

Problem 1.

1. Formulating Proposition  $P(n)$

Let  $P(n)$  denote  $2^n < n!$ . We need to show that  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 4$ .

2. Proving the base case,  $n=4$

$$P(n) : 2^n < n!$$

$$\text{LHS} = P(4) : 2^4 = 16$$

$$\text{RHS} = P(4) : 4! = 24$$

since,  $\text{LHS} < \text{RHS}$  we have proved  $P(n)$  is true for base case.

3. Induction Hypothesis:

Let us assume that  $P(4), P(5), \dots, P(k)$  is true

4. Proving  $P(k+1)$  is true assuming the induction hypothesis is true

$$P(k+1) : 2^{k+1} < (k+1)!$$

$$\text{LHS} = 2^{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^k \cdot 2$$

According to induction hypothesis,  $P(k)$  is true. So,

$$P(k) : 2^k < k!$$

Multiplying by 2 on both sides don't change inequality

$$\text{so, } 2 \cdot 2^k < 2 \cdot k!$$

so,  $2^{k+1} < 2 \cdot k!$  —①  
Since,  $k \geq 4$  we can say for sure that

$2 < k+1$  on both sides don't change

Multiplying by  $k!$  on both sides since  $k! > 0$

$$2 \cdot k! < (k+1) \cdot k!$$

$$2 \cdot k! < (k+1)! \quad \text{—②}$$

From ① & ② since, if  $a < b, b < c$  then  
 $a < c$

$$2^{k+1} < (k+1)!$$

which is  $P(k+1)$

∴ We proved  $P(k+1)$  is true assuming induction hypothesis is true

∴ According to Induction technique, since we showed that base case & induction step are true, we can say that  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 4$

### Problem 3.

Given,  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

$R \subseteq A \times A$  is a relation  $\{(a, b) \mid a - b$   
is a multiple of 2

Now,  $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (1, 5),$   
 $(2, 2), (2, 4),$   
 $(3, 1), (3, 3), (3, 5),$   
 $(4, 2), (4, 4),$   
 $(5, 1), (5, 3), (5, 5)\}$

1. A binary relation  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is an equivalence relation if it satisfies:

- Reflexivity : for every  $a \in A, (a, a) \in R$

- Symmetry : for every  $a, b \in A$ , if  $(a, b) \in R$  then  $(b, a) \in R$

- Transitivity : for every  $a, b, c \in A$ , if  $(a, b) \in R$  &  $(b, c) \in R$ , then  $(a, c) \in R$

a) Reflexivity:

R is reflexive because  $\forall a, (a,a) \in R$   
Since  $a-a=0$  is a multiple of 2

b) Symmetry:

Let  $(a,b) \in R$ . So,  $a-b$  is a multiple of 2.

$$\text{Let } a-b = 2k - \textcircled{1}$$

Now, consider  $(b,a) \in R$ . It is true if  $b-a$  is a multiple of 2

$$\Rightarrow b-a = -(a-b)$$

From  $\textcircled{1}$

$$\Rightarrow b-a = -2k$$

since,  $b-a$  is a multiple of 2,  $(b,a) \in R$

$\therefore R$  is symmetric

c) Transitivity:

Let  $(a,b) \in R$  &  $(b,c) \in R$

So, assume

$$a-b = 2k_1 - \textcircled{1}$$

$$b-c = 2k_2 - \textcircled{2}$$

Add  $\textcircled{1}$  &  $\textcircled{2}$

$$a-b+b-c = 2k_1 + 2k_2$$

$$a-c = 2(k_1 + k_2) - \textcircled{3}$$

Now, consider  $(a,c) \in R$ . It is true if  $a-c$  is a multiple of 2.

From  $\textcircled{3}$   $a-c = 2(k_1 + k_2)$  which is a multiple of 2. So,  $(a,c) \in R$

$\therefore R$  is transitive

Therefore, given relation R is an equivalence relation

$$2. [1]_R = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$[2]_R = \{2, 4\}$$

$$[3]_R = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$[4]_R = \{2, 4\}$$

$$[5]_R = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

3. R has 2 distinct equivalence classes.

They are:  $\{1, 3, 5\}$  &  $\{2, 4\}$

4. If A is set of all natural numbers & R is defined as above, then R will still have 2 distinct equivalence classes: one with all even numbers & another with all odd numbers.