

Homework 8

CMPSC 360

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Question 1: For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $3 \mid 2^{2n} - 1$

Proof:

We proceed by induction on the variable n .

Let $P(n)$ hold the property of the statement for n .

Base Case ($n = 1$):

We need to prove $3 \mid 2^{2(1)} - 1$

$$2^2 - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

Since $3 \mid 3$, the base case is proved.

Inductive Hypothesis ($n = k$):

For any arbitrary natural number $n = k$, assume that $P(k)$ is true.

That means $3 \mid 2^{2k} - 1$

Using the definition of divides, we get $2^{2k} - 1 = 3q$ where $q \in \mathbb{Z}$

Inductive Step ($n = k + 1$):

We have to show that $P(k + 1)$ is true, which means $3 \mid 2^{2k+2} - 1$

Expanding the expression, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{2k+2} - 1 &= 4 \cdot 2^{2k} - 1 \\ &= 4 \cdot (2^{2k} - 1) + 3 \\ &= 4 \cdot 3q + 3 && \text{[inductive hypothesis]} \\ &= 3(4q + 1) && \text{[factoring out 3]} \\ &= 3t && \text{such that } t \in \mathbb{N} \text{ where } t = 4q + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by definition of divides, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 3 \mid 2^{2n} - 1$. \square

Question 2: Show that $n! > 3^n$ for $n \geq 7$

Proof:

We proceed by induction on the variable n .

Base Case ($n = 7$):

We need to prove $7! > 3^7$

The left hand side of the equation is 5040 and the right hand side is 2187. Since $5040 > 2187$, the base case is proved.

Inductive Hypothesis ($n = k$):

For any arbitrary natural number $n = k$ where $k \geq 7$, we assume that $k! > 3^k$

Inductive Step ($n = k + 1$):

We have to show that $(k + 1)! > 3^{k+1}$

To show this, let's explore both sides of the equation

Expanding both sides we get: $(k + 1) \cdot k! > 3 \cdot 3^k$

From the inductive hypothesis, we know that $k! > 3^k$.

We also know that $k + 1 > 3$ because of the restriction on k that states $k \geq 7$.

So, we can conclude that $(k + 1) \cdot k! > 3 \cdot 3^k$, which means $(k + 1)! > 3^{k+1}$ is true.

Therefore, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, k! > 3^k$. \square

Question 3: For any positive integer n , $5 \mid 6^n - 1$

Proof:

We proceed by induction on the variable n .

Let $P(n)$ hold the property of the statement for n .

Base Case ($n = 1$):

$P(1)$ asserts that $5 \mid 6^1 - 1$.

By the definition of divides, $(6^1 - 1) = 5a$ for some $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

We get, $5 = 5 \cdot 1 = 5$.

The base case is proved.

Inductive Hypothesis ($n = k$):

For any arbitrary integer $n = k$ where $k \geq 1$, assume that $P(k)$ is true.

That means $5 \mid 6^k - 1$

Using the definition of divides, we get $6^k - 1 = 5q$ where $q \in \mathbb{Z}$

Inductive Step ($n = k + 1$):

We have to show that $P(k + 1)$ is true, which means $5 \mid 6^{k+1} - 1$.

Expanding the expression, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} 6^{k+1} - 1 &= 6 \cdot 6^k - 1 \\ &= 6 \cdot (6^k - 1) + 5 \\ &= 6 \cdot 5q + 5 && \text{[inductive step]} \\ &= 5 \cdot (6q + 1) && \text{[factoring 5 out]} \\ &= 5t && \text{for some } t \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ where } t = 6q + 1 \end{aligned}$$

We have $6^{k+1} - 1 = 5t$. By definition of divides we get $5 \mid 6^{k+1} - 1$.

Therefore, it is true that $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, 5 \mid 6^n - 1$. \square

Question 4: For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, prove that $1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots + a^n = \frac{a^{n+1}-1}{a-1}$

Proof:

We proceed by induction on the variable n .

Let $P(n)$ hold the property of the statement for n .

Base Case ($n = 1$):

$P(1)$ asserts that $1 + a = \frac{a^{1+1}-1}{a-1}$

Taking the right hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^{1+1}-1}{a-1} &= \frac{a^2-1}{a-1} \\ &= \frac{(a+1)(a-1)}{a-1} \quad [\text{factoring}] \\ &= a+1 \quad [\text{divide}] \end{aligned}$$

The base case is proved.

Inductive Hypothesis ($n = k$):

For an arbitrary natural number $n = k$, we assume that $\sum_{i=0}^k a^i = \frac{a^{k+1}-1}{a-1}$

Inductive Step ($n = k+1$):

We have to show that $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} a^i = \frac{a^{k+2}-1}{a-1}$

To show this, let's explore the left hand side of the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} a^i &= \sum_{i=0}^k a^i + a^{k+1} \\ &= \frac{a^{k+1}-1}{a-1} + a^{k+1} \quad [\text{inductive hypothesis}] \\ &= \frac{a^{k+1}-1 + a^{k+1} \cdot (a-1)}{a-1} \\ &= \frac{a^{k+1}-1 + a^{k+2} - a^{k+1}}{a-1} \\ &= \frac{a^{k+2}-1}{a-1} \quad [\text{subtraction}] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it is true that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall a \in \mathbb{R} \ 1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots + a^n = \frac{a^{n+1}-1}{a-1}$. \square

Question 5: Prove that $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = (\frac{n(n+1)}{2})^2$

Proof:

We proceed by induction on the variable n .

