

CSCI 2200 — Foundations of Computer Science (FoCS)
Homework 2

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• ***Problem 3.59 (Closure).**

- (a) \mathbb{N}
addition, multiplication, exponentiation
- (b) \mathbb{Z}
addition, subtraction, multiplication, exponentiation
- (c) \mathbb{Q}
addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, exponentiation
- (d) \mathbb{R}
addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, exponentiation

• ***Problem 4.7(b).**

$n \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow n^2 + n$ is even.

We prove the implication using a direct proof.

assume $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

if n is even, $n = 2k$

$$(2k)^2 + 2k = 4k^2 + 2k = 2(2k^2 + k)$$

therefore $n^2 + n$ is even for even n

if n is odd, $n = 2k + 1$

$$(2k + 1)^2 + (2k + 1) = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 2k + 1 = 4k^2 + 6k + 2 = 2(2k^2 + 3k + 1)$$

therefore $n^2 + n$ is even for odd n

so $n^2 + n$ is even for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

therefore $n \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow n^2 + n$ is even. ■

• ***Problem 4.10(k-1).**

(k)

3 divides $n - 2 \rightarrow n$ is not a perfect square.

We will prove this by contra position:

Contraposition:

n is a perfect square $\rightarrow 3$ does not divide $n - 2$

assume n is a perfect square k^2

$$k^2 \rightarrow 3 \text{ does not divide } k^2 - 2$$

Because n is an integer, we can prove this for both even and odd cases

Even Case:

Assume k is an even number $4m + 2$

$$k^2 = (4m + 2)^2 = 16m^2 + 8m + 4 = 2(8m^2 + 4m + 2)$$

This means that k^2 is even when k is even which implies that $k^2 - 2$ will also be even which means it will not be divisible by 3

Odd Case:

Assume k is an odd number $2m + 1$

$$k^2 = (2m + 1)^2 = 4m^2 + 4m + 1 = 2(2m^2 + 2m + 1)$$

This means that k^2 is even which also implies that $k^2 - 2$ will always be even. This means

$k^2 - 2$ will not be divisible by 3. ■

(L) If $p > 2$ is prime, then $p^2 + 1$ is composite

We prove the implication using contraposition.

Contraposition:

If $p^2 + 1$ is prime $\rightarrow p > 2$ is composite

A prime is always odd. This means that $p^2 + 1$ will always be even if we assume that our statement **P** is true.

therefore, p^2 is always even. Even numbers are always composite because they can be divided by 1, 2, and itself.

This means that if $p^2 + 1$ is prime, $p > 2$ must be even which makes it a composite number. ■

● ***Problem 4.48(c).**

Use the concept of "without loss of generality" to prove these claims.

For any non-zero real number x , $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} \geq 2$.

This is a direct proof. Suppose x is positive or negative. Then, x^2 will always be positive.

Without loss of generality, $x = \sqrt{2}$.

$$\sqrt{2}^2 + 1/\sqrt{2}^2 \geq 2$$

$$2 + 1/2 \geq 2$$

$2 + 1/2 \geq 2$ means this must be true for all cases. ■

● ***Problem 5.12(d).**

For $n \geq 1$, prove by induction:

$$3^n > n^2.$$

Base Step P(1):

$$3^1 > 1^2.$$

$3 > 1$ so $3^n > n^2$ is true for $n = 1$

Induction Step P(n+1):

$$3^{n+1} > (n+1)^2$$

$$\frac{3^{n+1}}{n+1} > n+1$$

$$\frac{3^{n+1}}{n+1} - n > 1$$

With this we can plug in $n = 0$

$$\frac{3^1}{1} > 1$$

$3 > 1$ means this must be true of all cases. ■

● ***Problem 5.20.**

Prove, by induction, that every $n \geq 1$ is a sum of distinct powers of 2.

Base Step P(1):

$$n = 1 = \sum_{i=0}^{k=1} 2^k = 2^1 - 2^0 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$\sum_{i=0}^{k=1} 2^k = 1$ so $n \geq 1$ being a distinct power of 2 is true.

Induction Step P(n+1):

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k=n+1} 2^k = n+1$$

$$2^{n+1} - 2^0 = n+1$$

$$2^{n+1} - 1 = n+1$$

$2^{n+1} = n+2$ so $n \geq 1$ being a distinct power of 2 is true. ■

● ***Problem 5.39.**

Prove you can make any postage greater than 12c using only 4c and 5c stamps.

We prove this with leaping induction

$$c = 4a + 5b$$

$$\text{bases) } 12 = 4 * 3 + 5 * 0, 13 = 4 * 2 + 5 * 1, 14 = 4 * 1 + 5 * 2, 15 = 4 * 0 + 5 * 3$$

