

PROBLEM SET 5

DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

Due: 27th of February, 2023

1. Show that $(\forall A \subseteq \mathbb{N})(A \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow (\exists a \in A)(\forall b \in A)(a \leq b))$. In other words, show that \mathbb{N} is *well-ordered* by \leq .
2. Show that $2 + 3n \leq 2^n$ for all natural numbers $n > 3$.
3. There are two components to this question: a proof, and a program.
 - (a) Implement the sum $\sum_{i=0}^n i^2$ as a *recursive* function of one variable in **Python** and verify that your function sends $n \mapsto \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$. Name your function **ps05pr3a**.
 - (b) Show that $\sum_{i=0}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
4. There are two components to this question: a proof, and a program.
 - (a) Implement the factorial $n! := \prod_{i=1}^n i$ as a *recursive* function of one variable in **Python** and verify that your function satisfies $n! \geq 3^n$ when $n \geq 7$. Name your function **ps05pr4a**.
 - (b) Show that $n! \geq 3^n$ for all natural numbers $n \geq 7$.
5. For the rest of this problem set, let $\varphi := \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $\hat{\varphi} := 1 - \varphi = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$.
 - (a) Prove that $\varphi^2 = \varphi + 1$ and that $\hat{\varphi}^2 = \hat{\varphi} + 1$.
 - (b) Show that $\varphi^n = \varphi^{n-1} + \varphi^{n-2}$ for all natural numbers $n \geq 2$.
 - (c) Show that $\mathcal{F}_n = \varphi \mathcal{F}_{n-1} + \mathcal{F}_{n-2}$ for all $n \geq 2$.
6. There are two components to this question: a proof, and a program.
 - (a) Implement the Fibonacci sequence $\langle \mathcal{F}_n \rangle_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ as a *recursive* function of one variable in **Python** and verify that your function sends $n \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\varphi^n - \hat{\varphi}^n)$. Name your function **ps05pr6a**.
 - (b) Show that $\mathcal{F}_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\varphi^n - \hat{\varphi}^n)$ for all natural numbers $n \geq 2$.

Code Submission Instructions:

Several of the problems in this problem set have a programming component. The **Python** functions you define must be named as the instructions for each problem indicate, and they *must be recursive*. You are not permitted to use any internal or external libraries (*i.e.*, no `import <...>` statements). Your functions should all be implemented in one file, with the filename **ps05-<lastname>-<firstname>.py**; for example, a possible file name would be **ps05-gonzalez-cedre-daniel.py**.

If you are submitting the rest of your solutions to this problem set electronically, then attach your **Python** file *in the same email* as the rest of your solutions.

If you are submitting your proofs in-person on paper, then email your code separately.