

Homework 7:

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5.1: 14, 18(just prove), 5.2: 4

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14. Prove that, for every positive integer n , $\sum_{k=1}^n k2^k = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2$.

Base Case:

$$P(1) = 1 * 2^1$$

$$= 2$$

$$= (1-1) * 2^{1+1} + 2$$

Inductive Case:

Ind. Hip.:

$$\sum_{k=1}^m k2^k = (m-1)2^{m+1} + 2$$

Inductive Step:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} k2^k &= (m+1)2^{m+1} + \sum_{k=1}^m k2^k \\ &= (m+1) * 2^{m+1} + (m-1) * 2^{m+1} + 2 \\ &= (m+1+m-1) * 2^{m+1} + 2 \\ &= (2m) * 2^{m+1} + 2 \\ &= m * 2^{m+2} + 2 \\ &= ((m+1)-1) * 2^{(m+1)+1} + 2 \end{aligned}$$

By Inductive Hyp.
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When $P(m)$ is true, $P(m+1)$ is also true. $P(1)$ is also true, so $P(n)$ is true for all positive integers n .

18. Let $P(n)$ be the statement that $n! < n^n$, where integer $n > 1$.

Base Case:

$$P(2) = 2! < 2^2 \Rightarrow 2 < 4$$

Inductive Case:

Inductive Hypothesis: $k! < k^k$ for $k > 1$

Inductive Step: $(k+1) < (k+1)^{k+1}$

$$(k+1)!$$

$$= (k+1)k!$$

$$< (k+1)k^k$$

$$< (k+1)(k+1)^k$$

$$= (k+1)^{k+1}$$

Def. !

by Inductive Hyp.

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5.2:

4. Let $P(n)$ be the statement that a postage of n cents can be formed using just 4-cent stamps and 7-cent stamps. The parts of this exercise outline a strong induction proof that $P(n)$ is true for $n \geq 18$.

- a) Show statements $P(18)$, $P(19)$, $P(20)$, and $P(21)$ are true, completing the basis step of the proof.

$$P(18) = 4 + 7 + 7$$

$$P(19) = 4 + 4 + 4 + 7$$

$$P(20) = 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4$$

$$P(21) = 7 + 7 + 7$$

- b) What is the inductive hypothesis of the proof?

Inductive Hypothesis:

$$18 \leq n \leq k, \quad k \geq 21 \text{ for } n \text{ cents postage.}$$

- c) What do you need to prove in the inductive step?

Inductive step:

Prove, assuming the Inductive Hyp. is true, that you can form $(k + 1)$ cents of postage.

- d) Complete the inductive step for $k \geq 21$.

$P(k - 3)$ is true, since $k \geq 21$.

If you add one 4-cent postage stamp, $P(k + 1)$ is true.

- e) Explain why these steps show that this statement is true whenever $n \geq 18$.

Both the base case and the inductive case are true, so by the principle of Strong Induction, the statement is true for all integers $n \geq 18$.