

CSCE 222 [Sections 502, 503] Discrete Structures for Computing  
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**Problem Set 6**

**Due dates:** Electronic submission of *yourLastName-yourFirstName-hw6.tex* and *yourLastName-yourFirstName-hw6.pdf* files of this homework is due on **Monday, 3/20/2017 before 11:00 a.m.** on <http://ecampus.tamu.edu>. You will see two separate links to turn in the .tex file and the .pdf file separately. Please do not archive or compress the files. A signed paper copy of the pdf file is due on **Monday, 3/20/2017 at the beginning of class**. **If any of the three submissions are missing, your work will not be graded.**

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**Resources.** (All people, books, articles, web pages, etc. that have been consulted when producing your answers to this homework.)

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**Problem 1.** (5 points) Section 5.1, Exercise 50, page 331

**Solution.**

In the basis step of this proof, there is an error.

$$\frac{(1 + \frac{1}{2})^2}{2} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2} = \frac{9}{8}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1$$

are not true or equal as stated.

**Problem 2.** (15 points) Section 5.2, Exercise 4, pages 341–342

**Solution.**

a)

**Basis Step**

$P(18)$  :  $1 \cdot 4$  cent stamps and  $2 \cdot 7$  cent stamps

$P(19)$  :  $3 \cdot 4$  cent stamps and  $1 \cdot 7$  cent stamps

$P(20)$  :  $5 \cdot 4$  cent stamps and  $0 \cdot 7$  cent stamps

$P(21)$  :  $0 \cdot 4$  cent stamps and  $3 \cdot 7$  cent stamps

- b) The inductive hypothesis of this proof is as follows. Any  $j\text{¢}$  postage stamp can be made from a combination of  $4\text{¢}$  and  $7\text{¢}$  stamps for all  $j$  stamps with  $18 \leq k$ , where  $k \geq 21$ .
- c) In order to prove the inductive step, show that  $k + 1\text{¢}$  stamps can be made from  $4\text{¢}$  and  $7\text{¢}$  stamps.
- d) With  $k \geq 21$ ,  $P(k-3)$  has been shown to be true by the inductive hypothesis. Adding another  $4\text{¢}$  stamp, it must follow that  $P(k+1)$  is also true.
- e) With the basis step and the inductive step shown to be valid,  $P$  has been proved to hold for  $n \geq 21$  by strong induction.

**Problem 3.** (10 points) Section 5.2, Exercise 12, page 342

**Solution.**

**Basis Step:** Show  $P(0), P(1), P(2), P(3)$

$$2^0 = 1$$

$$2^1 = 2$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

$$2^3 = 8$$

$\therefore P(0), P(1), P(2), P(3)$  holds

**Inductive Step** Let  $k \geq 1$ , assume the claim holds for all  $n$  where  $1 \leq n \leq k$

**Case 1:** Assume  $k + 1$  is even. Then  $\frac{k+1}{2}$  is an integer between 1 and  $k$ .

The claim holds for  $\frac{k+1}{2}$  by the strong induction hypothesis.

$$\frac{k+1}{2} = 2m_1 + 2m_2 + \cdots + 2m_{\mathbb{L}} \quad \text{By Strong I.H.}$$

$$\frac{k+1}{2} = 2(m_1 + 1) + 2(m_2 + 1) + \cdots + 2(m_{\mathbb{L}} + 1)$$

$\therefore$  the statement holds for when  $k + 1$  is even

**Case 2:** Assume  $k + 1$  is odd. By Strong Induction Hypothesis, the claim holds for  $k$ .

$$k = 2m_1 + 2m_2 + \cdots + 2m_{\mathbb{L}} \quad \text{By Strong I.H.}$$

$$k + 1 = 1 + 2m_1 + 2m_2 + \cdots + 2m_{\mathbb{L}}$$

$$k + 1 = 2^0 + 2m_1 + 2m_2 + \cdots + 2m_{\mathbb{L}}$$

$\therefore$  the statement holds for when  $k + 1$  is odd

$\therefore$  the statement holds by proof by Strong Induction

**Problem 4.** (10 points) Section 5.2, Exercise 30, page 344

**Solution.**

The basis step shows that  $a^0 = 1$ . The correct induction hypothesis would be  $a^0 = 1$  not  $a^j = 1$ . The incorrect inductive hypothesis is used in this proof.

**Problem 5.** (30 points) Section 5.3, Exercise 6, page 357. To prove that your formula is valid, use mathematical induction. For the invalid recursive definitions, explain why they are invalid.

**Solution.**

- a)  $f(0) = 1 \quad f(1) = -1 \quad f(2) = 1$ . It is apparent that the closed form solution is  $f(n) = (-1)^n$

**Basis Step:** Show  $P(1)$

$$P(1) = f(1) = -f(0) = -1$$

$$P(1) = f(1) = (-1)^1 = -1$$

$\therefore P(2)$  holds

**Inductive Step:** Show  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

**Assume  $P(k)$  for arbitrary  $k \geq 1$ :**  $f(k) = (-1)^k$

**Show  $P(k+1)$ :**

$$P(k+1) = -f(k+1-1)$$

$$= (-1)f(k)$$

$$= (-1)^1(-1)^k$$

**By Inductive Hypothesis**

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

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

$\therefore$  the statement holds for all  $n \geq 1$  by mathematical induction

- b)  $f(0) = 1 \quad f(1) = 0 \quad f(2) = 2 \quad f(3) = 2 \quad f(4) = 0 \quad f(5) = 4$   
 $2^n$

