

CSC236 Worksheet 2 Solution

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Question 1

- Notes:

- Complete Induction

- * **Statement:** $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n < i \Rightarrow A(n) \Rightarrow \forall i \in \mathbb{N}, A(i)$

- * **Statement Alt.:** $\left(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \left[\bigwedge_{k=0}^{k=n-1} P(k) \right] \Rightarrow P(n) \right) \Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$

Simple Example 1:

Statement: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 0 \Rightarrow 10 \mid (n^5 - n)$

We will prove the statement by strong induction on n .

1. Base Case ($n = 0$)

Let $n = 0$.

We need to prove $10 \mid (n^5 - n)$ is true when $n = 0$. That is, there exists $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(n^5 - n) = 10k$.

Let $k = 0$.

Starting from the left hand side, using the fact $n = 0$, we can write

$$(n^5 - n) = 0 \tag{1}$$

Then, because we know $10k = 0$, we can conclude

$$(n^5 - n) = 10k \tag{2}$$

2. Base Case ($n = 1$)

Let $n = 1$.

We need to prove $10 \mid (n^5 - n)$ is true when $n = 1$. That is, there exists $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(n^5 - n) = 10k$.

Let $k = 0$.

Starting from the left hand side, using the fact $n = 0$, we can write

$$(n^5 - n) = 1 - 1 \tag{3}$$

$$= 0 \tag{4}$$

Then, because we know $10k = 0$, we can conclude

$$(n^5 - n) = 10k \tag{5}$$

3. Inductive Step

Assume $k \geq 1$. Assume that for all natural number i satisfying $0 \leq i \leq k$, $10 \mid (i^5 - i)$. That is, $\exists d \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(i^5 - i) = 10d$.

We need to prove $\exists \tilde{d} \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $((k+1)^5 - (k+1)) = 10\tilde{d}$.

Let $\tilde{d} = c + (k-1)^4 + 4 \cdot (k-1)^3 + 8 \cdot (k-1)^2 + 8 \cdot (k-1) + 3$.

Starting from $((k+1)^5 - (k+1))$, using binominal theorem, we can write,

$$(k+1)^5 - (k+1) = [(k-1) + 2]^5 - [(k-1) + 2] \quad (6)$$

$$= \sum_{b=0}^5 \binom{5}{b} (k-1)^b \cdot 2^{5-b} \quad (7)$$

$$= (k-1)^5 + 10 \cdot (k-1)^4 + 40 \cdot (k-1)^3 + 80 \cdot (k-1)^2 + 80 \cdot (k-1) + 32 - [(k-1) + 2] \quad (8)$$

$$= [(k-1)^5 - (k-1)] + 10 \cdot (k-1)^4 + 40 \cdot (k-1)^3 + 80 \cdot (k-1)^2 + 80 \cdot (k-1) + 30 \quad (9)$$

(The reason why $k-1$ is chosen instead of $k-2$ and $k-3$ is because of the last term $2^5 = 32$, i.e $32 - 2 = 30$)

Then, because we know $0 \leq k-1 \leq k$ and $10 \mid (k-1)^5 - (k-1)$ from the header, we can write $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(k-1)^5 - (k-1) = 10c$, and

$$(k+1)^5 - (k+1) = 10c + 10 \cdot (k-1)^4 + 40 \cdot (k-1)^3 + 80 \cdot (k-1)^2 + 80 \cdot (k-1) + 30 \quad (10)$$

$$(k+1)^5 - (k+1) = 10 \cdot [c + (k-1)^4 + 4 \cdot (k-1)^3 + 8 \cdot (k-1)^2 + 8 \cdot (k-1) + 3] \quad (11)$$

$$(12)$$

Then, because we know $\tilde{d} = c + (k-1)^4 + 4 \cdot (k-1)^3 + 8 \cdot (k-1)^2 + 8 \cdot (k-1) + 3$ from the header, we can conclude

$$(k+1)^5 - (k+1) = 10\tilde{d} \quad (13)$$

Question 2

Question 3