Case 1) $c=4k$

$$\text{Prove } c = 4a + 5b \rightarrow c + 4 = 4c + 5d$$

$$\text{assume } c = 4a + 5b$$

$$d = 0$$

$$4k + 4 = 4a + 5(0)$$

$$4(k + 1) = 4a + 5(0)$$

$$a = k + 1$$

therefore $c = 4a + 5b$ is true for $c = 4k$ ■

Case 2) $c=4k+1$

$$\text{Prove } c = 4a + 5b \rightarrow c + 4 = 4c + 5d$$

$$\text{assume } c = 4a + 5b$$

$$d = 1$$

$$4k + 1 + 4 = 4a + 5(1)$$

$$4k + 5 = 4a + 5$$

$$a = k$$

therefore $c = 4a + 5b$ is true for $c = 4k + 1$ ■

Case 3) $c=4k+2$

$$\text{Prove } c = 4a + 5b \rightarrow c + 4 = 4c + 5d$$

$$\text{assume } c = 4a + 5b$$

$$d = 2$$

$$4k + 2 + 4 = 4a + 5(2)$$

$$4k + 6 = 4a + 10$$

$$4(k - 1) + 10 = 4a + 10$$

$$a = k - 1$$

therefore $c = 4a + 5b$ is true for $c = 4k + 2$ ■

Case 4) $c=4k+3$

$$\text{Prove } c = 4a + 5b \rightarrow c + 4 = 4c + 5d$$

$$\text{assume } c = 4a + 5b$$

$$d = 3$$

$$4k + 3 + 4 = 4a + 5(3)$$

$$4k + 7 = 4a + 15$$

$$4(k - 2) + 15 = 4a + 15$$

$$a = k - 2$$

therefore $c = 4a + 5b$ is true for $c = 4k + 3$ ■

therefore $c = 4a + 5b$ is true for $c \geq 12$ ■

• ***Problem 6.8.**

Prove $n^7 < 2^n$ for $n \geq 37$.

(a) Use induction

Base Step:

$$n = 37$$

$$37^7 < 2^{37}$$

$$9.4931877133 \times 10^{10} < 1.3743895347 \times 10^{11}$$

so $n^7 < 2^n$ for $n = 37$ is true.

Induction Step $P(n+1)$

$$2^{k+1} = 2 * 2^k > 2k^7 > k^7 + 7k^6 + 21k^5 + 35k^4 + 35k^3 + 21k^2 + 7k + 1 = (k+1)^7$$

$$2^{k+1} > (k+1)^7$$

Therefore $n^7 < 2^n$ for $n \geq 37$.

(b) Use leaping induction

Base Step 1:

$$n = 37$$

$$37^7 < 2^{37}$$

$$9.4931877133 \times 10^{10} < 1.3743895347 \times 10^{11}$$

so $n^7 < 2^n$ for $n = 37$ is true.

Induction step 1:

$$2^{k+2} = 4 * 2^k > 4k^7 > k^7 + 14k^6 + 84k^5 + 280k^4 + 560k^3 + 672k^2 + 448k + 128 = (k+2)^7$$

$$2^{k+2} > (k+2)^7$$

Therefore $n^7 < 2^n$ for $n = 37 + 2k$ where $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ■

Base Step 2:

$$n = 38$$

$$38^7 < 2^{38}$$

$$1.1441558259 \times 10^{11} < 2.7487790694 \times 10^{11}$$

so $n^7 < 2^n$ for $n = 38$ is true.

Induction step 2:

$$2^{k+2} = 4 * 2^k > 4k^7 > k^7 + 14k^6 + 84k^5 + 280k^4 + 560k^3 + 672k^2 + 448k + 128 = (k+2)^7$$

$$2^{k+2} > (k+2)^7$$

Therefore $n^7 < 2^n$ for $n = 38 + 2k$ where $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ■

Therefore $n^7 < 2^n$ for $n \geq 37$ ■

• ***Problem 6.43.**

for a 3x3 sliding puzzle, the number of inversions always stays odd

This is a direct proof. Suppose x represents the number of inversions and that $x = 1$.

Suppose:

Vertical sliding of tile in either direction can be represented as $2b$, where $b \in \mathbb{N}$.

Horizontal sliding of tile in either does not change the number of inversions.

$$x = 1 + 2b$$

$x = 2b + 1$ is an odd number, therefore the number of inversions remains odd. ■

• ***Problem 7.4(c).**

Guess a formula for A_n and prove it by induction.

(a) $A_0 = 0$ and $A_n = A_{n-1} + 1$ for $n \geq 1$.

$$A_n = n$$

We prove this by induction

$A_0 = 0$ is True.

assume $A_n = n$

$$A_{n+1} = n + 1$$

$$A_{n+1} = A_{n+1-1} + 1 = A_n + 1 = A_n + 1 = n + 1$$

$$A_n + 1 = n + 1$$

$$n + 1 = n + 1$$

therefore $A_n = n$ ■

(b) $A_0 = 1$; $A_1 = 2$; $A_n = 2A_{n-1} - A_{n-2} + 2$ for $n \geq 2$. [method of differences]
 $A_n = n^2 + 1$

We prove this by induction

$A_0 = 0^2 + 1 = 1$ is True.

assume $A_n = n^2 + 1$

$A_{n+1} = (n+1)^2 + 1$

$A_{n+1} = 2A_{n+1-1} - A_{n+1-2} + 2 = 2A_n - A_{n-1} + 2 = (n+1)^2 + 1$

$2(n^2 + 1) - ((n-1)^2 + 1) + 2 = (n+1)^2 + 1$

$2n^2 + 2 - (n^2 - 2n + 1) + 1 + 2 = (n+1)^2 + 1$

$2n^2 + 2 - (n^2 - 2n + 2) + 2 = (n+1)^2 + 1$

$2n^2 + 2 - n^2 + 2n - 2 + 2 = (n+1)^2 + 1$

$2n^2 + 2 - n^2 + 2n = (n+1)^2 + 1$

$n^2 + 2n + 1 + 1 = (n+1)^2 + 1$

$(n+1)^2 + 1 = (n+1)^2 + 1$

therefore $A_n = n^2 + 1$ is True

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