

# MT241P-solution1

MT241P assignment 1

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## Question 1

### Part 1

Prove that for any  $n \geq 1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n \cdot (n+1) \cdot (2n+1)}{6}$$

First we show that the formula holds up for  $n = n_0 = 1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 i^2 = 1^2 = \frac{1 \cdot (1+1) \cdot (2+1)}{6} = 1$$

Therefore it holds up for  $n = n_0 = 1$ , now we assume that the formula holds up for  $n = k$ , where  $k \geq n_0$ , and we check if it will also hold up for  $n = k + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^2 &= \frac{(k+1) \cdot (k+1+1) \cdot (2(k+1)+1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1) \cdot (k+2) \cdot (2k+3)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^2 &= (k+1)^2 + \frac{k \cdot (k+1) \cdot (2k+1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{6(k+1)^2}{6} + \frac{k \cdot (k+1) \cdot (2k+1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)[6(k+1) + k \cdot (2k+1)]}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1) \cdot (6k+6+2k^2+k)}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1) \cdot (2k^2+7k+6)}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1) \cdot (k+2) \cdot (2k+3)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if it is true for  $n = k$ , it then also is true for  $n = k + 1$ , and because it is true for  $n = n_0$ , it is also true for all the successors of  $n_0$ , therefore it must be true for every  $n \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

### Part 2

Prove that for any  $n \geq 5$

$$n^2 < 2^n$$

We start off by checking if it holds up for the base case, when  $n = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} 5^2 &< 2^5 \\ 25 &< 32 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we know that it holds up for the base case, now we assume it works for some  $n$ , and we show that if it holds for  $n$ , then it must hold for  $n + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)^2 &< 2^{n+1} \\ n^2 + 2n + 1 &< 2^n \cdot 2 \\ n^2 + 2n + 1 &< 2^n + 2^n \end{aligned}$$

Because we have assumed that  $n^2 < 2^n$ , then we know that the above is true if  $2n + 1 \leq 2^n$ , and again, because  $n^2 < 2^n$ , we know that if  $2n + 1 \leq n^2$ , then  $2n + 1 \leq 2^n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2n + 1 &\leq n^2 \\ -n^2 + 2n + 1 &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using the minus b formula, we can see that  $2n + 1 \leq n^2$  for any  $n$  where  $1 + \sqrt{2} < n$ , and  $1 + \sqrt{2} < 5$ , therefore it is true for any  $n$  later or equal to 5.

## Question 2

Given the following function:

$$\begin{aligned} f(1, 1) &= 2 \\ f(m + 1, n) &= f(m, n) + 2 \cdot (m + n) \\ f(m, n + 1) &= f(m, n) + 2 \cdot (m + n - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Prove that  $f(m, n) = (m + n)^2 - (m + n) - 2n + 2$ .

In the base case,  $m = 1$ , and  $n = 1$ .

$$f(1, 1) = 2 = (1 + 1)^2 - (1 + 1) - 2 + 2 = 4 - 2 = 2$$

Therefore, it holds up for the base case.

Now we will assume that it holds up for  $f(m, 1)$ , and if that's the case, that it also holds up for  $f(m + 1, 1)$ .

From the definition of the function, we know that  $f(m + 1, 1) = f(m, 1) + 2 \cdot (m + 1)$ , and because we have assumed that the formula holds up for  $f(m, 1)$ , we know that

$$\begin{aligned} f(m + 1, 1) &= f(m, 1) + 2 \cdot (m + 1) \\ &= (m + 1)^2 - (m + 1) - 2 + 2 + 2 \cdot (m + 1) \\ &= (m + 1)^2 - (m + 1) + 2 \cdot (m + 1) \\ &= (m + 1)^2 + (m + 1) \\ &= m^2 + 2m + 1 + m + 1 \\ &= m^2 + 3m + 2 \\ f(m + 1, 1) &= (m + 1 + 1)^2 - (m + 1 + 1) - 2 + 2 \\ &= (m + 2)^2 - (m + 2) \\ &= m^2 + 2m + 2m + 4 - m - 2 \\ &= m^2 + 3m + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $f(m, 1)$  holds for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then it will hold for every value of  $m$ .