- c) It is not well defined because each  $n \geq 2$  is dependent on the the value of  $f(n+1)$  which is unknown.
- d) It is not well defined because the base case  $f(1)$  is given as  $f(1) = 1$  but also for  $n \geq 1$  it is also given that  $f(1) = 2f(1-1) = 2f(0) = 0$ . Because of 2 different definitions for the same value, this is not well defined.
- e)  $f(0) = 2 \quad f(1) = f(0) = 2 \quad f(2) = 2f(0) = 4 \quad f(3) = f(2) = 4 \quad f(4) = 2f(3) = 8 \quad f(5) = 8 \quad f(6) = 16 \quad f(7) = 16$ . A closed form solution is

given by  $f(n) = 2^{\lfloor (n+1)/2 \rfloor}$  **Basis Step: Show  $P(1)$**

$$\begin{aligned} P(1) &= f(1) = f(0) = 2 \\ P(1) &= f(1) = 2^{\lfloor (1+1)/2 \rfloor} = 2^1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P(1)$  holds

**Inductive Step: Show  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$**

**Assume  $P(k)$  for arbitrary  $k \geq 1$ :**  $f(k) = 2^{\lfloor (k+1)/2 \rfloor}$

**Show  $P(k+1)$ :**

**Case 1:** assume  $k+1$  is even

$$\begin{aligned} P(k+1) &= 2f(k+1-2) \\ &= 2f(k-1) \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^{\lfloor (k-1+1)/2 \rfloor} && \text{By Inductive Hypothesis} \\ &= 2^{\lfloor 1+k/2 \rfloor} \\ &= 2^{\lfloor (k+2)/2 \rfloor} \\ &= 2^{\lfloor ((k+1)+1)/2 \rfloor} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$  **holds** when  $k+1$  is even

**Case 2:** assume  $k+1$  is odd

$$\begin{aligned} P(k+1) &= f(k+1-1) \\ &= f(k) && \text{This holds by the Inductive Hypothesis} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the statement holds for all  $n \geq 1$  by mathematical induction

**Problem 6.** (15 points) Section 5.3, Exercise 16, page 358 (use mathematical induction)

**Solution.**

$f_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number.

**Assume  $f_0 - f_1 + f_2 - \cdots - f_{2n-1} + f_{2n} = f_{2n-1} - 1$  for  $n \geq 1$**

**Basis Step: Show  $P(1)$**

$$\begin{aligned} P(1) &= f_0 - f_1 + f_2 = 0 - 1 + 1 = 0 \\ P(1) &= f_{2(1)-1} - 1 = f_1 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P(1)$  holds

**Inductive Step: Show  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$**

**Assume  $P(k)$  for arbitrary  $k \geq 1$**

**Show  $P(k+1)$ :**

$$\begin{aligned}
f_0 - f_1 + f_2 - \cdots - f_{2(k+1)-1} + f_{2(k+1)} &= f_0 - f_1 + f_2 - \\
&\quad \cdots - f_{2k-1} + f_{2k} - f_{2k+1} + f_{2k+2} \\
&= f_{2k-1} - 1 - f_{2k+1} + f_{2k+2} && \text{By Inductive Hypothesis} \\
&= f_{2k-1} - 1 + f_{2k} \\
&= f_{2k+1} - 1 \\
&= f_{2(k+1)-1} - 1 && \text{By Fib.}
\end{aligned}$$

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

$\therefore$  the statement holds for all  $n \geq 1$  by mathematical induction

**Problem 7.** (15 points) Section 5.3, Exercise 44, page 359

**Solution.**

$l(T)$  is the number of leaves of a full binary tree  $T$ .  $i(T)$  is the number of internal vertices of  $T$

$$P : l(T) = 1 + i(T)$$

**Basis Step**

$P(0)$  is a tree with a single vertex. By the basis step of the given recursive definition, the single root is a leaf and there are no internal vertices.

$$l(t) = 1$$

$$i(t) = 0$$

$$l(t) = 1 + i(t) = 1$$

$\therefore P(1)$  holds

Let  $t$  be a tree smaller than  $T$ . Assume that the result is true for all  $t$ .

**Recursive Step:** Let  $T_1$  be a left subtree and  $T_2$  be a right subtree consisting of a root  $r$ . By the given definition  $T = T_1 \cdot T_2$ . It follows that

$$l(T) = l(T_1) + l(T_2) \tag{1}$$

The internal vertices of  $T$  are the root  $r$  of  $T$  and the union of the set of internal vertices of  $T_1$  and the set of internal vertices of  $T_2$ .

$$i(T) = i(T_1) + i(T_2) + 1 \tag{2}$$

$$l(T) = l(T_1) + l(T_2) \tag{By (1)}$$

$$= i(T_1) + 1 + i(T_2) + 1 \quad \text{By Assumption, } T_1, T_2 \text{ are smaller than } T$$

$$= i(T) + 1 \quad \square \tag{By (2)}$$

$\therefore$  the statement has been proven by structural induction.

**Problem 8. (Extra credit 10 points)** Section 5.3, Exercise 36, page 359

**Solution.**

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