

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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