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5 Sequences, Mathematical Induction and Recursion

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11) $0, \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{-3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{-5}{6}, \frac{6}{7}$, given this pattern, to get to the k^{th} term $\forall k \geq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$a_k = \frac{(-1)^k k}{k+1}$$

21) $\sum_{k=-1}^1 (k^2 + 3) =$

$$((-1)^2 + 3) + ((0)^2 + 3) + ((1)^2 + 3) = \boxed{11}$$

39) $(1^3 - 1) - (2^3 - 1) + (3^3 - 1) - (4^3 - 1) + (5^3 - 1) =$

$$\boxed{\sum_{k=0}^4 (-1)^k \cdot ((k+1)^3 - 1)}$$

53) $\prod_{i=n}^{2n} \frac{n-i-1}{n+1} \rightarrow j = i-1 \text{ and } j+1 = i \therefore n = i$. After subbing these in we get

$$\prod_{i=k}^{2n} \frac{-n+i-1}{1-n} \rightarrow \boxed{\prod_{j=n-1}^{2n-2} \frac{-n+j}{1-n}}$$

56) $\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{k+1} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k+1}{k+2} = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{k+1} \cdot \frac{k+1}{k+2} =$

$$\boxed{\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{k+2}}$$

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$$4a) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i(i+1) = \frac{n(n-1)(n+1)}{3} \text{ that is } \forall n \geq 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Base Case: } n = 2 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^1 1(2) = \frac{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 3}{3}$$

$$4b) \text{ Inductive Step: Suppose } P(k) = 1(1+1) + \dots + k(k+1) = \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)}{3}$$

$$4c) P(k+1)$$

$$\overbrace{1(1+1) + \dots + k(k+1)}^{\text{What the I.H. is equal to}} + (k+1)((k+1)+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3}$$

4d) What we have to do

- In the base step one must show that the lowest possible value is true
- In the Inductive Step, you assume that $P(k)$ is true such that k is any integer greater than or equal to 2. Then you show that $P(k+1)$ is true.

$$9) \text{ Let } P(n) \text{ be the statement saying that } 4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^n = \frac{4(4^n - 16)}{3} \text{ is true } \forall n \geq 3 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Base Case: The Statement $P(3)$ would mean that we would use 3 for n and make sure that the original claim is true for the most basic value given the parameters of the claim (In this case its $\forall n \geq 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$).

Inductive Step: Assume that $P(k)$ is true $\forall k \geq 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{This would make the claim that } \underbrace{4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^k = \frac{4(4^k - 16)}{3}}_{\text{Inductive Hypothesis}}$$

$$\text{Now we show that } P(k+1) \text{ is also true: } 4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^k + 4^{k+1} = \frac{4(4^{k+1} - 16)}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4(4^k - 16)}{3} + 4^{k+1} &= \frac{4(4^{k+1} - 16)}{3} \\ \frac{4(4^k - 16) + 3 \cdot 4^{k+1}}{3} &= \frac{4^{k+2}}{3} - \frac{16 \cdot 4}{3} \\ \frac{4^{k+1}}{3} - \frac{64}{3} + \frac{3 \cdot 4^{k+1}}{3} &= \frac{4^{k+2}}{3} - \frac{16 \cdot 4}{3} \\ \frac{4^{k+1}}{3} + \frac{3 \cdot 4^{k+1}}{3} - \frac{64}{3} &= \frac{4^{k+2}}{3} - \frac{64}{3} \\ 4^{k+1} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{3} \right) - \frac{64}{3} &= \frac{4^{k+2}}{3} - \frac{64}{3} \\ 4^{k+1} \cdot \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) - \frac{64}{3} &= \frac{4^{k+2}}{3} - \frac{64}{3} \\ \underbrace{4^{k+2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) - \frac{64}{3}}_{\text{This is what we wanted}} &= 4^{k+2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) - \frac{64}{3} \end{aligned}$$

16) $P(n)$ states that $\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2n}$ is true $\forall (n \geq 2) \in \mathbb{Z}$

Base Case: The statement $P(2)$ would mean that we would use 2 for n and make sure that the original claim is true for the a value within the parameters of the claim (In this case its $\forall n \geq 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$).

