

Homework #6. Sequences and Induction

1. a) $c_i = \frac{(-1)^i}{3^i}$, for all integers $i \geq 0$
first four terms: $i=0; 1; 2; 3$:

$$c_0 = 1 \quad c_1 = \frac{1}{3} \quad c_2 = \frac{1}{9} \quad c_3 = -\frac{1}{27}$$

b) $e_n = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \cdot 2$, for $n \geq 0$ $e_0=0$ $e_1=0$ $e_2=2$ $e_3=2$

c) $f_n = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor \cdot 4$, for $n \geq 1$ $f_1=0$ $f_2=0$ $f_3=0$ $f_4=4$

d. a) $\sum_{k=1}^5 (k+1) = 2+3+4+5+6 = 20$ b) $\sum_{k=1}^4 (k+3) = 4+5+6+7 = 22$

c) $\sum_{n=0}^3 \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{15}{8} = 1\frac{7}{8}$ d) $\sum_{n=1}^{10} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) =$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{10}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{11}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{11} = \frac{10}{11}$$

3. a) $\prod_{k=2}^4 k^2 = 4 \cdot 9 \cdot 16 = 456$ b) $\prod_{i=0}^4 (-1)^i = 1 \cdot (-1) \cdot 1 \cdot (-1) \cdot 1 = 1$
 $\sim (j-1) \cdot j$, where $i=j-1$

c) $\prod_{k=2}^3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$ d) $\prod_{i=2}^5 \frac{i(i+2)}{(i-1)(i+1)} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{15}{8} \cdot \frac{14}{15} \cdot \frac{35}{24} = \frac{35}{32} = 1\frac{3}{32}$

4. a) $\sum_{i=1}^k i^3 + (k+1)^3 = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^3$ b) $\sum_{k=1}^m \frac{k}{k+1} + \frac{m+1}{m+2} = \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} \frac{k}{k+1}$

c) $\sum_{m=0}^n (m+1)2^m + (n+2)2^{n+1} = \sum_{m=0}^{n+1} (m+1)2^m$ d)

d) $2 \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (3k^2 + 4) + 5 \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (2k^2 - 1) = \sum_{k=1}^n [2 \cdot (3k^2 + 4) + 5 \cdot (2k^2 - 1)] = \sum_{k=1}^n (16k^2 + 3)$

e) $\left(\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{k+1} \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k+1}{k+2} \right) = \prod_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{k}{k+1} \cdot \frac{k+1}{k+2} \right] = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{k+2}$

5. a) $\sum_{i=1}^4 (-1)^{i+1} \cdot i^2$ b) $\prod_{i=2}^4 (i^2 - 1)$ c) $\sum_{i=2}^6 \frac{(-1)^i \cdot i}{(i+1)(i+2)}$

d) $\prod_{i=1}^4 (1 - t^i)$

6. a) $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{i}{(n-i)^2} = \left| \begin{matrix} j=i+1 \\ i=j+1 \end{matrix} \right\} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \frac{j+1}{(n-j)^2}$

b) $\prod_{i=n}^{2n-1} \frac{n-i+1}{n+i} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} j=i-1 \\ i=j+1 \end{matrix} \right\} = \prod_{j=n+1}^{2n-1} \frac{n-j}{n+j+1}$

7. $4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^n = \frac{4(4^n - 16)}{3}$ for all $n \geq 3, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
base case: $n=3$

$\sum_{i=3}^3 4^i = 4^3$ $\frac{4(4^3 - 16)}{3} = \frac{4^3(4-1)}{3} = \frac{4^3(4^2 - 4^2)}{3} = \frac{4^3(4^{2-2} - 1)}{3}$ so it's work for base case

assume it's true for $n=k$:

$\sum_{i=3}^k 4^i = \frac{4(4^k - 16)}{3}$ (or $\frac{4^3(4^{k-2} - 1)}{3}$) (1)

then if it's also true for $n=k+1$, then it's true for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\sum_{i=3}^{k+1} 4^i = \frac{4(4^{k+1} - 16)}{3}$ or $\sum_{i=3}^{k+1} 4^i = \sum_{i=3}^k 4^i + 4^{k+1}$, so:

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

$\frac{4^3(4^{k-2} - 1)}{3} + 3 \cdot 4^3 \cdot 4^{k-2} = \frac{4^3(4^{k-1} - 1)}{3}$

$\frac{4^3((1+3) \cdot 4^{k-2} - 1)}{3} = \frac{4^3(4^{k-1} - 1)}{3}$

$\frac{4^3(4^{k-1} - 1)}{3} = \frac{4^3(4^{k-1} - 1)}{3}$ Q.E.D.

8. $\prod_{i=0}^n \left(\frac{1}{2i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2i+2} \right) = \frac{1}{(2n+2)!}$ for all integer $n \geq 1$

consider base case $n=1$:

$\prod_{i=0}^1 \left(\frac{1}{2i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2i+2} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{4!}$ $\frac{1}{(2n+2)!} = \frac{1}{4!}$

assume it's true for $n=k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\prod_{i=0}^k \left(\frac{1}{2i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2i+2} \right) = \frac{1}{(2k+2)!}$

then if it's also right for $n=k+1$, then it's true for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\prod_{i=0}^{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{2i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2i+2} \right) = \prod_{i=0}^k \left(\frac{1}{2i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2i+2} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2(k+1)+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2(k+1)+2} \right)$

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

$\frac{1}{(2(k+1)+2)!} = \frac{1}{(2k+2)!} \cdot \frac{1}{2k+3} \cdot \frac{1}{2k+4}$

$\frac{1}{(2(k+1)+2)!} = \frac{1}{(2k+4)!}$ or $\frac{1}{(2(k+1)+2)!} = \frac{1}{(2(k+1)+2)!}$ Q.E.D.