

Problem 4.27(c)  $\forall n : (P(n) \implies Q(n))$

Prove: You can prove it use direct proof. Show that  $Q(n)$  cannot be false when  $P(n)$  is true.

Disprove: You can disprove it by showing that  $Q(n)$  is false when  $P(n)$  is true.

Problem 4.27(d)  $\forall x : ((\forall n : (P(n))) \implies Q(x))$

Prove: Firstly prove  $P(n)$  is correct because for all  $n$ ,  $P(n)$  must be true. Since the first part of the if then statement is correct,  $Q(x)$  must also be true

Disprove: Show either  $P(n)$  is false, or  $Q(n)$  is false.

Problem 5.12(h) For  $n \geq -1$ , prove by induction:

$$10^0 + 10^1 + 10^2 + \dots + 10^n < 10^{n+1}$$

Base Case:  $n = 1$

$$10^0 + 10^1 = 11$$

$$10^2 = 100$$

$$\therefore 11 \leq 100$$

$\therefore$  the base case holds.

Inductive step:

Assume:  $10^0 + 10^1 + \dots + 10^n \leq 10^{n+1}$  holds

Prove:  $10^0 + 10^1 + \dots + 10^{n+1} \leq 10^{n+2}$

$$10^0 + 10^1 + \dots + 10^n + 1 \leq 10^{n+1} + 10^{n+1}$$

$$10^0 + 10^1 + \dots + 10^n + 1 \leq 2 \cdot 10^{n+1}$$

$$10^{n+2} = 10^{n+1} \cdot 10 = 10 \cdot 10^{n+1}$$

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$$\therefore 10 \cdot 10^{n+1} \geq 2 \cdot 10^{n+1} \therefore 10^0 + 10^1 + \dots + 10^n + 1 \leq 10 \cdot 10^{n+1}$$

$$\leq 10^{n+2}$$

$$\therefore 10^0 + 10^1 + \dots + 10^n + 1 \leq 10^{n+2}$$

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Problem 5.12(j) For  $n \geq -1$ , prove by induction:

$$(1+x)^n \geq 1+nx \text{ when } x \geq -1$$

Base Case:  $n = 1$

$1+x = 1+x \therefore$  the base case holds.

Inductive step:

Assume:  $(1+x)^n \geq 1+nx$  holds

Prove:  $(1+x)^{n+1} \geq 1+(n+1)x$

$$(1+x)^n \cdot (1+x) \geq (1+nx) \cdot (1+x)$$

$$(1+x)^{n+1} \geq (1+x+nx+nx^2)$$

$$\therefore (1+x+nx+nx^2) - (1+nx+x) = nx^2 \text{ and } nx^2 \text{ because } x^2 \geq 0 \text{ and } n \geq 1$$

$$\therefore 1+x+nx+nx^2 \geq (1+nx+x)$$

$$\therefore (1+x)^{n+1} \geq 1+nx+x$$

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Problem 5.26(f). Find a formula for the quantity of interest:

$$S(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n}{(n+1)!}$$

$$S(1) = \frac{1}{2!} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S(2) = \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$S(3) = \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} = \frac{5}{6} + \frac{3}{24} = \frac{20}{24} + \frac{3}{24} = \frac{23}{24}$$

The Assumption here is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = \frac{(n+1)! - 1}{(n+1)!}$$

Base case:

$$S(1) = \frac{(1+1)! - 1}{(1+1)!} = \frac{1}{2}$$

We have verified the base case is valid

Assume:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = \frac{(n+1)! - 1}{(n+1)!}$$

Prove:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N+1} \frac{n+1}{(n+2)!} = \frac{(n+2)! - 1}{(n+2)!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots + \frac{n+1}{(n+2)!} &= \frac{(n+1)! - 1}{(n+1)!} + \frac{n+1}{(n+2)!} \\ \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots + \frac{n+1}{(n+2)!} &= \frac{((n+1)! - 1) \cdot (n+2)}{(n+2)!} + \frac{n+1}{(n+2)!} \\ \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots + \frac{n+1}{(n+2)!} &= \frac{((n+2)! - (n+2)) + (n+1)}{(n+2)!} \\ \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots + \frac{n+1}{(n+2)!} &= \frac{((n+2)! - 1)}{(n+2)!} \\ \therefore \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} \frac{n+1}{(n+2)!} &= \frac{(n+2)! - 1}{(n+2)!} \end{aligned}$$

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Problem 5.71. Distinct numbers  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  must be placed in  $n$  boxes separated by  $<$  and  $>$  signs so that all inequalities are obeyed between consecutive numbers. For example, 5, 7, 3, 8 can be placed in  $\square < \square > \square < \square$  as follows,  $5 < 8 > 3 < 7$ . Prove this can always be done no matter what the numbers and inequalities are.

