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HW #2

18 Prove  $(\forall n) [n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow 1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 2^2 + 4 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + n \cdot 2^n = (n-1)2^{n+1}]$

Proof:

Base Case ( $n=1$ )  $1 \cdot 2^1 = (1-1)2^{1+1}$

The LHS is  $1 \cdot 2^1 = 2$ .  $1 \cdot 2^1$  |  $(0)(2) + 1$

The RHS is  $(1-1)(2^1) + 1 = 1$ .  $1 \cdot 1$  |  $0 + 1$

These are equal  $1 \leftrightarrow 1$

Induction Step: We will assume that  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 2^2 + 4 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + n \cdot 2^n = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 1$ . Note that  $1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 2^2 + 4 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + n \cdot 2^n = \sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot 2^k$ . So part of the assumption becomes  $\sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot 2^k = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 1$ .

From this, we derive  $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k \cdot 2^k = (n)2^{n+1} + 1$

Note that  $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k \cdot 2^k = \sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot 2^k + (n+1)2^{n+1}$

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

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

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

This completes the induction step, and with it, the proof. Q.E.D.

19. Prove  $\forall n [n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n \leq 2^{n-1}]$

Proof:

Base Case ( $n=1$ ):  $1 \leq 2^0$

The LHS is 1. The RHS is also 1.

$1 \leq 1$ .

Induction Step: Assume  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \leq 2^{n-1}$

From this, we derive that  $n+1 \leq 2^n$

$$n \leq n+1 \leq 2^n$$

$$n \neq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} \leq n \leq 2^n$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) \leq \left( \frac{2^n}{2} \right)$$
$$n \leq 2^{n-1}$$

This concludes the induction step, and with it, the proof.  $\square$

22. Prove  $(\forall n) [n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow 3 \mid n^3 + 2n]$

Proof:

Base case ( $n=1$ ):

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \overline{) 1^3 + 2(1)} \\ 3 \overline{) 1 + 2} \\ 3 \overline{) 3} \quad \checkmark \end{array}$$

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Induction step: Assume that  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $3 \mid n^3 + 2n$

From this, we can deduce that  $3 \mid (n+1)^3 + 2(n+1)$

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)^3 + 2(n+1) &= n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1 + 2n + 2 \\ &= n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 3 + 2n \\ &= \underbrace{n^3 + 2n}_{3l \text{ for some } l \in \mathbb{Z}} + 3n^2 + 3 \\ &= 3l + 3n^2 + 3n + 3 \\ &= 3(l + n^2 + n + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$K$  is the sum of integers and natural numbers.  $K$

will be an integer. If  $= 3K$

$K$  is an integer, then  $3K$

contains the factor 3. QED

This concludes the induction step,  
and with it, the proof. QED



36. Prove  $(\forall n) [n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow 4 \mid 5^n + 3]$

Proof:

Base case ( $n=1$ ):  $4 \mid 5^1 + 3$

The RHS is  $5^1 + 3 = 8$   $4 \mid 8$

4 is a factor of 8  $4 \mid 8$  ✓

Induction Step: We will assume that  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $4 \mid 5^n + 3$ ,

It follows that  $4 \mid 5^{n+1} + 3$  can be derived

$$5^{n+1} + 3 = 5^{n+1} + 5(3) - 5(3) + 3$$

$$= 5(5^n + 3) - 3(5 + 1)$$

$4 \mid$  where  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the assumption,

we know that 4 is a factor  
of  $5^n + 3$ , which allows  $5^n + 3$

to be expressed as  $4l$

$$= 5(4l) - 3(4)$$

$$= 4(5l - 3)$$

$5l - 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$  because the product of an integer and  
an integer ( $5l$ ) is an integer. The difference  
between 2 integers is also an integer.

