

1. Question 1

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

$$\begin{aligned}n = 1 & \quad \sum_{i=1}^1 (2i - 1) = 1 \\n = 2 & \quad \sum_{i=1}^2 (2i - 1) = 1 + 3 = 4 \\n = 3 & \quad \sum_{i=1}^3 (2i - 1) = 4 + 5 = 9 \\n = 4 & \quad \sum_{i=1}^4 (2i - 1) = 9 + 7 = 16\end{aligned}$$

A possible formula for this summation would be $f(n) = n^2, n \geq 1$

(b) Proof by mathematical induction

$$\begin{aligned}n^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) \\ \text{Base case: } 1^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^1 (2i - 1) \\ 1 &= 2 - 1\end{aligned}$$

Assume:

$$\begin{aligned}n^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) \\ (n + 1)^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (2i - 1) \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (2i - 1) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) + 2(n + 1) - 1 \\ (n + 1)^2 &= n^2 + 2n + 1 \\ n^2 + 2n + 1 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) + 2n + 1\end{aligned}$$

Subtract $(2n + 1)$ from each side

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

It is assumed that $n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1)$ from the inductive step. Therefore, the formula is correct.

2. Question 2

Proof by mathematical induction

Base Case: $P(3) := \frac{3(2)(1)}{6} = 1$

This is true, since a set of size 3 can only have one subset of size 3.

Inductive Step: Assume a set S of size n has $\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}$ subsets of size 3. Also it is given that S has $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ subsets of size 2.

$$R = S + \{x_{n+1}\}$$

$$|R| = n + 1$$

$$S \subset R$$

By adding the new element $\{x_{n+1}\}$, R now has a certain number of subsets of size 3 that contain $\{x_{n+1}\}$, and a certain number that do not.

The number of subsets of size 3 without the new element is simply the number of size 3 subsets in S .

S has $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ subsets of size 2, as given by the problem.

The number of subsets of size 3 that include the new element is also $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$. This is due to the fact that S and R are identical, save the new element. By adding the new element to every size 2 subset in S , one can generate every size 3 subset containing $\{x_{n+1}\}$ in R .

Thus, the number of size 3 subsets in R is $\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{n(n+1)(n-1)}{6}$

$$P(n+1) := \frac{n(n+1)(n-1)}{6}$$

$$\therefore P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$$

3. Question 3

Proof by Strong Induction

Base Cases:

$$n = 1 : 1 \leq 2$$

$$n = 2 : 2 \leq 4$$

$$n = 3 : 3 \leq 8$$

Inductive Hypothesis:

$$P(n) := a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3} \leq 2^n$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}$$

Substitute in a_n

$$a_{n+1} = 2a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}$$

$$2a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} + a_{n-3} < 2(a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3})$$

$$2^{n+1} = 2^n * 2$$

We just showed that $a_{n+1} < 2 * a_n$

$2 * a_n \leq 2 * 2^n$, since by the inductive hypothesis, $a_n \leq 2^n$

So

$$a_{n+1} < 2 * a_n \leq 2 * 2^n$$

Simplifying this down,

$$a_{n+1} \leq 2^{n+1} = P(n+1)$$

$$\therefore P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$$

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4. Question 4

Proof by Strong Induction

Base Case:

$$20 = 5r + 6s$$

$$r = 4, s = 0$$

Inductive Hypothesis:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>20} \quad n = 5r + 6s$$

$$21 = 5(3) + 6(1)$$

$$22 = 5(2) + 6(2)$$

$$23 = 5(1) + 6(3)$$

$$24 = 5(0) + 6(4)$$

We now let r_n represent the r coefficient used in the construction of n , and b_n represent the b coefficient of n

$$25 = 5(5) + 6(0)$$

$$25 = 5(r_{20} + 1) + 6(b_{20})$$

$$n = 5(r_n) + 6(b_n)$$

$$n + 5 = 5(r_n + 1) + 6(b_n)$$

By increasing a number by 5, the only change that needs to be made to its r value is to increase it by 1. The b value can remain the same. Therefore, $P(n) \rightarrow P(n + 5)$

By proving the first 4 base cases, we then have proven $P(n) \forall n \geq 20$.

5. Question 5

(a) Basis Step:

For T of size 1, $H(T) = 0$

Recursive Step:

For $T = T_1 \bullet T_2 \bullet T_3$,

$$H(T) = \max(H(T_1), H(T_2), H(T_3)) + 1$$

(b) Basis Step:

For T that is a single vertex, $N(T) = 1$

Recursive Step:

For $T = T_1 \bullet T_2 \bullet T_3$,

$$N(T) = 1 + N(T_1) + N(T_2) + N(T_3)$$

(c) Base Case:

For T of one vertex r

$$N(T) = 1$$

$$H(T) = 0$$

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

$$1 < 2$$

Inductive Hypothesis:

For a full ternary tree T ,

$$N(T) \leq 3^{H(T)+1} - 1$$

Recursive Step:

$$T = T_1 \bullet T_2 \bullet T_3$$

$$N(T) = 1 + N(T_1) + N(T_2) + N(T_3)$$

$$N(T) \leq 1 + (3^{H(T_1)+1} - 1) + (3^{H(T_2)+1} - 1) + (3^{H(T_3)+1} - 1), \text{ by the inductive hypothesis}$$

$$N(T) \leq 3 * \max(3^{H(T_1)+1}, 3^{H(T_2)+1}, 3^{H(T_3)+1}) - 2$$

This is true since the sum of these three terms cannot be more than $3*$ the largest term.

$$\max(3^{H(T_1)+1}, 3^{H(T_2)+1}, 3^{H(T_3)+1}) = 3^{\max(H(T_1), H(T_2), H(T_3))+1}$$

$$3^{\max(H(T_1), H(T_2), H(T_3))+1} = H(T)$$

Substituting this into the earlier equation gives us

$$N(T) \leq 3 * 3^{H(T)} - 2$$

$$N(T) \leq 3^{H(T)+1} - 2 < 3^{H(T)+1} - 1$$