$P(n)$  :  $n$  distinct numbers can be placed in boxes separated by  $n - 1$  inequality signs for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Base case:  $P(1)$  : 1 distinct number can be placed in boxes separated by 0 inequality sign.

Let us pick an arbitrary number  $X$ . We can prove that  $X$  can be placed on its own with 1 box and no inequality signs.

$X$

Therefore we have verified the base case.

Inductive step:

Assume:  $P(n)$  holds

Prove:  $P(n+1)$  :  $n+1$  distinct numbers can be placed in boxes separated by  $n$  inequality signs for all  $n+1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The inequality connecting  $Box_{n-1}$  and  $box_n$  can either be  $>$  or  $<$ . Consider two exhaustive cases.

Case 1: The inequality sign is  $<$ . Find the largest number  $X_{max}$  in  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ . Then, the other  $n$  numbers can be placed in the first  $n$  boxes (assumption in inductive steps). Since  $X_{max}$  is larger than any number in  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , we can always place it in the last box since the last inequality sign is  $<$ .

Case 2: The inequality sign is  $>$ . Find the largest number  $X_{min}$  in  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ . Then, the other  $n$  numbers can be placed in the first  $n$  boxes (assumption in inductive steps). Since  $X_{min}$  is smaller than any number in  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , we can always place it in the last box since the last inequality sign is  $>$ .

Hence, we have shown that  $p(n+1)$  is true when  $p(n)$  is true.

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Problem 6.6. Let  $H_n = 1/1 + 1/2 + \dots + 1/n$ , the  $n$ th Harmonic number, and  $S_n = H_1/1 + H_2/2 + \dots + H_n/n$ . (a) Prove  $S_n \leq H_n^2/2 + 1$  by induction. What goes wrong? (b) Prove the stronger claim  $S_n \leq H_n^2/2 + (1/12 + 1/22 + \dots + 1/n^2)/2$ . Why is this stronger?

(a). Base case:  $n = 1$ ,  $H_1 = 1$ ,  $S_1 = H_1/1 = 1$ ,  $\therefore S_1 \leq H_1^2/2 + 1$

Inductive Step:

Assume:  $S_n \leq H_n^2/2 + 1$

Prove:  $S_{n+1} \leq H_{n+1}^2/2 + 1$

$$H_{n+1}^2 = \frac{H_n^2}{2} + \frac{H_n}{n+1} + \frac{1/2}{(n+1)^2}$$

$$S_{n+1} \leq \frac{H_n^2}{2} + 1 + \frac{H_{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$S_{n+1} \leq \frac{H_n^2}{2} + 1 + \frac{H_n + \frac{1}{n+1}}{n+1} + 1$$

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$$S_{n+1} \leq \frac{H_n^2}{2} + 1 + \frac{H_n}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} + 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{H_n^2}{2} + 1 + \frac{H_n}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \geq \frac{H_n^2}{2} + \frac{H_n}{n+1} + \frac{1/2}{(n+1)^2}$$

$$\therefore S_{n+1} \not\leq H_{n+1}^2/2 + 1$$

$$(b). \text{ Base case: } n = 1, H_1 = 1, S_1 = H_1/1 = 1, \therefore S_1 \leq H_1^2/2 + \frac{1}{2}$$

Inductive Step:

$$\text{Assume: } S_n \leq \frac{H_n^2}{2} + \frac{(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2})}{2}$$

$$\text{Prove: } S_{n+1} \leq \frac{H_{n+1}^2}{2} + \frac{(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2})}{2}$$

$$S_{n+1} \leq \frac{H_n^2}{2} + \frac{(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2})}{2} + \frac{H_{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$S_{n+1} \leq \frac{H_n^2}{2} + \frac{(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2})}{2} + \frac{H_n + \frac{1}{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$S_{n+1} \leq \frac{H_n^2}{2} + \frac{(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2})}{2} + \frac{H_n}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}$$

$$S_{n+1} \leq \frac{H_n^2}{2} + \frac{(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2})}{2} + \frac{H_n}{n+1} + \frac{1/2}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{1/2}{(n+1)^2}$$

$$S_{n+1} \leq \frac{H_{n+1}^2}{2} + \frac{(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2})}{2}$$

It is stronger because it is more precise. It replace a sequence of number greater than one.

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