

## Homework #2 - Mathew Houser

Chapter 0, #24, 29, 31, 32, 40, 42, 43

24. Define  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by  $f(1)=1$ ,  $f(2)=2$ ,  $f(3)=3$ , and  $f(n)=f(n-1)+f(n-2)+f(n-3)$  for  $n \geq 4$ . Prove that  $f(n) \leq 2^n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $P(n)$  denote the statement of  $f(n) \leq 2^n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

~~Base~~  
Base  
Case

First we will show that  $P(1)$ ,  $P(2)$ ,  $P(3)$  and  $P(4)$  are true. For  $n=1$ ,  $f(1)=1$  and  $2^1=2$ , since  $1 < 2$ ,  $P(1)$  is true.

For  $n=2$ ,  $f(2)=2$  and  $2^2=4$ . Since  $2 < 4$ ,  $P(2)$  is true. For  $n=3$ ,  $f(3)=3$  and  $2^3=8$ . Since  $3 < 8$ ,  $P(3)$  is true. For  $n=4$ ,  $f(4)=f(3)+f(2)+f(1)=3+2+1=6$ , and  $2^4=16$ . Since  $6 < 16$ ,  $P(4)$  is true.

Inductive  
Hypothesis  
Induction  
step.

Assume now that  $P(k)$  is true, for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . That is,  $f(k) \leq 2^k$ . We want to show that  $P(k+1)$  is true. For  $n=k+1$

we see that  $f(k+1) = f(k) + f(k-1) + f(k-2)$ .

we know that  $f(k) = f(k-1) + f(k-2) + f(k-3)$ .

~~$f(k)$~~  is at most  $2^k$ . Substituting  $2^k$  for  $f(k)$  leaves  $f(k+1) \leq 2^k + f(k-1) + f(k-2)$ .

Similarly we see from  $P(k)$  that  $f(k-1) + f(k-2)$  is at most  $2^k - f(k-3)$ .

Substituting  $2^k - f(k-3)$  leaves us with

$f(k+1) \leq 2^k + 2^k - f(k-3) = 2^{k+1} - f(k-3)$

Hence  $f(k+1)$  is at most  $2^{k+1} - f(k-3)$ .

if  $f(k-3)=0$  then  $f(k+1) = 2^{k+1}$ ,  ~~$f(k+1) \leq 2^{k+1}$~~

If  $f(k-3) > 0$ , Then  $f(k+1) < 2^{k+1}$ . Thus  $P(k+1)$  is true, and by the principle of mathematical induction,  $P(n)$ ,  $f(n) \leq 2^n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is true. ■



29. Define  $f(n)$  as follows: for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 0$ ,  
 $f(0) = 7$ ,  $f(1) = 4$ , and for  $n \geq 2$ ,  
 $f(n) = 6 \cdot f(n-2) - f(n-1)$ . Prove that  
 $f(n) = 5 \cdot 2^n + 2(-3)^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$ .

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement  
 $f(n) = 5 \cdot 2^n + 2(-3)^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$ .

Base  
Case

First we will show that  ~~$P(0)$ ,  $P(1)$ , and  $P(2)$~~  and  ~~$P(0)$  and  $P(1)$~~

$P(0)$ ,  $P(1)$ , and  $P(2)$  are true. If  $n = 0$ ,  
 $f(0) = 7$ , and  $f(0) = 5 \cdot 2^0 + 2(-3)^0 = 5 + 2 = 7$   
 $7 = 7$ , so  $P(0)$  is true. If  $n = 1$ ,  $f(1) = 4$ , and  
 $f(1) = 5 \cdot 2^1 + 2 \cdot (-3)^1 = 10 - 6 = 4$ .  $4 = 4$  so  
 $P(1)$  is true. If  $n = 2$ ,  $f(2) = 6 \cdot f(0) - f(1)$   
 ~~$6 \cdot 7 - 4 = 42 - 4 = 38$~~   $= (6)(7) - (4) = 42 - 4 = 38$ .

Also  $f(2) = 5 \cdot 2^2 + 2(-3)^2 = 20 + 18 = 38$ .

Inductive  
Hypothesis

$38 = 38$  so  $P(2)$  is true. Assume  
now that  $P(k)$  is true, for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ .  
that is,  $6 \cdot f(k-2) - f(k-1) = 5 \cdot 2^k + 2(-3)^k$ .

Induction  
step.

