

CS 330 : Discrete Computational Structures

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ASSIGNMENT #7

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Suggested Reading: Rosen Section 5.3; LLM Chapter 6.1 - 6.3

These are the problems that you need to turn in. For more practice, you are encouraged to work on the other problems. **Always explain your answers and show your reasoning.**

1. [12 Pts] Let S defined recursively by (1) $5 \in S$ and (2) if $s \in S$ and $t \in S$, then $st \in S$. Let $A = \{5^i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$. Prove that

- (a) [6 Pts] $A \subseteq S$ by mathematical induction.

Answer:

Basis: $5^1 = 5$ and by definition $5 \in S$

Inductive Step:

Assume $5^k \in S$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Prove: $5^{k+1} \in S$

$5^{k+1} = 5^k * 5$, $5^k \in S$ by the IH and $5 \in S$ by step (1) in the recursive definition of S .

Therefore $5^k * 5 \in S$ by step (2) in the recursive definition of S .

Quod erat demonstrandum.

- (b) [6 Pts] $S \subseteq A$ by structural induction.

Answer:

Basis: $5 \in S$ by step (1) in the recursive definition of S and $5 = 5^1 \in A$

Inductive Step:

Let $a, b \in S$, $a * b \in S$ by step (2) in the recursive definition of S .

Assume $a, b \in A$

Prove: $a * b \in A$

By the IH $a = 5^x$ and $b = 5^y$ where $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. $a * b = 5^x * 5^y = 5^{x+y}$. $x + y \in \mathbb{Z}$ therefore $a * b \in A$.

Quod erat demonstrandum.

2. [12 Pts] Let S be defined by (1) $(0, 0) \in S$, and (2) if $(a, b) \in S$, then $(a, b + 5) \in S$, $(a + 1, b + 4) \in S$ and $(a + 2, b + 3) \in S$.

- (a) [6 Pts] Use structural induction to prove that if $(a, b) \in S$ then 5 divides $a + b$.

Answer:

Basis: $(0, 0) \in S$ and 5 divides $0 + 0 = 0$

Inductive Step:

Assume $(a, b) \in S$ where 5 divides $a + b$ $(x, y) \in S$ and let $(a, b) \in S$ where (a, b) is the relation that the recursive definition of S was applied to in order to get to (x, y) .

It must be the case that $x = a, y = b + 5$ or $x = a + 1, y = b + 4$ or $x = a + 2, y = b + 3$.

Case 1: $x = a, y = b + 5$. $x + y = a + b + 5$. By the IH 5 divides $a + b$ and 5 divides 5.

Case 2: $x = a + 1, y = b + 4$. $x + y = a + b + 5$. By the IH 5 divides $a + b$ and 5 divides 5.

Case 2: $x = a + 2, y = b + 3$. $x + y = a + b + 5$. By the IH 5 divides $a + b$ and 5 divides 5.

Quod erat demonstrandum.

- (b) [6 Pts] Disprove the converse of the statement above, *i.e.*, show that if $a, b \in \mathcal{N}$, and $a + b$ is divisible by 5, it does not follow that $(a, b) \in S$. Modify the recursive definition of S to make the converse true.

Answer:

5 divides $3 + 2 = 5$, but $(3, 2) \notin S$

New Definition of S

(1) $(0, 0) \in S$

(2) if $(a, b) \in S$, then $(a, b + 5) \in S$, $(a + 1, b + 4) \in S$, $(a + 2, b + 3) \in S$, $(a + 3, b + 2) \in S$, $(a + 4, b + 1) \in S$, $(a + 5, b) \in S$.

Quod erat demonstrandum.

3. [6 Pts] Give a recursive definition of the set of bit strings that are palindromes.

Answer:

Basis: An empty string is a palindrome and string with a one bit length is a palindrome.

Inductive Step:

A strings in the form pcp are palindromes, where c is a bit and p is a palindrome.

Quod erat demonstrandum.

4. [20 Pts]

- (a) [8 Pts] Give an inductive definition of the set $L = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, (a - b) \bmod 3 = 0\}$. Let L' be the set obtained by your inductive definition.

Answer:

Basis: $(0, 0) \in L'$

Recursive: if $(x, y) \in L'$ then $(x + 1, y + 1) \in L'$, $(x - 1, y - 1) \in L'$, $(x, y + 3) \in L'$, $(x, y - 3) \in L'$.

- (b) [6 Pts] Prove that $L' \subseteq L$.

Answer:

By definition of $L' \subseteq L$ all pairs in L' must be divisible by 3. In other words for any $(a, b) \in L'$, $a - b = 3k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

With the recursive definition of L' the possible options are thus:

Case 1: $(a - 1, b - 1)$, this is the same as $a - b$ therefore still divisible by 3.

Case 2: $(a + 1, b + 1)$, this is the same as $a - b$ therefore still divisible by 3.

Case 3: $(a, b + 3)$, $a - b + 3 = 3k - 3 = 3(k - 1)$ therefore still divisible by 3.

Case 4: $(a, b - 3)$, $a - b - 3 = 3k + 3 = 3(k + 1)$ therefore still divisible by 3.

- (c) [6 Pts] Prove that $L \subseteq L'$.

Answer:

All pairs in L must be divisible by 3. In other words for any $(a, b) \in L$, $a - b = 3k \rightarrow b = 3k - a$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Any element in L will be in the form $(a, 3k - a)$. To get to any other pair using the definition of L' we apply the following.

(1) $(0, 0)$ to $(0, 3k)$. If $k \geq 0$ apply $(x, y + 3)$ k times, else apply $(x, y - 3)$ k times.

(2) $(0, 3k)$ to $(a, 3k - a)$. If $a \geq 0$ apply $(x + 1, b + 1)$ a times, else apply $(x - 1, y - 1)$ a times.