

CS 182: Homework 5

Problem 1 (20 Points)

Prove or disprove that for any positive integer $n \geq 0$, $n^3 + 2n + 3$ is divisible by 3.

$$P(n): n^3 + 2n + 3 = 3x \quad n \geq 0, x \geq 1$$

1. **Basis step:** $P(0) = 0^3 + 2(0) + 3 = 3 = 3(1)$, *DONE*

2. **Inductive Hypothesis:** Assume $P(n)$ holds for any arbitrary integer $n \geq 0$

3. **Will Prove:** $P(n) \rightarrow P(n + 1)$

$$P(n + 1): (n + 1)^3 + 2(n + 1) + 3$$

$$= (n + 1)(n^2 + 2n + 1) + 2(n + 1) + 3$$

$$= n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1 + 2n + 2 + 3$$

$$= (n^3 + 2n + 3) + (3n^2 + 3n + 3)$$

$$= 3(x) + 3(n^2 + n + 1)$$

Inductive Hypothesis

$$= 3(x + n^2 + n + 1) = 3l \text{ where } l \text{ is any positive integer}$$

DONE

4. **Hence, proven** that for any positive integer $n \geq 0$, $n^3 + 2n + 3$ is divisible by 3.

Problem 2 (20 Points)

Prove or disprove that for all $n \geq 1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i2^i \leq 2^{n+1}n.$$

$$P(n): \sum_{i=1}^n i2^i \leq 2^{n+1}n. \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

1. **Basis Step:** $P(1)$ is true since $\sum_{i=1}^1 (1)2^1 = 2 \leq 2^2 \cdot 1 = 4$, DONE

2. **Inductive Hypothesis:** Assume $P(n)$ holds for any arbitrary integer $n \geq 1$.

3. **Will Prove:** $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$

$$P(n): (1)(2)^1 + (2)(2)^2 + (3)(2)^3 + \dots + n(2)^n \leq 2^{n+1}n$$

$$P(n+1): \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i2^i = \sum_{i=1}^n i2^i + (n+1)2^{n+1} \leq 2^{n+2}(n+1)$$

$$= (n-1)(2^{n+1}) + 2 + (n+1)2^{n+1} \leq 2^{n+2}(n+1)$$

$$= 2^{n+1}(n-1+n+1) + 2 \leq 2^{n+2}(n+1)$$

$$= 2^{n+1}(2n) + 2 \leq 2^{n+2}(n+1)$$

$$= (2^{n+2})n + 2 \leq (2^{n+2})n + 2^{n+2}$$

$$= (2^{n+2})n + 2 \leq (2^{n+2})n + 4(2^n)$$

4. **Therefore** $\sum_{i=1}^n i2^i \leq 2^{n+1}n$ for $n \geq 1$

Problem 3. (20 Points)

Let $H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$

for any $n \geq 1$. Prove or disprove that for any $n \geq 1$ $H_{2n} \geq \frac{n}{4}$

1. Basis Step: $n = 1$ $\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{1}\right) \geq \frac{1}{4}$, then $P(1)$ holds,

DONE

2. Inductive Hypothesis: Assume $H_{2k} \geq \frac{k}{4}$ holds for any arbitrary integer $k \geq 1$

3. Will Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

$$H_{2^{(k+1)}} \geq \frac{k+1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \geq \frac{k+1}{4} = \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$H_{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^k+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \geq \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2^k+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$

$$\frac{k}{4} + \left(2^k * \left(\frac{1}{2^k+1}\right)\right) \geq \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2^k+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$

$$\frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$$

4. Therefore, by induction, we have proven that for any $n \geq 1$ $H_{2n} \geq \frac{n}{4}$

Problem 4. (20 Points)

Let $a_1 = 2$, $a_2 = 9$, and $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 3$.

Prove or disprove that $a_n \leq 3^n$ for all positive integers n .

$P(n): a_n \leq 3^n$ for all positive integers n

1. **Basis Step:** $P(1)$ holds since $2 \leq 3$

$P(2)$ holds since $9 \leq 9$

$P(3)$ holds since $2(9) + 3(2) = 24 \leq 27$, *DONE*

2. **Inductive Hypothesis:** Assume $P(n)$ holds for any arbitrary positive integer n

3. **Will Prove:** $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$

$P(n+1): a_{n+1} \leq 3^{n+1}$

$$a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 3a_{n-1}$$

Suppose $a_n = 3^n$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1} &= 2(3^n) + (3(3^{n-1})) \\ &= 2(3^n) + 3^n \end{aligned}$$

$$a_{n+1} = 3^n(2 + 1) = 3^{n+1}$$

If $a_n \leq 3^n$

Inductive Hypothesis

$$a_{n+1} \leq 2(3^n) + 3(3^{n-1})$$

$$a_{n+1} \leq 2(3^n) + 3^n$$

$$a_{n+1} \leq 3^n(2 + 1)$$

$$a_{n+1} \leq 3^{n+1}$$

4. **Therefore, by induction, we have proven that $a_n \leq 3^n$**

Problem 5. (20 Points)

Describe the most efficient algorithm to compute $5^{\log_2 m}$ where m is a nonnegative integer. Prove its correctness.

Algorithm:

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procedure power(x, m) {
  int n = log2(m)
  if (n == 0) {
    return 1;
  }
  else if (n == 1) {
    return x;
  }
  else if (n is even) {
    return power(x * x, n/2);
  }
  else if (n is odd) {
    return x * power(x * x, (n - 1) / 2);
  }
}
```

Proof of correctness:

$P(n)$: for all nonnegative integers m , $\text{Power}(5, m)$ correctly computes $5^{\log_2 m}$

procedure as a Piecewise Function.

$$x^n = \begin{cases} (x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} & n \text{ is even} \\ x(x^2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

The relationship between n and $\log_2 m$ is as follows:

If $n = \log_2 m$,

then, $n + 1 = \log_2(m + m)$

1. **Basis Step:** if $m = 2 \rightarrow n = 1$, then $(x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = x$, which is true because $5^1 = 5$

2. **Inductive Hypothesis:** $x = 5$ in this case, so $\text{power}(x, n) = x^n = (x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}$ if n is even;

$$x^n = x(x^2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \text{ if } n \text{ is odd}$$

3. **Will Prove:** $P(n) \rightarrow P(n + 1)$

Case 1: If n is even, then $(n + 1)$ is odd

$P(n + 1)$: $x(x^2)^{\frac{(n+1)-1}{2}} = x(x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}$ conclusion to arrive at

$$x^{n+1} = x * x^n = x(x^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

Therefore, proved case 1 using induction

By inductive hypothesis

Case 2: If n is odd, then $(n + 1)$ is even

$P(n + 1): (x^2)^{\frac{(n+1)}{2}}$ conclusion to arrive at
 $x^{n+1} = x * x^n$

$$= x * (x(x^2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}})$$

$$= x^2((x^2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}})$$

$$= (x^2)^{\frac{n-1+2}{2}}$$

$$= (x^2)^{\frac{n+1}{2}}$$

Therefore, proved case 2 using induction

4. **Therefore, by strong induction**, we have proven the correctness of the algorithm to get $5^{\log_2 m}$