Now we will assume that it holds for  $f(m, n)$ , and show by induction that if that holds, then  $f(m, n + 1)$  will also hold.

$$\begin{aligned} f(m, n + 1) &= f(m, n) + 2 \cdot (m + n - 1) \\ &= (m + n)^2 - (m + n) - 2n + 2 + 2 \cdot (m + n - 1) \\ &= (m + n)^2 + m - n \\ f(m, n + 1) &= (m + n + 1)^2 - (m + n + 1) - 2(n + 1) + 2 \\ &= m^2 + n^2 + 2mn + 2m + 2n + 1 - m - n - 1 - 2n - 2 + 2 \\ &= m^2 + n^2 + 2mn + m - n \\ &= (m + m)^2 + m - n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have shown that if it holds for some  $f(m, n)$ , it will also hold for  $f(m, n + 1)$  where  $m$  is constant, and we have also shown that if  $f(m, 1)$  holds for some  $m$ , then it will hold for any  $f(m, 1)$ . Because our base test showed that it holds for  $f(1, 1)$ , then we know it works for  $f(m, 1)$ , and because it works for  $f(m, 1)$ , it will work for  $f(m, n)$ .

## Question 3

Given the "Lucas Sequence":

$T_1 = 1, T_2 = 3, T_n = T_{n-1} + T_{n-2}$ , find a rational  $x$ , where  $x < \frac{7}{4}$ , such that

$$T_n < x^n$$

To solve this, we will assume that there exist a non empty set  $A$  such that  $T_n < a^n, \forall a \in A$ , where every element in  $A$  is smaller than  $\frac{7}{4}$ .

We need to use strong induction, therefore there are two base cases,  $n = 1$ , and  $n = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
T_1 &< a^1 \\
1 &< 1 \\
T_2 &< a^2 \\
\sqrt{3} &< a
\end{aligned}$$

We will set the restriction of every element  $a \in A$  to be larger than the positive root of 3. With this restriction, the two base cases will pass for every element in  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{n+1} &= T_n + T_{n-1} \\
a^{n+1} &> a^n + a^{n-1} \\
&> a^{n-1}(a + 1) \\
a^{n-1} \cdot a^2 &> a^{n-1}(a + 1) \\
a^2 &> a + 1 \\
0 &> a^2 - a - 1
\end{aligned}$$

Using the minus b formula, we can see that the above is true for all numbers larger than  $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Because  $\sqrt{3} > \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ , we can see that the set  $A$  can be defined as  $A := \{x | x \in \mathbb{Q} \wedge \sqrt{3} < x < \frac{7}{4}\}$

We have by induction proven that  $\forall a \in A, T_n < a^n$ . A sample value for  $a$  would be  $\frac{174}{100}$ .

## Question 4

### Part 1

Show that if  $a|b$ , and  $b|c$ , then  $a|c$

If  $a|b$ , then  $\exists p \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\frac{b}{a} = p$ ,  $\therefore pa = b$ , and if  $b|c$ , then  $\exists q$  such that  $qb = c$ .

If  $a|c$ , then there must exist a  $k$  such that  $ka = c$ .

Because we know that  $pa = b$  and  $qb = c$ ,  $qpa = c$ , and that an integer times an integer will always be an integer, we know that  $k = qp$  will be an integer. Therefore we have prove that if  $a|b$ , and  $b|c$ , there must exist an integer  $k$  such that  $ka = c$ , therefore  $a|c$ .

### Part 2

Show that if  $a|b$ , and  $a|c$ , then  $a|(ub + vc)$ .

First i will show that if  $a|n$  and  $a|m$ , then,  $a|(n + m)$ :

If  $a|n$ , then there exist an integer  $p$  such that  $ap = n$ , and if  $a|m$ , then there exists an integer  $q$  such that  $aq = m$ .

To show that  $a|(n + m)$ , we need to demonstrate that there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $ka = n + m$

$$\begin{aligned}
ap &= n \\
aq &= m \\
ap + aq &= n + m \\
a(p + q) &= n + m \\
\text{Define } k &:= p + q \\
ak &= n + m
\end{aligned}$$

Where we know that  $k$  is an integer since  $p$  and  $q$  are both integers, and adding two integers will result in an integer.