Let $P(n)$ hold the property of the statement for n .

Base Case ($n = 1$):

$P(1)$ asserts that $1^3 = (\frac{1(1+1)}{2})^2$

Taking the right hand side: $(\frac{1(1+1)}{2})^2 = (\frac{1 \cdot 2}{2})^2 = (\frac{2}{2})^2 = 1^2 = 1$

The base case is proved.

Inductive Hypothesis ($n = k$):

For an arbitrary natural number $n = k$, we assume that $\sum_{i=1}^k i^3 = (\frac{k(k+1)}{2})^2$

Inductive Step ($n = k + 1$):

We have to show that $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^3 = (\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2})^2$

To show this, let's explore the left hand side of the equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^3 &= \sum_{i=1}^k i^3 + (k+1)^3 && \text{[by making next-to-last term explicit]} \\
 &= \left(\frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right)^2 + (k+1)^3 && \text{[by inductive hypothesis]} \\
 &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3 \\
 &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2 + 4(k+1)^3}{4} \\
 &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2 + (k+1)^2 \cdot 4(k+1)}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2 \cdot (k^2 + 4(k+1))}{4} && \text{[factoring]} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2 \cdot (k^2 + 4k + 4)}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)^2 \cdot (k+2)^2}{4} \\
 &= \left(\frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it is true that $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = (\frac{n(n+1)}{2})^2$. \square

Question 6:

a) $F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + \dots + F_n = F_{n+2} - 1$

Proof:

We proceed by induction on n .

Let $P(n) = \sum_{i=0}^n F_i$, where $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ for all $n > 1$ and $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$.

Defined recursively, $P(n) = P(n-1) + F_n$.

We must prove that $P(n) = F_{n+2} - 1$

Base Case ($n = 0, 1, 2$):

For $n = 0$, we know that $P(0) = 0$, and $F_2 - 1 = (1 + 0) - 1 = 0$. Therefore, $P(0)$ is proved

For $n = 1$, we know that $P(1) = 1$, and $F_3 - 1 = (1 + 1) - 1 = 1$. Therefore, $P(1)$ is proved

For $n = 2$, we calculate that $P(2) = 2$, and $F_4 - 1 = (2 + 1) - 1 = 2$. Therefore, $P(2)$ is proved

Inductive Hypothesis ($n = k$):

Let k be any arbitrary natural number and $k > 1$. We assume that $P(k) = F_{k+2} - 1$ for all natural numbers i from 1 through k .

Inductive Step ($n = k + 1$):

We need to show that $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} F_i = F_{k+3} - 1$

Taking the left side:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} F_i &= \sum_{i=0}^k F_i + F_{k+1} \\ &= F_{k+2} - 1 + F_{k+1} \quad [\text{inductive hypothesis}] \\ &= F_{k+3} - 1 \quad [\text{from the definition of } F_n] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it is true that $F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + \dots + F_n = F_{n+2} - 1$. \square

b) $F_2 + F_4 + F_6 + \dots + F_{2n} = F_{2n+1} - 1$

Proof:

We proceed by induction on n .

Let $P(n) = \sum_{i=0}^n F_{2i}$, where $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ for all $n > 1$ and $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$.

Defined recursively, $P(n) = P(n-1) + F_{2n}$.

We must prove that $P(n) = F_{2n+1} - 1$

Base Case ($n = 1$):

For $n = 1$, we calculate that $P(1) = 1$, and $F_3 - 1 = (1 + 1) - 1 = 1$. Therefore, $P(1)$ is proven.

Inductive Hypothesis ($n = k$):

Let k be any arbitrary natural number and $k > 1$. We assume that $P(k) = F_{2k+1} - 1$ for all natural numbers i from 1 through k .

Inductive Step ($n = k + 1$):

We need to show that $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} F_{2i} = F_{2k+3} - 1$

Taking the left side:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} F_{2i} &= \sum_{i=0}^k F_{2i} + F_{2k+2} \\ &= F_{2k+1} - 1 + F_{2k+2} \quad [\text{inductive hypothesis}] \\ &= F_{2k+3} - 1 \quad [\text{from the definition of } F_n] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it is true that $F_2 + F_4 + F_6 + \dots + F_{2n} = F_{2n+1} - 1$. \square

Question 7: $a_n = 3 \cdot 2^{n-1} + 2(-1)^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ where $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}$, $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 8, n \geq 3$

Proof:

We proceed by induction on n

Let $P(n)$ hold the property of the statement for n .

