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CS-225: Discrete Math for CS

Homework 5 Part 1

Exercise Set 5.2: Problem # 9, 14; Set 5.3: Problem # 10, 18, 23.b

9.

Prove $4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^n = \frac{4*(4^n - 16)}{3}$ **for all integers** $n \geq 3$.

Base Case: Show that $P(3)$ is true.

$$P(3) = \frac{4*(4^3 - 16)}{3} = \frac{4*(64 - 16)}{3} = \frac{4*(48)}{3} = \frac{192}{3} = 64 \text{ which is equal to the LHS, } 4^3$$

Since our base case is true, we assume $P(k) = \frac{4*(4^k - 16)}{3}$ is true for all integers $k \geq 3$.

Induction: Show $P(k+1)$ is true assuming $P(k)$ is true.

$$P(k+1) = 4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^k + 4^{(k+1)} = \frac{4*(4^{(k+1)} - 16)}{3} \quad // \text{ induction hypothesis}$$

LHS: This can be regrouped as $P(k+1) = (4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^k) + 4^{(k+1)}$. We know $P(k)$ is true from our assumption, and $P(k) = (4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^k)$, so $P(k+1) = P(k) + 4^{(k+1)}$. Using

$$\text{substitution, } P(k+1) = \frac{4*(4^k - 16)}{3} + 4^{(k+1)} = \frac{4*(4^k - 16)}{3} + \frac{3*4^{(k+1)}}{3} = \frac{(4*(4^k - 16) + 3*4^{(k+1)})}{3}$$

$$\frac{(4*4^k - 4*16 + 3*4^{(k+1)})}{3} = \frac{(4^{(k+1)} - 64 + 3*4^{(k+1)})}{3} = \frac{(4*4^{(k+1)} - 64)}{3} = \frac{4*(4^{(k+1)} - 16)}{3} \quad \text{The LHS}$$

matches the RHS proving our induction hypothesis is true. Since both the basis step and the inductive step have been proved, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 3$.

14.

Prove $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i*2^i = n*2^{(n+2)} + 2$ **for all integers** $n \geq 0$.

Base Case: Show $P(0)$ is true.

$$P(0) = 0*2^{(0+2)} + 2 = 0*2^2 + 2 = 0*4 + 2 = 2 \quad \text{Since this is equal to } \sum_{i=1}^{0+1} i*2^i = 1*2^1 = 2, \text{ our base}$$

case is true and we assume $P(k) = k*2^{(k+2)} + 2$ for all integers $k \geq 0$.

Induction: Show $P(k+1)$ is true.

$$P(k+1) = (k+1)*2^{((k+1)+2)} + 2 = k*2^{(k+3)} + 2^{(k+3)} + 2 \quad // \text{ induction hypothesis}$$

Plugging $(k+1)$ into the initial statement, we get $P(k+1) = \sum_{i=1}^{(k+1)+1} i*2^i = \sum_{i=1}^{(k+2)} i*2^i$. Since we

assume $P(k)$ is true, we can rewrite $P(k+1)$ as the summation of the $P(k)$ and $(k+1)$, the next value after k .

So, $P(k+1) = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i \cdot 2^i \right] + (k+2) \cdot 2^{(k+2)}$. Since we assume $P(k) = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i \cdot 2^i$ is equal to

$P(k) = k \cdot 2^{(k+2)} + 2$, we can substitute.

Then, using algebra, $P(k+1) = k \cdot 2^{(k+2)} + 2 + (k+2) \cdot 2^{(k+2)} = k \cdot 2^{(k+2)} + 2 + k \cdot 2^{(k+2)} + 2 \cdot 2^{(k+2)}$
 $= k \cdot 2^{(k+2)} + k \cdot 2^{(k+2)} + 2 \cdot 2^{(k+2)} + 2 = k \cdot 2^{(k+3)} + 2^{(k+3)} + 2$. This matches our induction hypothesis and proves $P(k+1)$ to be true. Since both the base step and the induction step have been proved, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 0$.

10.

Prove $n^3 - 7n + 3$ is divisible by 3 for each integer $n \geq 0$.

Base Case: Show $P(0)$ is divisible by 3.

