

CSC236 Term Test 1 Version 2 Review

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Question 1

- Rough Works:

Define $P(n) : f(n) = 3^n$.

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

1. Inductive Step

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

2. Base Case ($n = 0$)

Let $n = 0$.

Then,

$$f(n) = 1 \quad \text{[By def.]} \quad (1)$$

$$\leq 3^0 \quad (2)$$

$$= 3^n \quad (3)$$

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

3. Base Case ($n = 1$)

Let $n = 1$.

Then,

$$f(n) = 1 \quad [\text{By def., since } n = 1] \quad (4)$$

$$\leq 3^1 \quad (5)$$

$$= 3^n \quad (6)$$

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

4. Base Case ($n = 2$)

Let $n = 2$.

Then,

$$f(n) = 9 \quad [\text{By def., since } n = 2] \quad (7)$$

$$\leq 3^2 \quad (8)$$

$$= 3^n \quad (9)$$

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

5. Base Case ($n = 3$)

Let $n = 3$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(n) &= f(n-1) + 3f(n-2) + 9f(n-3) && \text{[By def., since } n=2] \\
 &= 9 + 3 \cdot 3 + 9 \cdot 1 && \text{[By def., since } n-1=2, n-2=1, n-3=0] \\
 &= 3^2 + 3^2 + 3^2 && \\
 &= 3^3 && = 3^n \leq 3^n
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{10}$$

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

6. Case ($n > 3$)

Let $n > 3$.

Then, since $0 \leq n-3 < n-2 < n-1 < n$, $P(n-3)$, $P(n-2)$, $P(n-1)$ holds by induction hypothesis. That is, $P(n-3) \leq 3^{n-3}$, $P(n-2) \leq 3^{n-2}$, $P(n-1) \leq 3^{n-1}$.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(n) &= f(n-1) + 3f(n-2) + 9f(n-3) && \text{[By def., since } n > 2] \tag{14} \\
 &\leq 3^{n-1} + 3 \cdot 3^{n-2} + 9 \cdot 3^{n-3} && \text{[By header] \tag{15}} \\
 &= 3^{n-1} + 3^{n-1} + 3^{n-1} && \tag{16} \\
 &= 3^n && \tag{17}
 \end{aligned}$$

So, $P(n)$ follows from $H(n)$ in this step.