Base Case ($n = 1, 2, 3$)

For $n = 1$, we know that $a_1 = 1$, and $P(1) = 3 \cdot 2^0 + 2(-1)^1 = 1$. Hence, $P(1)$ is proven

For $n = 2$, we know that $a_2 = 8$, and $P(2) = 3 \cdot 2^1 + 2(-1)^2 = 8$. Hence, $P(2)$ is proven

For $n = 3$, we calculate $a_3 = 8 + 2(1) = 10$, and $P(3) = 3 \cdot 2^2 + 2(-1)^3 = 10$. $P(3)$ is proven

Inductive Hypothesis ($n = k$):

Let k be an arbitrary natural number greater than 3. We assume that $P(k) = 3 \cdot 2^{k-1} + 2(-1)^k$ for all natural numbers i from 1 to k .

Inductive Step ($n = k + 1$):

We need to show that $a_k + 2a_{k-1} = 3 \cdot 2^k + 2(-1)^{k+1}$

Taking the left side:

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

Therefore, it is true that $a_n = 3 \cdot 2^{n-1} + 2(-1)^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ where $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}$, $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 8, n \geq 3$. \square

Question 8: Use strong induction to show that every positive integer n can be written as a sum of distinct powers of two, that is, as a sum of a subset of the integers $2^0 = 1, 2^1 = 2, 2^2 = 4, \dots$

Proof:

We proceed by strong induction on n .

Let $P(n)$ be the proposition that n can be written as a sum of distinct powers of two.

We will prove $P(n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Base Case ($n = 1$):

$P(1)$ holds the property of the statement because $2^0 = 1$.

The base case is proved.

Inductive Hypothesis ($n = k$):

Suppose k is an arbitrary integer greater than 0. Assume that $P(i)$ is true for all $1 \leq i \leq k$ for some integer k .

Inductive Step ($n = k + 1$):

We have to show that $P(k + 1)$ is even or odd.

Case 1: $k + 1$ is even.

Since it is even, we can say that $\frac{k+1}{2}$ is an integer.

We know that $1 \leq \frac{k+1}{2} \leq k$

Based on this, from the inductive hypothesis, we can say that $P(\frac{k+1}{2})$ is true.

So this means that $k + 1$ can be written as $2 \cdot \frac{k+1}{2}$.

Since we know that $P(\frac{k+1}{2})$ can be written as a sum of distinct powers of two, we can say that all the powers of two in $2 \cdot \frac{k+1}{2}$ are distinct too.

Case 2: $k + 1$ is odd.

When $k + 1$ is odd, we know that k is even.

From the inductive hypothesis, we know that $P(k)$ holds.

Since k is even, the sum cannot include 1, or 2^0 .

Thus, $k + 1$ can be written as $P(k + 1) = 2^0 + P(k)$.

So we can say that $P(k + 1)$ can be written as a sum of distinct powers of two.

Therefore, $P(k + 1)$ is true for all positive integers. \square

Question 9: Assume we know that for each natural number $n > 1$, there is a prime number p such that $n < p < 2n$. We call such a prime number a pseudo-prime number. Prove that every natural number $n > 2$ can be written as the summation of distinct pseudo-prime numbers.

Proof:

We proceed by strong induction on n .

Let $P(n)$ be the proposition that n can be written as a sum of distinct pseudo-prime numbers.

Let $Q(n) = t$ such that $n < t < 2n$ where $t \in \mathbb{N}, t \neq 1, t \neq n$, and $t \nmid n$

We will prove $P(n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3$.

Base Case ($n = 3$):

We know that $Q(2) = 3$.

This means that $P(3)$ holds because $3 = Q(2)$, which means 3 can be written as a sum of distinct pseudo-prime numbers. The base case is proved.

Inductive Hypothesis ($n = k$):

For any integer $k \geq 3$ assume that all natural numbers from 3 through k can be written as a sum of distinct prime numbers.

This means, we assume that any integer $k \geq 3$, $P(i)$ is true for all natural numbers $3 \leq i \leq k$.

Inductive Step ($n = k + 1$):

We need to show that $P(k + 1)$ is true. That means $k + 1$ can be written as a sum of distinct pseudo-prime numbers.

There are two cases: $k + 1$ is a prime itself, or $k + 1$ is a composite number.

Case 1: $k + 1$ is a prime number.

When $k + 1$ is a prime number, then $P(k + 1)$ will be true.

Case 2: $k + 1$ is a composite number.

We can say that $Q(\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor)$ is less than $k + 1$

So, $k + 1 - Q(\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor) < k$

From the inductive hypothesis we know that $P(k + 1 - Q(\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor))$ holds true

This means that $P(k + 1) = P(k + 1 - Q(\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor)) + Q(\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor)$

Since $Q(\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor)$ cannot exist in $P(k + 1 - Q(\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor))$, we know that all primes are distinct.

Therefore, we know that $P(k + 1)$ is true. \square