

[Proof by Induction]

(NOTES)

1. Consider the sequence  $b_0 = 3$  and for  $n \geq 0$ ,  $b_n = b_{n-1} + n$ .  
Prove for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  
$$b_n = \frac{n^2 + n + 6}{2}.$$

Proof:

(a) Base Case: Let  $n=0$ .  $b_0 = 3$  and  $\frac{6}{2} = 3$ .

(b) Inductive Step:

- Hypothesis: Assume the statement is true when  $n=k$ . Therefore  $b_k = \frac{k^2 + k + 6}{2}$ .
- We want to show  $b_{k+1} = \frac{(k+1)^2 + (k+1) + 6}{2}$ .
- Consider  $b_{k+1}$ :

$$b_{k+1} = b_k + (k+1)$$

$$= \frac{k^2 + k + 6}{2} + (k+1) \quad [\text{by hypothesis}]$$

$$= \frac{k^2 + k + 6}{2} + \frac{2k + 2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{k^2 + 3k + 8}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2 + (k+1) + 6}{2}$$

Suppose, for sake of contradiction, ~~that~~

$\exists x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \dots$

$x \in A$ , then  $x \in B$

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Thus we have shown through induction that  $b_n = \frac{n^2 + n + 6}{2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Strong induction:

- Hypothesis: Assume the statement is ~~not~~ true for  $n = 0, 1, \dots, m$  |  $n \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$ .

1B) i] False: because negative  $x + \text{negative } x$  is less than  $x$ . Anthony Jones

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ii] False: because  $1 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1^2 = 1$ .

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iii] True:  $m = -3, n = 1 \Rightarrow 7 - 6 = 1$

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iv] False: for  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , have  $y = x - 1$ .

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v] True: for  ~~$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$~~ , have  $x = y - 1$ .  
 $\forall y \in \mathbb{Z}$

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1C) i] • Base case: Let  $n = 0$ . Then  $0 = \frac{0(0+1)}{2}$  is true, meaning the statement holds for base case.

• Inductive ~~Hypothesis~~ <sup>Hypothesis</sup>: Assume the statement is true when  $n = k$ . Therefore assume

$$0 + 1 + \dots + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}.$$

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ii] • Base case: ~~Let  $n = 0$~~ . Sorry

Let  $n = 1$ . Then  $a_1 = 1$  and  $1^2 = 1$ . Therefore statement is true for case 1.

Let  $n = 2$ . Then  $a_2 = 4$  and  $2^2 = 4$ . Therefore statement is true for case 2.

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ii] cont] • Inductive Hypothesis: Assume the statement is true when  $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Meaning for all  $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $a_n = n^2$ .



2b) Let  $2x+5 \geq 1$ .

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Then  $2x \geq -4$  and  $x \geq -2$ .

Now consider  $x^3 + 2x^2$ . We can factor  $x^3 + 2x^2$  as

$$x^3 + 2x^2 = x^2(x+2).$$

Observe that  $x^2(x+2)$  is only negative when  $x < -2$ . Therefore, because  $x \geq -2$ ,  $x^3 + 2x^2 \geq 0$ .

Therefore, by proof of contrapositive:

If  $x^3 + 2x^2 < 0$ , then  $x < -2$ , meaning  
 $2x + 5 < 1$ .

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2c) Assume  $n$  is odd. Now consider  $2n^2 - 2$ .

We can factor  $2n^2 - 2$  as

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

Observe that  $8 \mid 2(n+1)(n-1)$  iff  $4 \mid (n+1)(n-1)$ .

Therefore, because  $n$  is odd, both  $(n+1)$  and  $(n-1)$  have to be even, meaning:

$$2 \mid (n+1),$$

$$2 \mid (n-1), \text{ and}$$

$$4 \mid (n+1)(n-1).$$

Therefore  $8 \mid 2(n+1)(n-1)$ , if  $n$  is odd, and  
by contrapositive if  $8 \nmid 2(n+1)(n-1) = 8 \nmid 2n^2 - 2$   
then  $n$  must be even.

3b) Suppose, for sake of contradiction,

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$$\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } 2a + 4b = 1.$$

Then dividing both sides gives

$$a + 2b = \frac{1}{2},$$

which by the rules of integer addition is impossible, meaning the supposition has to be false.  $\leftarrow$

4a) ~~Assume  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $8 \nmid 9^n - 1$ , and  $2 \nmid n$~~   
~~is the smallest~~

Let  $b$  be the smallest number in the natural numbers s.t.  $8 \nmid 9^b - 1$ . Note  $b \neq 1$  because  $8 \mid (9 - 1)$ . Also note that  $b - 1$  must have that  $8 \mid 9^{b-1} - 1$ . However:

$$\begin{aligned} 9^{b-1} - 1 &= 9^b \cdot 9^{-1} - 1 \\ &= \frac{9^b}{9} - 1, \end{aligned}$$

which only ~~divides~~ can be divided by 8 if  $9^b$  posits  $8 \mid 9^b - 2$ . Therefore  $b$  is not the smallest number that has  $8 \nmid 9^b - 1$ .

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5a) Proof: Consider the sequence  $b_n = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$

(a) Base case: Let  $n=1$ .

$$\frac{1}{1(1+1)} = \frac{1}{2} = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{1+1}\right), \text{ so the statement is true for } n=1.$$

(b) Inductive step.

• Hypothesis: Assume the statement is true when  $n=k$ . Meaning assume the sequence

$$b_k = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{k+1}\right).$$

• We want to show that the statement is true for  $k+1$ , meaning

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{k+2}\right).$$

• Consider  $k+1$ :

$$b_{k+1} = b_k + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)}$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{k+1}\right) + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad [\text{by hypothesis}]$$

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

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

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{k+2}$$

Thus we have shown through induction that  $b_n = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right)$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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5c) Proof:

(a) Base Case:

Let  $n=0$ ;  $a_0 = 1$  and  $\frac{3^0 + 1}{2} = 1$ . So the statement is true for  $n=0$ .

Let  $n=1$ ;  $a_1 = 3(1) - 1 = 2$  and  $\frac{3^1 + 1}{2} = 2$ . So the statement is true for  $n=1$ .

(b) Inductive Step:

- Hypothesis: Assume the statement is true when  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ . meaning  $\exists k, a_k = \frac{3^k + 1}{2}$ .

- We want to show that the statement is true for  $k+1$ . meaning  $a_{k+1} = \frac{3^{k+1} + 1}{2}$ .

- Consider  $k+1$ :

$$a_{k+1} = 3a_k - 1$$

$$= 3\left(\frac{3^k + 1}{2}\right) - 1 \quad [\text{by hypothesis}]$$

$$= \frac{3^{k+1} + 3}{2} - \frac{2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3^{k+1} + 1}{2} \quad [\text{didn't need strong induction...}]$$

Thus we have shown through induction

that  $a_n = \frac{3^n + 1}{2}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .