

Assignment 5 – Part 1  
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9. For all integers  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^n = \frac{4(4^n - 16)}{3}.$$

9.) Let  $P(n)$  be  $4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^n = \frac{4(4^n - 16)}{3}$

[We must show that  $P(n)$  is true for all integers  $n \geq 3$ .

Show that  $P(3)$  is true:

$$4^3 = \frac{4(4^3 - 16)}{3}$$

$$64 = \frac{4(64 - 16)}{3}$$

$$64 = \frac{4(48)}{3}$$

$$64 = 64$$

Hence  $P(3)$  is true.

Show that for all integers  $k \geq 3$ , if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k + 1)$  is also true:

Suppose that  $P(k)$  is true for a particular but arbitrarily chosen integer  $k \geq 0$ .

That is, suppose that

$$4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^k = \frac{4(4^k - 16)}{3}$$

[We must show that  $P(k + 1)$  is true. That is:]

$$4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^{k+1} = \frac{4(4^{k+1} - 16)}{3}$$

[We will show that the left-hand side of  $P(k + 1)$  equals the right-hand side.]

$$4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^{k+1} = 4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^k + 4^{k+1}$$

$$= \frac{4(4^k - 16)}{3} + 4^{k+1}$$

$$= \frac{4(4^k - 16)}{3} + \frac{3 \cdot 4^{k+1}}{3}$$

$$= \frac{4^{k+1} - 64 + 3 \cdot 4^{k+1}}{3}$$

$$= \frac{4 \cdot 4^{k+1} - 64}{3}$$

$$= \frac{4(4^{k+1} - 16)}{3}$$

which is the right-hand side of  $P(k + 1)$  [as was to be shown.]

27.  $5^3 + 5^4 + 5^5 + \dots + 5^k$ , where  $k$  is any integer with  $k \geq 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 27.) &= 5^3 \cdot (1 + 5 + 5^2 + \dots + 5^{k-3}) \\ &= 125 \cdot \left( \frac{5^{k-2} - 1}{4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

35.) The problem with this proof is that “starting from a statement and deducing a true conclusion does not prove that the statement is true. A true conclusion can also be deduced from a false statement.” [Taken from textbook]

Set 5.3 : 10, 18, 23.b

10.  $n^3 - 7n + 3$  is divisible by 3, for each integer  $n \geq 0$ .

10.) Let  $P(n)$  be  $n^3 - 7n + 3$  is divisible by 3, for each integer  $n \geq 0$ .

Base case  $P(0)$ :

$$P(0) = 0^3 - 7(0) + 3 = 3 \quad \text{which is divisible by 3.}$$

Therefore,  $P(0)$  is true.

Suppose that  $P(k)$  is true for any particular but arbitrarily chosen integer  $k \geq 0$ .

$$P(k) = k^3 - 7k + 3 \text{ is divisible by 3.}$$

By definition of divisibility, this means that

$$k^3 - 7k + 3 = 3r \text{ for some integer } r.$$

[We must show that  $P(k + 1)$  is also divisible by 3.]

$$(k + 1)^3 - 7(k + 1) + 3 \text{ is divisible by 3}$$

By algebra

$$\begin{aligned} (k + 1)^3 - 7(k + 1) + 3 &= (k + 1)(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 7k - 7 + 3 \\ &= k^3 + 2k^2 + k + k^2 + 2k + 1 - 7k - 7 + 3 \\ &= k^3 + 3k^2 - 4k - 3 \\ &= (k^3 - 7k + 3) + 3k^2 + 3k - 6 \end{aligned}$$

By substitution:

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3r + 3(k^2 + k - 2) \\ &= 3(r + k^2 + k - 2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have proved that  $P(k + 1)$  is divisible by 3. Since we have proved the basis step and the inductive step, we conclude that the proposition is true.

18.  $5^n + 9 < 6^n$ , for all integers  $n \geq 2$ .

18.) Let  $P(n)$  be  $5^n + 9 < 6^n$ , for all integers  $n \geq 2$ .

Base Case  $P(2)$ :

$$5^2 + 9 < 6^2$$

$$25 + 9 < 36$$

$$34 < 36$$

Therefore,  $P(2)$  is true.

Suppose that  $P(k)$  is true for any particular but arbitrarily chosen integer  $k \geq 2$

$$5^k + 9 < 6^k$$

[We must show that  $P(k + 1)$  is also true.]

$$5^{k+1} + 9 < 6^{k+1}$$

$$5 \cdot 5^k + 9 < 6 \cdot 6^k$$

$$5^k + 9 < \frac{6}{5} \cdot 6^k - \frac{9}{5} + 9$$

By substitution:

$$5^k + 9 < 6^k$$

Thus, we have proven that  $P(k + 1)$  is true. Since we have proved the basis step and the inductive step, we conclude that the proposition is true.

23. a.  $n^3 > 2n + 1$ , for all integers  $n \geq 2$ .

b.  $n! > n^2$ , for all integers  $n \geq 4$ .

23.b.) Let  $P(n)$  be  $n! > n^2$  for all integers  $n \geq 4$ .

Base Case  $P(4)$ :

$$4! > 4^2$$

$$4 * 3 * 2 * 1 > 16$$

$$24 > 16$$

Therefore,  $P(4)$  is true.

Suppose that  $P(k)$  is true for any particular but arbitrarily chosen integer  $k \geq 4$

$$k! > k^2$$

[We must show that  $P(k + 1)$  is also true.]

$$(k + 1)! > (k + 1)^2$$

$$(k + 1) * k! > (k + 1)^2$$

$$k! > k + 1 \quad \text{Dividing both sides by } k+1 \text{ does not change inequality sign because } k \geq 4$$

If  $k! > k^2$ , then  $k!$  is certainly greater than  $k + 1$

Thus, we have proven that  $P(k + 1)$  is true. Since we have proved the basis step and the inductive step, we conclude that the proposition is true.