$P(0) = 0^3 - 7(0) + 3 = 3$, and 3 is divisible by 3. Because the base case is true, we assume that

$P(k) = k^3 - 7k + 3$ is divisible by 3 for all integers $k \geq 0$. It can also be stated that $P(k) = 3r$ for some integer r by the properties of integer division.

Induction: Show $P(k+1)$ is true.

$P(k+1) = (k+1)^3 - 7(k+1) + 3$, is divisible by 3 // induction hypothesis

$= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - 7k - 7 + 3$ //expand using algebra

$= (k^3 - 7k + 3) + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - 7$ //by commutative law

We assume $P(k) = (k^3 - 7k + 3)$ is true, so we can use substitution,

$= P(k) + 3k^2 + 3k - 6$ //substitution and combine like terms

Since $P(k)$ is divisible by three, $P(k) = 3r$ for some integer r by the properties of integer division.

$= 3r + 3k^2 + 3k - 6$ //using substitution

$= 3(r + k^2 + k - 2)$ //distributive law

Since $(r + k^2 + k - 2)$ is an integer by multiplication and addition of integers, this proves $P(k+1)$ is divisible by 3 (property of integer division).

Since both the basis step and the induction step have been proved, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 0$.

18.

Prove $5^n + 9 < 6^n$, for all integers $n \geq 2$.

Base Case: Show $P(2)$ is true.

$P(2) = 5^2 + 9 < 6^2 \implies 25 + 9 < 36 \implies 34 < 36$

The base case is true, so we assume $P(k) = 5^k + 9 < 6^k$ for all integers $k \geq 2$.

Induction: Show $P(k+1)$ is true.

$$P(k+1) = 5^{k+1} + 9 < 6^{k+1} \quad //\text{induction hypothesis}$$

Starting with $P(k)$, we can arrive at $P(k+1)$.

$$P(k) = 5^k + 9 < 6^k \quad //\text{assume true}$$

$$6(5^k + 9) < 6^k * 6 \quad //\text{multiply both sides by 6}$$

$$(5+1)(5^k + 9) < 6^k * 6 \quad //\text{re-write 6 as 5+1}$$

$$5*5^k + 45 + 5^k + 9 < 6^{k+1} \quad //\text{expand using distributive law and algebra}$$

$$(5^{k+1} + 9) + 5^k + 45 < 6^{k+1} \quad //\text{proves } P(k+1) \text{ is true}$$

Because we assume $P(k)$ is true, the truth value of the inequality does not change when both sides are multiplied by 6. After several steps of algebraic manipulation, we arrive at

$(5^{k+1} + 9) + 5^k + 45 < 6^{k+1}$. Since we know this inequality is true, we know that $P(k+1) = 5^{k+1} + 9 < 6^{k+1}$ is true. The left hand side of $P(k+1)$, $5^{k+1} + 9$, is actually less than the left hand side of the derived inequality, $(5^{k+1} + 9) + 5^k + 45$, while the right side on both is equivalent. This proves $P(k+1)$ to be true.

Since both the basis step and the induction step have been proven, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 2$.

####Help from Eddie Woo videos on Youtube. This took me FOREVER####

23.b

Prove $n! > n^2$, for all integers $n \geq 4$.

Base Case: Show $P(4)$ is true.

$$P(4) = 4! > 4^2 \quad == \quad 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 > 16 \quad == \quad 24 > 16$$

The base case is true, so we assume $P(k) = k! > k^2$ for all integers $k \geq 4$.

Induction: Show $P(k+1)$ is true.

$$P(k+1) = (k+1)! > (k+1)^2$$

LHS: We can write $(k+1)!$ as $k!(k+1)$

RHS: We can write $(k+1)^2$ as $(k+1)(k+1)$

$$\text{So } P(k+1) = k!(k+1) > (k+1)(k+1)$$

$$= k! > k+1 \quad //\text{divide both sides by } (k+1)$$

We already assume $k! > k^2$, so we need to evaluate $(k+1)$ against k^2 . We are restricted to $k \geq 4$, so it is correct to assume that any number multiplied by itself (k^2) is greater than 1 added to itself ($k+1$). Since $k^2 > (k+1)$, we know by the transitive property that $k! > (k+1)$. This shows $P(k+1)$ is true. Since both the basis step and the induction step have been proved, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 4$.