Therefore, if  $a|n$  and  $a|m$ , then,  $a|(n + m)$ , now that we know this, we can show that  $a|b$ , and  $a|c$ , then  $a|(ub + vc)$  if  $a|ub$  and  $a|vc$ .

Now we need to show that for any integer  $u$ , if  $a|n$ , then  $a|un$ . To show that  $a|un$ , we need to prove that  $un = la$  for some integer  $l$ .

Because we know that  $a|n$ , that means that  $n$  is a multiple of  $a$ , therefore  $n = ka$  for some integer  $k$ . Therefore  $un = uka$ , because  $u$  and  $k$  are both integers, their product  $l$  will also be an integer. That that means that  $un = la$  for some integer  $l$ . Therefore, if  $a|n$ , then  $a|un$  for any integer  $n$ .

Now that we know that if  $a|n$  and  $a|m$ , then,  $a|(n + m)$ , and that if  $a|n$ , then  $a|un$ , we prove that if  $a|b$ , and  $a|c$ , then  $a|(ub + vc)$ .

If  $a|(ub + vc)$ , then  $a|vc$   $a|ub$ , and if  $a|c$ , then  $a|vc$  is true for any integer  $v$ , and  $a|ub$  is true for any integer  $u$ . Therefore if  $a|b$ , and  $a|c$ , then  $a|(ub + vc)$ .

## Question 5

### Part 1

Show that 2003 divides  $4007^n - 1$ , for all integers  $n \geq 0$ .

We say that a number  $a$  divides  $b$ , if  $b$  is a multiple of  $a$ . Therefore, if  $a$  divides  $b$  there exist a  $p$  such that  $\frac{b}{a} = p$ , where  $p \in \mathbb{N}_0$

Base case, when  $n = 0$

$$\frac{4007^0 - 1}{2003} = \frac{0}{2003} = 0$$

Therefore it holds for  $n = 0$ . Now we assume for some  $n$ , where  $n \geq 0$ . We now need to show that if it holds for  $n$ , it will also hold for  $n + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4007^{n+1} - 1}{2003} &= \frac{4007^n \cdot 4007 - 1}{2003} \\&= 4007 \cdot \frac{4007^n - \frac{1}{4007}}{2003} \\&= 4007 \cdot \frac{4007^n + 1 - 1 - \frac{1}{4007}}{2003} \\&= 4007 \cdot \left( \frac{4007^n - 1}{2003} + \frac{1 - \frac{1}{4007}}{2003} \right) \\&= 4007 \left( \frac{4007^n - 1}{2003} \right) + \frac{4007 - 1}{2003} \\&= 4007 \left( \frac{4007^n - 1}{2003} \right) + 2\end{aligned}$$

And because  $\frac{4007^k - 1}{2003}$  is, by assumption an integer, and, an integer times an integer is an integer, then  $4007 \left( \frac{4007^k - 1}{2003} \right)$  is an integer. Adding two to an integer, will also return an integer.

## Question 6

Show that 5 divides  $n^5 - n$ , for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

If 5 divides  $n^5 - n$ , for any value of  $n$ ,  $\exists p$ , where  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\frac{n^5 - n}{5} = p$ .

For the base case we can use  $n = 0$

$$\frac{0^5 - 0}{5} = 0$$

Therefore it holds for  $n = 0$

Now we assume that it works for some  $n$ , and we try to prove that if it holds for  $n$ , then it also holds for  $n + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(n+1)^5 - n - 1}{5} &= \frac{1 + 5n + 10n^2 + 10n^3 + 5n^4 + n^5 - n - 1}{5} \\&= \frac{n^5 + 5n^4 + 10n^3 + 10n^2 + 4n}{5} \\&= \frac{n^5 - n}{5} + \frac{5n^4 + 10n^3 + 10n^2 + 5n}{5} \\&= \frac{n^5 - n}{5} + 5 \cdot \frac{n^4 + 2n^3 + 2n^2 + n}{5} \\&= \frac{n^5 - n}{5} + n^4 + 2n^3 + 2n^2 + n\end{aligned}$$

Because we know by assumption that  $\frac{n^5 - n}{5}$  is an integer, and that any series of multiplication on integers, and addition on integers will result in an integer, then we know that  $\frac{n^5 - n}{5} + n^4 + 2n^3 + 2n^2 + n$  must be an integer for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .