

# CSC236 Worksheet 5 Review

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## Question 1

- a. *Proof.* Define  $P(k) : R(3^k) = k \cdot 3^k$ . Note that when  $n = 3^k$ , this is equivalent to  $R(n) = n \log_3 n$ . I will use simple induction to prove  $P(k)$ .

### Base Case ( $k = 0$ ):

Let  $k = 0$ .

Then,

$$R(3^k) = 0 \quad [\text{By def., since } n = 3^0 = 1] \quad (1)$$

$$= 0 \cdot 3^0 \quad (2)$$

$$= k \cdot 3^k \quad (3)$$

Thus,  $P(k)$  is verified in this step.

### Inductive Step:

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume  $P(k)$ . That is,  $R(3^k) = k \cdot 3^k$ . I need to prove  $P(k+1)$  follows. That is,  $R(3^{k+1}) = (k+1) \cdot 3^{k+1}$

Starting from  $R(3^{k+1})$ , we have

$$R(3^{k+1}) = 3^{k+1} + 3R(\lceil 3^{k+1}/3 \rceil) \quad [\text{By def., since } 0 < k+1, \text{ and } 1 < 3^{k+1}] \quad (4)$$

$$= 3^{k+1} + 3R(\lceil 3^k \rceil) \quad (5)$$

$$= 3^{k+1} + 3R(3^k) \quad [\text{Since } \lceil 3^k \rceil = 3^k] \quad (6)$$

$$= 3^{k+1} + 3(k \cdot 3^k) \quad [\text{By I.H}] \quad (7)$$

$$= 3^{k+1} + (k \cdot 3^{k+1}) \quad (8)$$

$$= (k+1) \cdot 3^{k+1} \quad (9)$$

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b. **Rough Work:**

For convenience, define  $P(n) : \bigwedge_{i=1}^{i=n} R(i) \leq R(n)$ .

I will use complete induction to prove that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 < n \Rightarrow P(n)$ .

1. Inductive Step

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . Assume  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{i=n-1} P(i)$ . I will show that  $P(n)$  follows.

2. Base Case ( $n = 1$ )

Let  $n = 1$ .

Then,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{i=n} R(i) = R(n)$ .

Thus,  $P(n)$  follows in this step.

3. Base Case ( $n = 2$ )

Let  $n = 2$ .

In this step, I need to prove  $P(n)$ . That is,  $R(1) \leq R(2)$  and  $R(2) \leq R(2)$ .

I will do so in part.

**Part 1 (Proving  $R(1) \leq R(2)$ ):**

In this part, the definition tells us  $R(1) = 1$  and  $R(2) = 2 + 3R(\lceil 2/3 \rceil) = 2 + 3R(1) = 2$ .

Since  $R(1) = 1 < R(2) = 2$ , we can conclude  $R(1) \leq R(2)$  holds.

**Part 2 (Proving  $R(2) \leq R(2)$ ):**

In this part, since  $R(2) = R(2)$ ,  $R(2) \leq R(2)$  holds.

4. Inductive Step