sqrt{k+1} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$\sqrt{k} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{k} \cdot \sqrt{k+1} + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{k \cdot (k+1)} + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{k^2+k+1}}{\sqrt{k+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$\sqrt{k+1} = \sqrt{k+1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{k+1}}{\sqrt{k+1}} = \frac{k+1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$\sqrt{k^2+k+1} + 1 > k+1$$

$$\sqrt{k^2+k} > k$$

$$k^2 + k > k^2$$

$k > 0$ This is true because it is assumed $k \geq 2$.

$$\therefore \sqrt{k+1} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \checkmark$$

Section 5.5

29. In 24–34, F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots is the Fibonacci sequence.

Prove that $F_{k+1}^2 - F_k^2 = F_{k-1}F_{k+2}$, for all integers $k \geq 1$.

For all integers $k \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{k+1}^2 - F_k^2 &= (F_{k+1} + F_k) \cdot (F_{k+1} - F_k) - (\text{difference of two squares}) \\
&= (F_{k+2}) \cdot (F_{k+1} - F_k) - (\text{definition of the Fibonacci sequence}) \\
&= F_{k+2} F_{k+1} - F_{k+2} F_k \\
&= F_{k+2} (F_k + F_{k-1}) - F_{k+2} F_k - (\text{definition of the Fibonacci sequence}) \\
&= F_{k+2} F_k + F_{k-1} F_{k+2} - F_{k+2} F_k \\
&= F_{k-1} F_{k+2} \quad \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

Section 5.6

15. In each of 3–15 a sequence is defined recursively. Use iteration to guess an explicit formula for the sequence. Use the formulas from Section 5.2 to simplify your answers whenever possible.

$$y_k = y_{k-1} + k^2, \text{ for all integers } k \geq 2$$

$$y_1 = 1$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + 2^2 = 1 + 2^2 = 5$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + 3^2 = 1 + 2^2 + 3^2 = 14$$

$$y_4 = y_3 + 4^2 = 1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 = 30$$

$$y_5 = y_4 + 5^2 = 1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 = 55$$

$$y_k = 1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (k-1)^2 + (k)^2 = \frac{(k) \cdot (k+1) \cdot (2k+1)}{6}$$

This formula is the summation of the first k Squares.

46. In each of 43–49 a sequence is defined recursively. (a) Use iteration to guess an explicit formula for the sequence. (b)

Use strong mathematical induction to verify that the formula of part (a) is correct.

$$s_k = 2s_{k-2}, \text{ for all integers } k \geq 2,$$

$$s_0 = 1, s_1 = 2.$$

$$(a) \quad s_0 = 1$$

$$s_1 = 2$$

$$s_2 = 2s_0 = 2 \cdot 1 = 2$$

$$s_3 = 2s_1 = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$$

$$s_4 = 2s_2 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 4$$

$$s_5 = 2s_3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8$$

$$s_6 = 2s_4 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 8$$

$$s_7 = 2s_5 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 16$$

$$s_8 = 2s_6 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 16$$

$$s_k = \begin{cases} 2^{(k+1)/2} & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \\ 2^{k/2} & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$= 2^{\lceil k/2 \rceil} \text{ for all integers } k \geq 0.$$

(b) Proof:

Let s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots be the recursive sequence defined by $s_0 = 1, s_1 = 2$ and $s_k = 2s_{k-2}$, for all integers $k \geq 2$.

$P(n)$: $s_n = 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil}$ for all integers $n \geq 0$.

Basis Step: Show that $P(0)$ is true.

$$P(0) = 2^{\lceil 0/2 \rceil} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

This equals s_0 in the sequence s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots

Inductive Hypothesis -

$P(k)$: $s_k = 2^{\lceil k/2 \rceil}$ for all integers $k \geq 0$.

