

# Homework: Week 8

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## Chapter 10.

2.

**Proposition:** For every integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , it follows that  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ .

*Proof.* Observe that if  $n = 1$  the statement  $1^2 = \frac{1(1+1)(2(1)+1)}{6} = \frac{1(2)(3)}{6} = 1$ , so the statement is true. Now let  $k \geq 1$ , so

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (k+1)^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2 = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + (k+1)^2 =$$

$$(k+1) \frac{k(2k+1)}{6} + (k+1) =$$

$$(k+1) \left( \frac{k(2k+1+6k+6)}{6} \right) =$$

$$(k+1) \left( \frac{2k^2+k+6k+6}{6} \right) = (k+1) \left( \frac{2k^2+7k+6}{6} \right) =$$

$$(k+1) \left( \frac{2k^2+4k+3k+6}{6} \right) =$$

$$(k+1) \left( \frac{2k(k+1)+3(k+2)}{6} \right) =$$

$$(k+1) \left( \frac{(k+2)(2k+3)}{6} \right) =$$

$$\frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)(2(k+1)+1)}{6} =$$

$$\frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)(2(k+1)+1)}{6}. \quad \text{Therefore}$$

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (k+1)^2 =$$

$$\frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)(2(k+1)+1)}{6}. \quad \text{It}$$

$$\text{follows by induction that}$$

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

for every natural number  $n$ .

4.

**Proposition:** If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot 5 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$ .

*Proof.* Observe that if  $n = 1$  the statement  $1(1+1) = \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3} \rightarrow 2 = \frac{1(2)(3)}{3} = 2$  so the statement is true for  $n = 1$ .

Now let  $k \geq 1$ , so  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot 5 + \dots + (k+1)((k+1)+1) = 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot 5 + \dots + k(k+1) + (k+1)((k+1)+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)((k+1)+1) =$

$$\frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2) =$$

$$\frac{k(k+1)(k+2)+3(k+1)(k+2)}{3} = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3} =$$

$$\frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)((k+1)+2)}{3}. \quad \text{It follows by induction that}$$

$$1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot 5 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \quad \text{for every natural number } n.$$

8.

**Proposition:** If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \cdots + \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$ .

*Proof.* Observe that if  $n = 1$ , then  $\frac{1}{(1+1)!} = 1 - \frac{1}{(1+1)!} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ , so the statement is true for  $n = 1$ . Now let  $k \geq 1$ , so  $\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \cdots + \frac{(k+1)}{((k+1)+1)!} = \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \cdots + \frac{k}{(k+1)!} + \frac{(k+1)}{((k+1)+1)!} = 1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)!} + \frac{(k+1)}{((k+1)+1)!} = 1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)!} + \frac{(k+1)}{(k+2)!} = 1 - \left( \frac{1}{(k+1)!} - \frac{(k+1)}{(k+2)!} \right) = 1 - \left( \frac{1}{(k+1)!} - \frac{(k+1)}{(k+2)(k+1)!} \right) = 1 - \frac{k+1-(k+1)}{(k+2)(k+1)!} = 1 - \frac{1}{(k+2)(k+1)!} = 1 - \frac{1}{((k+1)+1)!}$ . It follows by induction that  $\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \cdots + \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$  for every natural number  $n$ .

20.

**Proposition:**  $(1+2+3+\cdots+n)^2 = 1^3+2^3+3^3+\cdots+n^3$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* Observe that if  $n = 1$ , then  $1^2 = 1^3$ , which is true. Now let  $k \geq 1$ , so then  $(1+2+3+\cdots+(k+1))^2 = (1+2+3+\cdots+k+(k+1))^2$ . If we say  $a = (1+2+3+\cdots+k)$  and  $b = (k+1)$  then  $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$ , then substituting back in for  $a$  and  $b$  we get  $(1+2+3+\cdots+k)^2 + (k+1)^2 + 2(1+2+3+\cdots+k)(k+1)$ . Note that  $(1+2+3+\cdots+k) = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$  and  $(1+2+3+\cdots+k)^2 = 1^3+2^3+3^3+\cdots+n^3$ . So  $1^3+2^3+3^3+\cdots+n^3 + (k+1)^2 + 2 \frac{k(k+1)}{2} (k+1) = 1^3+2^3+3^3+\cdots+n^3 + (k+1)^2 + k(k+1) = 1^3+2^3+3^3+\cdots+n^3 + (k+1)^2(k+1) = 1^3+2^3+3^3+\cdots+n^3 + (k+1)^3$ . It follows by induction that  $(1+2+3+\cdots+n)^2 = 1^3+2^3+3^3+\cdots+n^3$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

30.

**Proposition:**  $F_n$  is the  $n$ th Fibonacci number. Show that  $F_n = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n}{\sqrt{5}}$ .

*Proof.* Observe that if  $n = 1$ , then  $F_1 = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^1 - (1-\sqrt{5})^1}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = 1$ . And

if  $n = 2$ , then  $F_2 = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^2 - (1-\sqrt{5})^2}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{(3+2\sqrt{5}) - (3-2\sqrt{5})}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = 1$ . Now let  $k \geq 1$ .

Note that  $F_{k+2} = F_k + F_{k+1}$ . So then  $\frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^k - (1-\sqrt{5})^k}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{k+1} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{k+1}}{\sqrt{5}} =$

$\frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^k - (1-\sqrt{5})^k + (1+\sqrt{5})^{k+1} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{k+1}}{\sqrt{5}} =$

$\frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^k(1 + (1+\sqrt{5})) - [(1-\sqrt{5})^k(1 + (1-\sqrt{5}))]}{\sqrt{5}} =$

$\frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^k(1 + (1+\sqrt{5})) - [(1-\sqrt{5})^k(1 + (1-\sqrt{5}))]}{\sqrt{5}} =$

$\frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^k(2 + \sqrt{5}) - [(1-\sqrt{5})^k(2 - \sqrt{5})]}{\sqrt{5}} =$

Note that  $\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} = \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2$  and  $\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} = \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2$ . Continuing...

$\frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^k(1 + (1+\sqrt{5})) - [(1-\sqrt{5})^k(1 + (1-\sqrt{5}))]}{\sqrt{5}} =$

$\frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{k+2} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{k+2}}{\sqrt{5}}$ . It follows by induction that  $F_n = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n}{\sqrt{5}}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

32.

**Proposition:** Show that the number of  $n$ -digit binary numbers that have no consecutive 1's is the Fibonacci number  $F_{n+2}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n = 1$ , then  $a_1 = 2 \rightarrow F_{1+2} = F_3 = 2$ . Assume that the given statement is true for  $n = k$ . So  $a_k = F_{k+2}$ .

Observe that the sequence of  $a'_n$ 's satisfy  $a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1}$ . So  $a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1} = F_{n+2} + F_{(n-1)+2} = F_{n+2} + F_{n+1} = F_{n+3} = F_{(n+1)+2}$  thus the result is true for  $n = k + 1$ . Therefore by induction, the number of  $n$ -digit binary numbers that have no consecutive 1's is the Fibonacci number  $F_{n+2}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .