

**Problem 2 WebAssign.**

Suppose that  $f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots$  is a sequence as follows.

$$f_0 = 5, f_1 = 16,$$

$$f_k = 7f_{k-1} - 10f_{k-2} \text{ for every integer } k \geq 2$$

Prove that  $f_n = 3 \cdot 2^n + 2 \cdot 5^n$  for each integer  $n \geq 0$

*Proof.* (by strong induction)

Let the property  $P(n)$  be the sentence “ $f_n = 3 \cdot 2^n + 2 \cdot 5^n$ ”.

$$P(n) \longrightarrow f_n = 3 \cdot 2^n + 2 \cdot 5^n.$$

**Basis step;**  $P(0) : 3 \cdot 2^0 + 2 \cdot 5^0$ . True, since  $5 = 3 + 2$

$P(1) : 3 \cdot 2^1 + 2 \cdot 5^1$ . True, since  $16 = 6 + 10$

**Inductive step:** Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni k \geq 1$ .

Assume  $P(i)$  is true  $\forall i \in \mathbb{Z} \ni 0 \leq i \leq k$ . That is  $f_i = 3 \cdot 2^i + 2 \cdot 5^i$

Since  $k + 1 \geq 2$ ,  $f_{k+1} = 7(f_k) - 10(f_{k-1})$  by the sequence.

[**NTS:**  $P(k + 1)$  is true, that is  $f_{k+1} = 3 \cdot 2^{k+1} + 2 \cdot 5^{k+1}$  ]

$$\begin{aligned} f_{k+1} &= 7(f_k) - 10(f_{k-1}) \\ &= 7(3 \cdot 2^k + 2 \cdot 5^k) - 10(3 \cdot 2^{k-1} + 2 \cdot 5^{k-1}) \\ &= 21(2^k) + 14(5^k) - 30(2^{k-1}) - 20(5^{k-1}) \\ &= 21(2^k) + 14(5^k) - 15 \cdot 2(2^{k-1}) - 4 \cdot 5(5^{k-1}) \\ &= 21(2^k) + 14(5^k) - 15 \cdot 2^k - 4 \cdot 5^k \\ &= 2^k(21 - 15) + 5^k(14 - 4) \\ &= 2^k(6) + 5^k(10) \\ &= 2^k(2 \cdot 3) + 5^k(5 \cdot 2) \\ &= 3 \cdot 2^{k+1} + 2 \cdot 5^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

by substitution

by algebra

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**Problem 8a.**

Suppose that  $h_0, h_1, h_2, \dots$  is a sequence defined as follows:

$$h_0 = 1, h_1 = 2, h_2 = 3,$$

$$h_k = h_{k-1} + h_{k-2} + h_{k-3} \text{ for each integer } k \geq 3.$$

Prove that  $h_n \leq 3^n$  for every integer  $n \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* (by strong induction)

Let the property  $P(n)$  be the sentence “ $h_n \leq 3^n$ ”

$$P(n) \longrightarrow h_n \leq 3^n$$

**Basis step;**  $P(0) : h_0 \leq 3^0$ . True, since  $1 \leq 3^0$

$P(1) : h_1 \leq 3^1$ . True, since  $2 \leq 3^1$

$P(2) : h_2 \leq 3^2$ . True, since  $3 \leq 3^2$

**Inductive step:** Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni k \geq 2$

Assume  $P(i)$  is true for all  $0 \leq i \leq k$ , that is  $h_i \leq 3^i$  for  $0 \leq i \leq k$

Since  $k+1 \geq 3$ ,  $h_{k+1} = h_k + h_{k-1} + h_{k-2}$  by the sequence.

[**NTS:**  $P(k+1)$  is true, that is  $h_{k+1} \leq 3^{k+1}$  since  $k \geq 2$  then  $k+1 \geq 3$  ]

$$\begin{aligned} h_{k+1} &\leq 3^k + 3^{k-1} + 3^{k-2} && \text{by substitution} \\ &\leq 3^3 \cdot 3^{k-3} + 3^2 \cdot 3^{k-3} + 3 \cdot 3^{k-3} && \text{by algebra} \\ &\leq (3^{k-3})(3^3 + 3^2 + 3) \\ &\leq (3^{k-3})(39) \leq 3^{k+1} \\ &\therefore h_{k+1} \leq 3^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

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