Suppose $P(i)$ is true for all integers i with $0 \leq i \leq k$. Show that $P(k+1)$ is true:

$$P(k+1): s_{k+1} = 2^{\lceil (k+1)/2 \rceil}$$

$$s_{k+1} = 2s_{k-1}$$

$$s_{k+1} = 2 \cdot 2^{\lceil (k-1)/2 \rceil}$$

$$s_{k+1} = 2^{\lceil ((k-1)/2) + 1 \rceil}$$

$$s_{k+1} = 2^{\lceil ((k-1)/2) + (2/2) \rceil}$$

$$s_{k+1} = 2^{\lceil (k+1)/2 \rceil} \quad \checkmark$$

Section 6.1

23. Let $V_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -\frac{1}{i} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{i}\}$ for all positive integers i .

$$V_1 = [-1, 1], V_2 = [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}], V_3 = [-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}], V_4 = [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}]$$

a. $\bigcup_{i=1}^4 V_i = ?$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^4 V_i = [-1, 1] \cup [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \cup [-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}] = [-1, 1]$$

b. $\bigcap_{i=1}^4 V_i = ?$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^4 V_i = [-1, 1] \cap [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \cap [-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}] \cap [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}] = [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}]$$

c. Are V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots mutually disjoint? Explain.

V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots are not mutually disjoint because they intersect each other. $V_{k+1} \subseteq V_k$ for all integers $k \geq 1$.

d. $\bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i = ?$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i = [-1, 1] \cup [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \cup [-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}] \dots \cup [-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}] = [-1, 1]$$

e. $\bigcap_{i=1}^n V_i = ?$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n V_i = [-1, 1] \cap [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \cap [-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}] \cap [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}] \dots \cap [-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}] = [-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}]$$

f. $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i = ?$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i = [-1, 1] \cup [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \cup [-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}] \dots \cup [-\frac{1}{\infty}, \frac{1}{\infty}] = [-1, 1]$$

g. $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i = ?$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i = [-1, 1] \cap [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \cap [-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}] \cap [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}] \dots \cap [-\frac{1}{\infty}, \frac{1}{\infty}] = [0]$$

Section 6.2

19. Use an element argument to prove each statement in 7–19. Assume that all sets are subsets of a universal set U .

For all sets A, B, and C,

$$A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C).$$

$$\text{Case 1: } A \times (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

Suppose $(x, y) \in A \times (B \cap C)$.

1. $x \in A$ - definition of cartesian product
2. $y \in (B \cap C)$ - definition of cartesian product
3. $y \in B$ - definition of set intersection
4. $y \in C$ - definition of set intersection
5. $(x, y) \in (A \times B)$ - (1), (3) cartesian product
6. $(x, y) \in (A \times C)$ - (1), (4) cartesian product
7. $(x, y) \in (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$ - (5), (6) set intersection

$$\text{Case 2: } (A \times B) \cap (A \times C) \subseteq A \times (B \cap C)$$

Suppose $(x, y) \in (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$

1. $(x, y) \in (A \times B)$ - definition of set intersection
2. $(x, y) \in (A \times C)$ - definition of set intersection
3. $x \in A$ - (1), definition of cartesian product
4. $y \in B$ - (1), definition of cartesian product
5. $y \in C$ - (2), definition of cartesian product
6. $y \in (B \cap C)$ - (4), (5), set intersection
7. $(x, y) \in A \times (B \cap C)$ - (3), (6), cartesian product

Section 6.3

35. In 30–40, construct an algebraic proof for the given statement. Cite a property from Theorem 6.2.2 for every step.

For all sets A and B, $A - (A - B) = A \cap B$.

$$A - (A - B)$$

$$= A \cap (A - B)^c \text{ - Set Difference Law}$$

$$= A \cap (A \cap B^c)^c \text{ - Set Difference Law}$$

$$= A \cap (A^c \cup (B^c)^c) \text{ - De Morgan's Law for } \cap$$

$$= A \cap (A^c \cup B) \text{ - Double Complement Law}$$

$$= (A \cap A^c) \cup (A \cap B) \text{ - Distributive Law for } \cap$$

$$= \emptyset \cup (A \cap B) \text{ - Complement Law for } \cap$$

$$= (A \cap B) \cup \emptyset \text{ - Commutative Law for } \cup$$

$$= (A \cap B) \text{ - Identity Law for } \cup$$