We want to show that  $P(k+1)$  is true.  
We see that  $f(k+1) = 6 \cdot f(k-1) - f(k)$   
 $= 6 \cdot f(k-1) - 5 \cdot 2^k - 2(-3)^k$   
 $= 6 \cdot (5 \cdot 2^{k-1} + 2(-3)^{k-1}) - 5 \cdot 2^k - 2(-3)^k$   
 $= (30)(2)^{k-1} + (12)(-3)^{k-1} - 5 \cdot 2^k - 2(-3)^k$   
 $= (30)(2)^{k-1} + (12)(-3)^{k-1} - 10 \cdot 2^{k-1} + 6(-3)^{k-1}$   
 $= (20)(2)^{k-1} + (18)(-3)^{k-1}$   
 $= (10)(2)^k + (-6)(-3)^k$   
 $= 5(2)^{k+1} + 2(-3)^{k+1}$

Thus  $P(k+1)$  is true, and by the  
principle of Mathematical induction,  $P(n)$ ,  
 $f(n) = 5 \cdot 2^n + 2(-3)^n$  is true.  
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$ .



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31. Find a 1-1 function  $f$  from  $\mathbb{Z}$  onto  $S$  where  $S$  is the set of all odd integers.

Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow S$  be defined by

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \\ -n/2, & \text{when } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

32. Let  $P_n$  be the set of all polynomials of degree  $n$  with integer coefficients. Prove that  $P_n$  is countable. The map

~~The map~~  
 $a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \mapsto (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$   
 is an injection from  $P_n$  to  $\mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$  is the finite Cartesian Product of the countable set  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The product of countable sets is also countable, so  $P_n$  is countable. ■

40. If  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$ , Prove that

$$\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{x+y}{2}. \quad (\text{Hint: } (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^2 \geq 0).$$

We know that  $(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^2 \geq 0$ . By expanding this, it follows that:

$$(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}) \geq 0$$

$$x - 2\sqrt{xy} + y \geq 0$$

$$x + y \geq 2\sqrt{xy}$$

$$\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{x+y}{2}. \quad \blacksquare$$

42. If  $x, y, a$ , and  $b > 0$ , and  $\frac{x}{y} < \frac{a}{b}$ , Prove that  $\frac{x}{y} < \frac{x+a}{y+b} < \frac{a}{b}$ . Given  $\frac{x}{y} < \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow bx < ay$ . Starting on the left, we will show that  $\frac{x}{y} < \frac{x+a}{y+b}$  by first finding a common denominator

$$\frac{x}{y} < \frac{x+a}{y+b} \Rightarrow \frac{xy+bx}{y^2+by} < \frac{xy+ay}{y^2+by} \Rightarrow xy+bx < xy+ay \Rightarrow bx < ay$$

which was shown to be true above.



thus,  $\frac{x}{y} < \frac{x+a}{y+b}$ . Similarly, we will show that  $\frac{x+a}{y+b} < \frac{a}{b}$  by finding a common denominator.

$$\frac{x+a}{y+b} < \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{bx+ab}{yb+b^2} < \frac{ay+ab}{yb+b^2} \Rightarrow bx+ab < ay+ab$$

$\Rightarrow bx < ay$ , as shown above.

Therefore,  $\frac{x}{y} < \frac{x+a}{y+b} < \frac{a}{b}$ . ■

43. Let  $A = \{r : r \text{ is a rational number and } r^2 < 2\}$ .

Prove that  $A$  has no largest member.

Hint: If  $r^2 < 2$  and  $r > 0$ , choose a rational number  $\delta$  such that  $0 < \delta < 1$  and

$$\delta < \frac{2-r^2}{2r+1}. \text{ Show that } (r+\delta)^2 < 2.$$

Let  $r$  be a rational number such that  $r^2 < 2$ . Consider a rational number  $p = (r+\delta)$ , where  $\delta$  is a positive real number less than one satisfying  $\delta < \frac{2-r^2}{2r+1}$ . It is obvious that  $p > r$ . We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta < \frac{2-r^2}{2r+1} &\Rightarrow 2\delta r + \delta < 2 - r^2 \\ &\Rightarrow r^2 + 2r\delta < 2 - \delta \\ &\Rightarrow r^2 + 2r\delta + \delta^2 < 2 - \delta + \delta^2. \text{ Since } 0 < \delta < 1, \\ \delta^2 < \delta &\Rightarrow -\delta + \delta^2 < 0 \Rightarrow 2 - \delta + \delta^2 < 2 \\ (r+\delta)^2 < 2 &\Rightarrow p^2 < 2. \text{ Hence the set } A \text{ has no maximum. } \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$