Anything that is 4 multiplied by an integer has  
a factor of 4. QED

Q9. Prove  $(\forall n) [n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \Rightarrow 3 \mid 2^{n+1} + (-1)^n]$

Proof: Base case  $= 0$   $3 \mid 2^{0+1} + (-1)^0$

The RHS  $2^{0+1} + (-1)^0 = 3 \mid 2+1$

$\Rightarrow 3$ . 3 is a factor of 3.  $\checkmark$   
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Base case  $= 1$   $3 \mid 2^{1+1} + (-1)^1$

The RHS  $2^{1+1} + (-1)^1 = 3 \mid 2^2 + (-1)$

$\Rightarrow 3$ . 3 is a factor of 3.  $\checkmark$

The set of non-negative numbers is  $0 \cup \mathbb{N}$ . Here,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$

Induction step: Assume that  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $3 \mid 2^{m+1} + (-1)^m$   
we deduce that  $3 \mid 2^{m+2} + (-1)^{m+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{m+2} + (-1)^{m+1} &= 2(2^{m+1}) + (-1)(-1)^m \\ &= 2(2^{m+1}) + 2(-1)^m - 2(-1)^m + (-1)(-1)^m \\ &= 2(2^{m+1} + (-1)^m) + (-2)(-1)^m + (-1)(-1)^m \\ &= 2 \underbrace{(2^{m+1} + (-1)^m)}_{3\ell \text{ for some } \ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \\ &= 2(3\ell) + (-3)(-1)^m \\ &= 3(2\ell + (-1)^m) \\ &= 3(2\ell + (-1)^m) \end{aligned}$$

In the case of  $2\ell + (-1)^m$ ,  $2\ell$  will always be an integer because the product of 2 integers is an integer.  $(-1)^m$  will always be an integer because  $(-1)$  to the power of a positive natural number is always  $-1$  or  $1$ .  $3$  times an integer is always an integer with a factor of 3. This completes the induction step, and with it, the proof.



4) Prove:  $\forall n (n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow x-y \mid x^n - y^n)$

Proof:

Base case ( $n=1$ )  $x-y \mid x^1 - y^1$   
 $x-y \mid x-y \checkmark$

The R.H.S  $x^1 - y^1 = x - y$ .  
 $x-y$  is a factor of  $x-y$ .

Induction step: We will assume that  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x-y \mid x^n - y^n$ .  
From this, we derive that  $x-y \mid x^{n+1} - y^{n+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^{n+1} - y^{n+1} &= x^n(x) - y^n(y) \\ &= x^n(x) - x^n(y) + x^n(y) - y^n(y) \\ &= x^n(x-y) + y^n(x^n - y^n) \\ &= x^n(x-y) + y^n \cdot l(x-y) \quad \text{where } l \in \mathbb{Z}. \\ &= (x-y)(x^n + y^n l) \end{aligned}$$

This can be done because  $x-y$  is a factor of  $x^n - y^n$  by assumption.

Since  $x^{n+1} - y^{n+1}$  can be reduced to  $(x-y)(x^n + y^n l)$  where  $l$  is some integer,  $(x-y)$  is proven to be a factor of  $x^{n+1} - y^{n+1}$ , which completes the induction step, and with it, the proof.  $\square$

43. Prove  $(\forall n) (n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge p \geq 1 \Rightarrow (1+p)^n \geq 1+np)$

Proof 1:

Base case ( $n=1$ ):  $(1+p)^1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1+1p$   
 $1+p \geq 1+p \checkmark$

Induction Step: Assume  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p > -1$  and  $(1+p)^n \geq 1+np$

We derive  $(1+p)^{n+1} \geq 1+(n+1)p$

$$(1+p)^{n+1} \geq (1+p)(1+p)^n$$

$$(1+p)(1+p)^n \geq (1+p)(1+np)$$

$$(1+p)(1+p)^n \geq (1+p) + np(1+p)$$

$$(1+p)^n \geq 1+np$$

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This completes the induction step, and with it, the proof  $\square$

