

Mathematical Induction Chapter 5.1-5.4

Proof Using Mathematical Induction - Summation Formulas

Mathematical Induction

To prove $P(x)$ is true for $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, where $P(x)$ is a propositional function, we complete two steps:

1) Basis Step - Verify $P(1)$ is true

2) Inductive Step - Verify if $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k+1)$ is true $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Inductive Hypothesis: $P(k)$ is true

Must Show: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

Conclusion: $P(x)$ is true $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Proving a Summation Formula

$$\text{Show } 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n$$

Use mathematical induction to show that for all non-negative integers n , $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$

Conjecture and prove a summation formula for the sum of the first n positive odd integers.

$$\text{Prove } 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$$

Proof Using Mathematical Induction - Inequalities

Proving an Inequality:

Prove $n < 2^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ using mathematical induction.

Let $P(n): n < 2^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

① Basis: $P(1)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(1) : \quad 1 &< 2^1 \\ &1 < 2 \end{aligned}$$

② Inductive $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

Prove $2^k < k! \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ and } n \geq 4$.

① Basis $P(4)$

② Inductive $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

Proof Using Mathematical Induction - Divisibility

Use mathematical induction to prove $7^{n+2} + 8^{2n+1}$ is divisible by 57 for all non-negative integers n.

Let $P(n)$: $7^{n+2} + 8^{2n+1}$ is divisible by 57

① Basis: $P(0)$

$$P(0): 7^{0+2} + 8^{2(0)+1} = 7^2 + 8 =$$

② Inductive:

$$1H: 7^{k+2} + 8^{2k+1}$$

The Well-Ordering Principle and Strong Induction

The Well-Ordering Principle

Every non-empty set of non-negative integers has a least element

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ \quad n = 1$$

$$n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad \underline{n \geq 4} \quad n = 4$$

$$\text{non-negative int} \quad n = 0$$

Prove that every amount of postage of \$ 0.12 or more can be formed
Using \$ 0.04 and \$ 0.05 stamps.

$P(n)$ is the statement that postage of n -cents can be formed
Using 4-cent and 5-cent stamps if $n \geq 12$.

Basis: Show postage of 12-cents can be made

Inductive: Show if $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k+1)$ is true for $k \geq 12$

Revisiting Recursive Definitions

Fibonacci Numbers

Recall the set of Fibonacci numbers:

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21,

How each number found?

add 2 previous terms

① Initial Conditions

$$f_0 = 0$$

$$f_1 = 1$$

② Function

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}, \quad n \geq 2$$

Recursive Defined Functions

Basis Step: Specifies the value of the function for the first term(s)

Recursive Step: Gives a rule for finding subsequent values using previous value(s) beginning at those defined in the basis step.

If f is defined recursively by $f(0) = 2$ and $f(n+1) = 3f(n) - 1$, find $f(1)$, $f(2)$, $f(3)$, and $f(4)$.

Give a recursive definition for a^n for $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and non-negative and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Give a recursive definition of the sequence $\{a_n\}, n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ if $a_n = 2n + 1$

Recursively Defined Sets and structures

Basis Step: Specifies an initial collection of elements

Recursive Step: Gives rules for forming new elements from those already in the set.

Recursively Defined Set

Let S be a subset of the integers defined recursively by:

Basis step:

Recursive Step:

List the elements of S produced by the first 5 application of the recursive definition.

Recursively Defined Structure

A set of rooted trees, where a rooted tree consists of a set of vertices

Example of Rooted Trees Defn:

Basis Step:

Recursive Step 1:

Step 2:

Structural Induction

Recursive Algorithms