Inductive Step: Assume that $P(k)$ is true $\forall k \geq 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

This would make the claim that $\underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2}\right)}_{\text{This is the Inductive Hypothesis}} = \frac{k+1}{2k}$

Now we show that $P(k+1)$ is also true: $\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}\right) = \frac{(k+1)+1}{2(k+1)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{k+1}{2k} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}\right) &= \frac{(k+1)+1}{2(k+1)} \\ \frac{(k+1) \cdot ((k+1)^2 - 1)}{2k \cdot (k+1) \cdot (k+1)} &= \frac{k+2}{2k+2} \\ \frac{((k+1)^2 - 1)}{2k \cdot (k+1)} &= \frac{k+2}{2k+2} \\ \frac{k^2 + 2k + 1 - 1}{2k^2 + 2k} &= \frac{k+2}{2k+2} \\ \frac{k^2 + 2k}{2k^2 + 2k} &= \frac{k+2}{2k+2} \\ \frac{k \cdot (k+2)}{k \cdot (2k+2)} &= \frac{k+2}{2k+2} \\ \frac{k+2}{2k+2} &= \frac{k+2}{2k+2} \end{aligned}$$

This is what we wanted

27) $5^3 + 5^4 + 5^5 + \dots + 5^n = \underbrace{\frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1}}_{S_n}$ This is dependent on the value of k so we can only get a sum in terms of k

$$S_k = \frac{5^{k+1} - 1}{5 - 1} = \frac{5^{k+1} - 1}{4}$$

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15) $P(n)$ states that $n \cdot (n^2 + 5)$ is divisible by 6 $\forall n \geq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Base Case:

$n = 0$, $0(0^2 + 5) = 0$ and $6|0$ is true.

Inductive Step:

Suppose $P(k)$, that would make the claim that $\forall k \geq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\underbrace{6|k(k^2 + 5) \text{ or } 6|(k^3 + 5k)}_{\text{This is the Inductive Hypothesis}}$ are both true.

Now we need to show $P(k + 1)$ is true.

$$\begin{aligned} &6|(k + 1)((k + 1)^2 + 5) \\ &6|(k^3 + 2k^2 + k + 5k + k^2 + 2k + 1 + 5) \\ &6|(k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 5k + 6) \\ &6|\underbrace{(k^3 + 5k)}_{\text{I.H.}} + (3k^2 + 3k + 6) \end{aligned}$$

We need to prove that $6|(3k^2 + 3k + 6)$ is true:

We have $(3k^2 + 3k + 6)$ which can be rewritten as $3k(k + 1) + 6$ then $3(k(k + 1) + 2)$.

From this we can say that $k(k + 1)$ is an even number because if k is odd, $k + 1$ is even and an even times an odd is even. If k is even, $k(k + 1)$ is even because if the multiples of a number consists an even number, the product is even.

If $k(k + 1)$ is even then $k(k + 1) + 2$ is also even as 2 is even and an even plus an even is also even. 3 times $(k(k + 1) + 2)$ has to be divisible by 6 $\forall k \geq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ as 3 times an even number is divisible by 6. This makes $6|(3 \cdot (k(k + 1) + 2))$ true $\forall k \geq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

This in the makes makes out final claim of $6|(k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 5k + 6)$ true as the sum of two numbers $((k^3 + 5k)$ and $3k^2 + 3k + 6)$ that are each divisible by another number (6) is also divisible by that number (6).

QED

22) $P(n)$ states that $1 + nx \leq (1 + x)^n$ is true $\forall n \geq 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\forall x > -1 \in \mathbb{R}$

Base Case: $n = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + nx &\leq (1 + x)^n \\ 1 + 2x &\leq (1 + x)^2 \\ 1 + 2x &\leq 1 + 2x + x^2 \\ 0 &\leq x^2 \end{aligned}$$

This is true $\forall x > -1 \in \mathbb{R}$

Inductive Step: $\forall k \geq 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\forall x > -1 \in \mathbb{R}$, $\underbrace{P(k) \text{ states that } 1 + kx \leq (1 + x)^k}_{\text{Inductive Hypothesis}}$

Now we need to show true for $P(k + 1)$

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$$1 + (k+1)x \leq (1+x)^{k+1} \quad (1)$$

$$1 + kx + x \leq (1+x)^k \cdot (1+x)^1 \quad (2)$$

If we take a look at the I.H. and manipulate that by adding x to both sides...

$$1 + kx + x \leq (1+x)^k \quad (3)$$

We need to show that

$$(1+x)^k + x \leq (1+x)^{k+1} \quad (4)$$

$$(1+x)^k + x \leq (1+x)^k \cdot (1+x) \quad (5)$$

$$(1+x)^k + x \leq (1+x)^k \cdot 1 + (1+x)^k \cdot x \quad (6)$$

$$x \leq (1+x)^k \cdot x \quad (7)$$

$$1 \leq (1+x)^k \quad (8)$$

This is true for $\forall x > -1 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\forall k \geq 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

This means that $1 + kx + x \leq (1+x)^k + x \leq (1+x)^{k+1}$ is true, which is what we wanted

27) Given d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots and $d_1 = 2$ and $d_k = \frac{d_{k-1}}{k}$, $\forall k \geq 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Prove the following, $P(n)$ states that $\forall n \geq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $d_n = \frac{2}{n!}$ is true

Base Case: Let $n = 2$ so show $P(2)$; $d_2 = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ and $d_2 = \frac{2}{2!} = 1$; so the base case is true for the thing that we are trying to prove.

