

Practice Exam Questions - Tutorial 2

1. Use induction to prove the following statement

(a) For all integers $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}.$$

(b) For all integers $n \geq 1$, $7^n - 4^n$ is divisible by 3.

2. Use induction to prove the following statements.

(a) For all integers $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (i \times (i!)) = (n+1)! - 1$$

where as usual $n!$ refers to "n factorial" i.e. $n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times 1$.

(b) For all integers $n \geq 1$, $2^{3n} - 3^n$ is divisible by 5.

3. Use induction to prove the following statement.

• For all integers $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+7)}{6}$$

4. Use induction to prove the following statement.

• For all integers $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1)(2i) = \frac{n(n+1)(4n-1)}{3}$$

5. Let $A = \{\{7\}, 2, \{4, \{5, 6\}\}, 4\}$. Are the following statements true or false? Briefly motivate your answer.

- ✓ (a) $7 \in A$ **False**, $\{7\} \in A$
- ✓ (b) $\{2, 4\} \subseteq A$ **True**: $\{2, 4\} \subseteq A \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in \{2, 4\} : x \in A$
- ✓ (c) $\{5, 6\} \subseteq A$ **False**: 5 and 6 are not elements of A
- ✓ (d) $\{7\} \in A$ **True**: $\{7\}$ is an element of A
- ✓ (e) $\emptyset \subseteq A$ **True**, this is always true
- ✓ (f) $\{4, \emptyset\} \subseteq A$ **False**, $\emptyset \notin A$
- ✓ (g) $|A| = 5$ **False**, $|A| = 4$

6. Let $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$, $C = \{4, 5\}$. Which of the following statements are true? Briefly motivate your answer.

✓ **T** (a) $(A \setminus C) \cup B = A \cup B$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \\ &\{2, 3\} \cup \{4, 5, 6, 7\} = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \\ &A \cup B = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \end{aligned}$$

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 ✓ **F** (b) $(C \setminus B) \cup \{6, 7\} = \emptyset$
 ✓ **T** (c) $B \cap A = C \quad \{4, 5\} = \{4, 5\}$
 ✓ **T** (d) $A \cap (B \setminus C) \subseteq \emptyset \quad \emptyset \subseteq \emptyset$
 ✗ **T** (e) $\emptyset \in A \cap \{7, 8\}$ \emptyset always a subset of set
 ✓ **F** (f) $\{\{2\}\} \subseteq A \quad \{2\} \subseteq A$ but we are checking if it is an element

7. Prove or disprove the following statement.

- For all sets A, B and C , $(B \cap (A^c \cup C)^c = \emptyset) \Leftrightarrow (A \subseteq B^c \cup C)$.

8. Prove or disprove the following statement.

- For all sets A, B and C , $(C \subseteq B \setminus A) \Leftrightarrow ((A \cap C = \emptyset) \wedge (B^c \subseteq C^c))$.

9. Prove or disprove the following statement.

- For all sets A, B , and C , $(B \subseteq A^c \cup C) \Leftrightarrow ((A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C) = \emptyset)$.

10. Prove or disprove the following statement.

- For all sets A, B , and C , $(A \cup (C^c \setminus B)) = ((A \cup C^c) \setminus B)$.

(1) 1. Use induction to prove the following statement

(a) For all integers $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}.$$

(b) For all integers $n \geq 1$, $7^n - 4^n$ is divisible by 3.

$$(a) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 1: \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

Base case: $P(1)$

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$LS = \sum_{i=1}^1 \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{1}{1(1+2)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$RS = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$LS - RS \quad \square$$

Induction step

Assume the claim holds for n

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

algebra

Show that it holds for $n+1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

Use
assumpt. \longrightarrow

$$= \frac{n}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+2) + 1}{(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)^2}{(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n+1}{n+2} = \frac{(n+1)}{(n+1)+1}$$

(b) $(\forall n \geq 1) (7^n - 4^n \text{ divisible by } 3)$

Base case: $P(1)$

$$7^{(1)} - 4^{(1)} = 3$$

3 is divisible by 3 \square

Inductive step

Assume the claim holds for n

$$7^n - 4^n = 3K, \text{ with } K \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Show that it holds for $n+1$

$$\begin{aligned} 7^{(n+1)} - 4^{(n+1)} &= 7 \cdot 7^{(n)} - 4 \cdot 4^{(n)} \quad \text{algebra} \\ &= 7 \cdot 7^{(n)} - 4 \cdot 4^n + 3 \cdot 4^{(n)} \\ &= 7(7^n - 4^n) + 3 \cdot 4^n \end{aligned}$$

divisible by 3
per assumption

also
div.
by 3

S divisible by 3

[2]

(a) For all integers $n \geq 1$,

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where as usual $n!$ refers to "n factorial" i.e. $n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times 1$.Base step: $P(1)$

$$RS: (1 \times (1!)) = 1$$

$$LS: (1+1)! - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$RS = LS \quad \square$$

Induction step

Assume claim holds for an arbitrary n
 Show it holds for $n+1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (i \times (i!)) = \sum_{i=1}^n (i \times (i!)) + [(n+1)(n+1)!]$$

$$\text{Use assumption} = (n+1)! - 1 + (n+1)(n+1)!$$

$$= (n+1)! (n+1 + 1) - 1$$

$$= (n+1)! (n+2) - 1$$

$$= (n+2)! - 1$$

$$= [(n+1)+1]! - 1 \quad \square$$

(2)(b) (b) For all integers $n \geq 1$, $2^{3n} - 3^n$ is divisible by 5.

$(\forall n \in \mathbb{Z})(n \geq 1): 2^{3n} - 3^n \text{ div. by } 5$

Base step ($n = 1$)

$$2^3 - 3^1 = 8 - 3 = 5$$

5 is divisible by 5 \square

Induction step

Let n be an arbitrary integer ≥ 1

$P(n) = 2^{3n} - 3^n$ is div. by 5
holds for n

Show that P holds for $n+1$

$$2^{3(n+1)} - 3^{(n+1)} = 2^{(3n+3)} - 3^{(n+1)}$$

$$= 8 \cdot 2^{3n} - 3 \cdot 3^n$$

$$= 8 \cdot 2^{3n} - 8 \cdot 3^n + 5 \cdot 3^n$$

$$= 8(2^{3n} - 3^n) + 5 \cdot 3^n$$

div. by \downarrow 5
by assumption

div. \uparrow by
5

So, $P(n+1)$ holds

(3)

- For all integers $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1)(2i) = \frac{n(n+1)(4n-1)}{3}$$

Base step: $n=1$

$$LS: (2 \cdot 1 - 1)(2 \cdot 1) = 2$$

$$RS: \frac{1(1+1)(4-1)}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2 \quad \square$$

Induction step

Let n be an arbitrary integer, $n \geq 1$

$$P(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1)(2i) = \frac{n(n+1)(4n-1)}{3}$$

holds for n

$$(n+1)(n+2)(4n+3)$$

$$(n+1)(4n^2 + 3n + 8n + 6)$$

Show that P holds for $n+1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (2i-1)(2i) = \sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1)(2i) +$$

assumption



$$[2(n+1)-1](2(n+1))$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(4n-1)}{3} + 4(n+1)(n+1) - 2(n+1)$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(4n-1) + 12(n+1)(n+1) - 6(n+1)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)[n(4n-1) + 12(n+1) - 6]}{3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(n+1)[4n^2 - n + 12n + 12 - 6]}{3} \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)[4n^2 + 11n + 6]}{3} \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(4n+3)}{3} \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)[(n+1)+1][4(n+1)-1]}{3} \quad \square
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