

## 1. Manhattan Walk

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Let  $P(x, y)$  be: " $x \leq 2y$ ". We prove  $P(x, y)$  holds for all pairs  $(x, y) \in S$  by structural induction.

Base Cases:

When  $x = 3, y = 2, 3 \leq 2 \cdot 2$ . Thus,  $P(3, 2)$  holds.

Inductive hypothesis:

Suppose  $P(a, b)$  holds for arbitrary  $a, b \in S$ .

Inductive step:

Case 1: We show  $P(a, b + 1)$  holds by inductive steps

By the definition of sets, we know  $(a, b) \in S$ . By inductive hypothesis, we have  $a \leq 2 \cdot b$ . By algebra, we have  $a \leq 2 \cdot b + 2$  and thus  $a \leq 2 \cdot (b + 1)$ . This gives us  $P(a, b + 1)$ .

Case 2: We show  $P(a + 3, b + 2)$  holds by inductive steps

By the definition of sets, we know  $(a, b) \in S$ . By induction hypothesis, we have  $a \leq 2 \cdot b$ . By algebra, we have  $a + 3 \leq 2b + 4$  and thus we have  $a + 3 \leq 2 \cdot (b + 2)$ . This gives us  $P(a + 3, b + 2)$ .

Conclusion:

Therefore  $P(x, y)$  holds for all pairs  $(x, y) \in S$

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## 2. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger

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(a)

I spent 10 minutes trying.

(b)

When  $a = 1.5, b = 2$ ,  $3a + 2 = 6.5 \not\leq 3b = 6$

(c)

$f(n) - 1 < f(n)$ , so if we could show  $g(n) \leq f(n) - 1$ , we could also prove  $g(n) < f(n)$

(d)

Let  $Q(n)$  be  $g(n) \leq f(n) - 1$ . We prove  $Q(n)$  holds for all  $n \geq 1$  by strong induction.

Base case: When  $n = 1$ ,  $g(1) = 2 \leq f(1) = 3$ . Thus,  $Q(1)$  holds.

Inductive hypothesis: Suppose  $Q(1) \wedge Q(2) \wedge \dots \wedge Q(n)$  holds for all  $n \geq 1$ , which is  $g(n) \leq f(n) - 1$

Inductive step: We show  $Q(k+1)$  holds which is  $g(k+1) \leq f(k+1) - 1$

By inductive hypothesis, we know:

$g(k) \leq f(k) - 1$	Inductive hypothesis
$3 \cdot g(k) \leq 3 \cdot (f(k) - 1)$	Algebra
$3 \cdot g(k) \leq 3 \cdot f(k) - 3$	Algebra
$3 \cdot g(k) + 2 \leq 3 \cdot f(k) - 3 + 2$	Algebra
$3 \cdot g(k) + 2 \leq 3 \cdot f(k) - 1$	Algebra
$g(k+1) \leq f(k+1) - 1$	Definition of $g$ and $f$

Thus we prove  $Q(k+1)$

Conclusion:  $Q(n)$  holds for all integers  $n \geq 1$  by the principle of strong induction.

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### 3. Recursion – See: Recursion

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(a)

Let  $S$  be a set of binary strings defined recursively as:

Basis Step:  $1 \in S$  where

Recursive Step: if  $x \in S$ , then  $x \cdot w \in S$  for arbitrary binary string  $w$  with  $\text{len}(w) = 2$ .

Justify: The basis step is 1 since 1 has the length of 1 and starts with 1. And concatenating any binary strings with length 2 to elements in the set could new element that satisfies the requirement.

(b)

Let  $T$  be a set of binary strings defined recursively as:

Basis Step:  $a \in T$  where for arbitrary binary string  $a$  where  $\text{len}(a) = 2$

Recursive Step: if  $x \in T$  then  $x \cdot b \in T$  for arbitrary binary string  $b$  where  $\text{len}(b) = 3$

Justify: The basis step is a binary string with length 2 since 2 is equivalent to 2 ( $\text{mod}3$ ). Then, concatenating arbitrary string with length 3 to elements in the set could produce new element that satisfies the requirement.

(c)

Let  $U$  be a set of binary strings defined recursively as:

Basis Step:  $0 \in U$

Recursive Step: if  $x \in U$ , then  $1x, x1, 0x0 \in U$

Justify: The basis step is a binary string with only one 0 which has odd number of 0s. Then, concatenating one 1 and two 0s in the form written above could produces binary string with odd number of 0s.

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**6. feedback**

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(a) 9 hours

(b) question 4

(c) No