Inductive Step: Let $P(c)$ state that $d_c = \underbrace{\frac{2}{c!}}_{I.H.}$ is true $\forall c \geq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$. This would make it so that $d_c = \frac{d_{c-1}}{c}$

Now we need to show $P(c+1)$

$$d_{c+1} = \frac{2}{(c+1)!} = \frac{d_{c+1-1}}{c+1} = \frac{d_c}{c+1} = \frac{2/(c!)}{c+1} = \frac{2}{c!(c+1)} = \boxed{\frac{2}{(c+1)!}} \text{ Which is what we wanted.}$$

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2) Given that $b_1 = 4$, $b_2 = 12$ and $b_k = b_{k-2} + b_{k-1} \forall k \geq 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$
Prove that $(4|b_k)$ is true.

Base Case: $(4|b_1) = (4|4)$, This is true. $(4|b_2) = (4|12)$, This is also true, so the base case holds true.

Inductive Step: Let the statement $P(c)$ be that $(4|b_c)$ whilst $b_c = b_{c-2} + b_{c-1} \forall c \geq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Suppose its true. This is the **Inductive Hypothesis**.

Now we need to show $P(c+1)$ and that its true. $P(c+1)$ would say that $b_{c+1} = b_{c-1} + b_c$ and that $(4|b_{c+1})$. In b_{c-1} , we can concur that $c-1$ has to be greater than or equal to 1 so in this case, $c \geq 2$, which means that the lowest possible value for c is 2, which makes the lowest possible for $b_c = 12$ which is divisible by 4 as seen in the base case. so for any value greater than 2, b_c has b_2 in it and shows multiple iterations of it. So this MUST mean that b_c is divisible by 4 $\forall c \geq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ because a multiple of 4 is divisible by 4. QED

7) Given the series g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots the initial conditions $g_1 = 3$, $g_2 = 5$ and the general equation $g_k = 3g_{k-1} - 2g_{k-2} \forall k \geq 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Prove that $P(n)$, $g_n = 2^n + 1$, is true $\forall n \geq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Base Case:

$P(1)$, $g_1 = 3$ (Given)

$P(1)$, $g_1 = 2^1 + 1 = 3$ - True for $n = 1$

$P(2)$, $g_2 = 5$ (Given)

$P(2)$, $g_2 = 2^2 + 1 = 5$ - True for $n = 2$

Inductive Step:

We need to suppose $P(c)$ which would say that $\underbrace{g_c = 2^c + 1 \quad \forall c \geq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}}_{\text{Inductive Hypothesis}}$

Now we need to show that $P(c+1)$

$$\begin{aligned} g_{c+1} &= 2^{c+1} + 1 \\ g_{c+1} &= 3 \cdot g_c - 2 \cdot g_{c-1} \\ g_{c-1} &= 2^{c-1} + 1 \\ g_{c+1} &= 3(2^c + 1) - 2(2^{c-1} + 1) \\ g_{c+1} &= 3 \cdot 2^c + 3 - 2^c - 2 \\ g_{c+1} &= 2 \cdot 2^c + 1 \\ g_{c+1} &= 2^{c+1} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$g_{c+1} = 2^{c+1} + 1$ is what we wanted, this is the Inductive Hypothesis but for $c+1$ instead of c

Q.E.D.

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4) Given $k(d_{k-1})^2$ is true $\forall k \geq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $d_0 = 3$. Find the first four terms.

$$d_0 = 3$$

$$d_1 = 1(d_0)^2 = 1(9) = 9$$

$$d_2 = 2(d_1)^2 = 2(81) = 162$$

$$d_3 = 3(d_2)^2 = 3(26244) = 78732$$

12) Given the sequence s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots and let that be defined by $s_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \forall n \geq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Show that it satisfies $s_k = \frac{-s_{k-1}}{k}$.

Base Case: $P(1) = 1 = \frac{-s_0}{1} = \text{true}$. Base case holds true for the claim $\forall k \geq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Inductive Step:

Let $P(c)$ state that $s_c = \frac{-s_{c-1}}{c}$ and suppose this is true $\forall c \geq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$. We also need to consider that $s_c = \frac{(-1)^c}{c!}$

within the same bounds. If we check for s_{c+1} in the given equation, we get $\frac{(-1)^{c+1}}{(c+1)!}$

We need to show that $P(k+1)$ is true

$$\begin{aligned} s_{c+1} &= \frac{-s_c}{c+1} \\ &= \frac{-1 \cdot \frac{(-1)^c}{c!}}{c+1} \\ s_{c+1} &= \frac{(-1)^{c+1}}{c! \cdot (c+1)} \\ s_{c+1} &= \frac{(-1)^{c+1}}{(c+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

This is what we wanted, Q.E.D.

