

HW1

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(a)

It can be done by using Newton's method. Newton's method approximate square root of n through compute a guess repeatedly. The equation of the guess is: $\text{new_guess} = (\text{old_guess} + n / \text{oldguess}) / 2$, and the first guess is $n / 2$. We can repeat the guess until $\text{old_guess} - \text{new_guess} < 0.1$, which means that the integer part is correct. To get the integer part, use a loop to subtract new_guess until it becomes zero.

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Algorithm roof_of_square_root(n):
  old_guess <- n / 2
  do:
    new_guess <- (old_guess + n / oldguess) / 2
  while old_guess - new_guess > 0.1

  result <- 0
  while new_guess >= 1:
    result <- result + 1
    new_guess <- new_guess - 1

  return result
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Algorithm gcd(a,b):

  if a < b:
    swap(a,b)

  while b != 0:
    while a > b:
      a <- a - b
    swap(a,b)

  return a
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(b)

Through Euclid's algorithm, we know that the smallest number this game can get is the greatest common divisor of a and b , $\text{gcd}(a,b)$.

Assume that $a > b$. Then the greatest number in this game is a . Say that $a = r * \gcd(a, b)$. All numbers in the set $S = \{a - i * \gcd(a, b) \mid i \text{ from } 0 \text{ to } r - 1\} - \{a, b\}$ are an answer to the game. Hence, if $|S|$ is odd, which means that r is odd, the first player will win; if $|S|$ is even, the second player will win.

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Proof of $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n < n$

1. $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = (\frac{n+1}{n})^n = \frac{(n+1)^n}{n^n}$
2. Proving $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n < n$ equals to prove $(n+1)^n < n^{n+1}$
3. $(n+1)^n = n^n + C_1^n * n^{n-1} + \dots + C_{n-1}^n * n + 1$
4. $n^{n+1} = n^n + n * n^{n-1} + \dots + n^{n-1} * n$
5. The first $n - 1$ terms of step 4 are bigger than those in step 3. The last term in step 4: n^n , is absolutely bigger than the sum of n th and $(n+1)$ th terms in step 3. In other words,
 $C_{n-1}^n * n + 1 = n^2 + 1 < n^n$ for $n \geq 3$.

Proof of that sequence $\{n^{\frac{1}{n}}\}_{n=3}^{\infty}$ is decreasing.

1. The statement equivalences to $\frac{1}{n} * \log n$ is decreasing, which equivalences to
 $\frac{1}{n+1} * \log(n+1) < \frac{1}{n} * \log n \equiv \log_n n + 1 < \frac{n+1}{n}$
2. Assume that $\log_n n + 1 \geq \frac{n+1}{n}$:
3. $\equiv \log_n(n+1) - 1 = \log_n \frac{n+1}{n} \geq \frac{1}{n}$
4. $\equiv n * \log_n \frac{n+1}{n} = \log_n (\frac{n+1}{n})^n \geq 1$
5. But in the previous proof, $\frac{(n+1)^n}{n^n} < n$. We can get $\log_n (\frac{n+1}{n})^n < \log_n n = 1$
6. In conclusion, the assumption in step 2 is wrong. Statement 1 is true.

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Proof:

1. Basis step:
 When $n = 1$, $1 = f_1$
2. Induction step:
 Assume that for all $n \leq k$, n can be written as $n = f_a + f_b + f_c + \dots$, which a, b, c, \dots is not consecutive and $f_a > f_b > f_c > \dots$.
 When $n = k + 1$, $k + 1 = f_a + (f_b + f_c + \dots + 1)$. Because $(f_b + f_c + \dots + 1) < k$, it can also be written as sum of nonconsecutive Fibonacci numbers, that say $f_b + f_c + \dots + 1 = f_{b'} + f_{c'} + \dots$ and $f_{b'} > f_{c'} > \dots$.
 If f_a and $f_{b'}$ is consecutive, then we can use f_{a+1} to exchange them.