

# Homework 1

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**Due date:** Wednesday, April 8.

## Regular exercises

### Mathematical Induction

For the problems below, use induction to verify that each equation is true for every positive integer  $n$ .

1.  $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$ .
2.  $1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ .
3.  $\frac{1}{2^2-1} + \frac{1}{3^2-1} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2-1} = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2(n+1)} - \frac{1}{2(n+2)}$ .

Use induction to prove the following statements:

4.  $7^n - 1$  is divisible by 6, for all  $n \geq 1$ .
5.  $11^n - 6$  is divisible by 5, for all  $n \geq 1$ .

Use induction to verify the following inequalities:

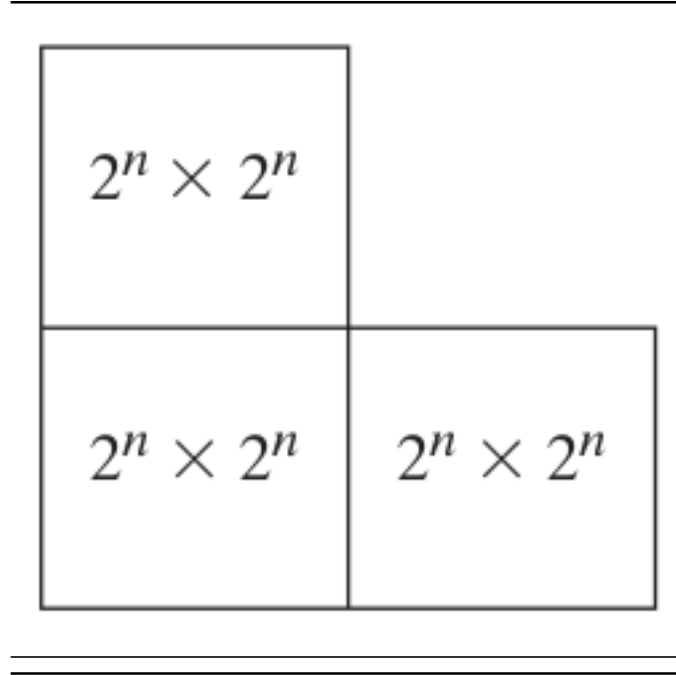
6.  $\frac{1}{2n} \leq \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \dots (2n)}$ , for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$
7.  $2n + 1 \leq 2^n$ , for  $n = 3, 4, \dots$
8.  $2^n \geq n^2$ , for  $n = 4, 5, \dots$
9. Use the geometric sum formula to prove that

$$r^0 + r^1 + \dots + r^n < \frac{1}{1-r}$$

for all  $n \geq 0$  and  $0 < r < 1$ .

This exercise should help you complete *Example 3* from our mathematical induction lecture.

10. A  $2^n \times 2^n$  *L-shape*,  $n \geq 0$ , is a figure of the form



with no missing squares. Show that any  $2^n \times 2^n$  L-shape can be tiled with trominoes.

### Sets & functions

11. Let the *universal set*<sup>1</sup> be the set  $U = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ . Let  $A = \{1, 4, 7, 10\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , and  $C = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ . List the elements of each set.
  - a)  $A \cup B - C$
  - b)  $\overline{A \cap B} \cup C$
  - c)  $(A \cup B) - (C - B)$
12. Answer the following questions:
  - a) What is the cardinality of  $\emptyset$ ?
  - b) What is the cardinality of  $\{\emptyset\}$ ?
  - c) What is the cardinality of  $\{a, b, a, c\}$ ?
  - d) What is the cardinality of  $\{\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, a, b\}$ ?
13. Carefully show that  $A \neq B$ .
  - a)  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{x \mid x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2 = 0\}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>The *universe*, or *universal set*, is the set of all elements under discussion for possible membership in a set.

- b)  $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$ ,  $B = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n > 0 \text{ and } n^2 - 1 \leq n\}$ .
14. Carefully show that  $A$  is not a subset of  $B$ .
- a)  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2\}$ .  
b)  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \emptyset$ .
15. A television poll of 151 persons found that 68 watched *Law and Disorder*; 61 watched *Twenty-five*; 52 watched *The Tenors*; 16 watched both *Law and Disorder* and *Twenty-five*; 25 watched both *Law and Disorder* and *The Tenors*; 19 watched both *Twenty-five* and *The Tenors*; and 26 watched none of these shows. How many persons watched all three shows?
16. Let  $X = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $Y = \{a\}$ , and  $Z = \{\alpha, \beta\}$ . List the elements of each of the following sets.
- a)  $X \times Y \times Z$   
b)  $X \times X \times X$   
c)  $Z \times Y \times X$
17. Determine whether each set below is a function from  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  to  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ . If it is a function, find its domain and range, draw its arrow diagram, and determine if it is one-to-one, onto, or both.
- a)  $\{(1, a), (2, a), (3, c), (4, b)\}$   
b)  $\{(1, c), (2, a), (3, b), (4, c), (2, d)\}$   
c)  $\{(1, c), (2, d), (3, a), (4, b)\}$
18. Determine whether each function below is one-to-one, onto, or both. Prove your answers. The domain of each function is the set of all integers. The codomain of each function is also the set of all integers.
- a)  $f(n) = n + 1$   
b)  $f(n) = n^2 - 1$   
c)  $f(n) = n^3$
19. Write the definition of *one-to-one* using logical notation (*i.e.*, use  $\forall$ ,  $\exists$ , etc.).
20. Write the definition of *onto* using logical notation (*i.e.*, use  $\forall$ ,  $\exists$ , etc.).
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## Miscellaneous exercises

- Use induction to prove the following identity

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \cdots + n^3 = \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2.$$

- A *3D-septomino* is a three-dimensional  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  cube with one  $1 \times 1 \times 1$  corner cube removed. A deficient cube is a  $k \times k \times k$  cube with one  $1 \times 1 \times 1$  cube removed.

Prove that a  $2^n \times 2^n \times 2^n$  deficient cube can be tiled by 3D-septominoes.

- Let  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  denote the *power set* of  $X$ . Answer the following questions:
  - List the members of  $\mathcal{P}(\{a, b\})$ . Which are proper subsets of  $\{a, b\}$ ?
  - If  $X$  has 10 members, how many members does  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  have? How many proper subsets does  $X$  have?
  - If  $X$  has  $n$  members, how many members does  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  have? How many proper subsets does  $X$  have?
- Let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the set of natural numbers. Prove that the function  $f$  from  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $f(m, n) = 2^m 3^n$  is *one-to-one* but not *onto*.
- Use *De Morgan's laws of logic* to negate the definition of *one-to-one*.
- Use *De Morgan's laws of logic* to negate the definition of *onto*.

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