28) The question we are dealing with is a Fibonacci series so we can safely suppose that $F_{k+1} = F_k + F_{k-1}$
Prove the first statement $\forall k \geq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} (F_{k+1})^2 - (F_k)^2 - (F_{k-1})^2 &= 2F_k F_{k-1} \\ n = 1; F_2^2 - F_1^2 - F_0^2 &= 2(F_1)(F_0) \\ 2^2 - 1^2 - 1^2 &= 2(1)(1) \\ 2 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

This is true for the Base case, $n=1$

$$\begin{aligned} (F_{k+1})^2 - (F_k)^2 - (F_{k-1})^2 &= 2F_k F_{k-1} \\ (F_k + F_{k-1})^2 - (F_k)^2 - (F_{k-1})^2 &= 2F_k F_{k-1} \\ (F_k)^2 + 2F_k F_{k-1} + (F_{k-1})^2 - (F_k)^2 - (F_{k-1})^2 &= 2F_k F_{k-1} \\ 2F_k F_{k-1} &= 2F_k F_{k-1} - \text{This is what we wanted} \end{aligned}$$

42) Prove inductively $\prod_{i=1}^n (ca_i) = c^n \prod_{i=1}^n (a_i)$

Base Case: $i = 1$, $ca_1 = c(a_1)$, works for the base case.

Inductive Step: $\underbrace{(ca_1) \cdot (ca_2) \cdot (ca_3) \cdots (ca_n)}_{\text{Inductive Hypothesis}} = c^n (a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdots a_n)$

Show true for $n + 1$, $c^{n+1} \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i$

$$(ca_1) \cdot (ca_2) \cdot (ca_3) \cdots (ca_n) \cdot (ca_{n+1}) = c^{n+1} (a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdots a_n \cdot a_{n+1})$$

$$c^n (a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdots a_n) \cdot (ca_{n+1}) = c^{n+1} (a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdots a_n \cdot a_{n+1})$$

$$c^n \cdot c \cdot (a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdots a_n \cdot a_{n+1}) = c^{n+1} (a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdots a_n \cdot a_{n+1})$$

$$c^{n+1} \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i = c^{n+1} \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i$$

This is what we wanted

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8) $f_k = f_{k-1} + 2^k$ and $f_1 = 1$

$$f_1 = 1$$

$$f_2 = 1 + 2^2 = 5$$

$$f_3 = 5 + 2^3 = 13$$

$$f_4 = 13 + 2^4 = 29$$

$$f_5 = 29 + 2^5 = 61$$

Claim: $f_k = 2^{k+1} - 3$

Base Case: $k = 1$ so $f_1 = 1 = 2^2 - 3$, this works so its valid for the base case.

Inductive Step: Suppose $f_k = 2^{k+1} - 3$, we want to show $f_{k+1} = 2^{k+2} - 3$

$$f_k = 2^{k+1} - 3$$

$$f_{k+1} = f_k + 2^{k+1}$$

$$f_{k+1} = 2^{k+1} - 3 + 2^{k+1}$$

$$f_{k+1} = 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} - 3$$

$$f_{k+1} = 2^{k+2} - 3$$

This is what we wanted, Q.E.D

13 and 38) $t_k = t_{k-1} + 3k + 1$ and $t_0 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}t_0 &= 0 \\t_1 &= 0 + 3(1) + 1 = 4 \\t_2 &= 4 + 3(2) + 1 = 11 \\t_3 &= 11 + 3(3) + 1 = 21 \\t_4 &= 21 + 3(4) + 1 = 34 \\t_5 &= 34 + 3(5) + 1 = 50\end{aligned}$$

Claim: $t_k = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{k \cdot (k+1)}{2} \right) + k$

Base Case: $k = 1$ so $t_1 = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{1 \cdot (1+1)}{2} \right) + 1 = 4$, this works so its valid for the base case.

38) Inductive Step: Suppose $t_k = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{k \cdot (k+1)}{2} \right) + k$, we want to show $t_k = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{(k+1) \cdot (k+2)}{2} \right) + (k+1)$

Going back to the sequence that we were given

$$\begin{aligned}t_{k+1} &= t_k + 3k + 3 + 1 \\t_{k+1} &= 3 \cdot \left(\frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right) + k + 3k + 3 + 1 \\t_{k+1} &= \frac{3k^2 + 11k + 8}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Going back to the Inductive Hypothesis and the Inductive Step

$$\begin{aligned}t_k &= 3 \cdot \left(\frac{(k+1) \cdot (k+2)}{2} \right) + (k+1) \\t_{k+1} &= \frac{3 \cdot (k^2 + 3k + 2)}{2} + \frac{2 \cdot (k+1)}{2} \\t_{k+1} &= \frac{3k^2 + 11k + 8}{2}\end{aligned}$$

This is what we wanted Q.E.D.