

# solution to induction

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## 1 Solutions

1. use induction to prove that  $\forall n \in \mathbf{N}$ :

$$1 * 2 + 2 * 2^2 + 3 * 2^3 + \dots + n * 2^n = (n - 1) * 2^{n+1} + 2$$

solution:

let  $P(n)$  be statement that:

$$\text{for } n \in \mathbf{N} \quad 1 * 2 + 2 * 2^2 + 3 * 2^3 + \dots + n * 2^n = (n - 1) * 2^{n+1} + 2$$

for base case  $P(1)$ :

$$LHS = 1 * 2 = 2$$

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

$$LHS = RHS \text{ thus } P(1) \text{ is true}$$

assume for some  $k \in \mathbf{N}$   $P(k)$  is true

for  $P(k+1)$

$$LHS = 1 * 2 + 2 * 2^2 + \dots + k * 2^k + (k + 1) * 2^{k+1}$$

$$RHS = (k) * 2^{k+2} + 2$$

since  $P(k)$  is true, subin RHS for  $P(k)$

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

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

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

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

$$= (k) * 2^{k+2} + 2$$

$$LHS = RHS$$

thus  $P(k+1)$  is true given  $P(k)$  is true

Hence by principle of mathematic induction  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$

2. Use Principle of Mathematical Induction to show that for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $a_n = 2^{n+2} \cdot 5^{2n+1} + 3^{n+2} \cdot 2^{2n+1}$  is divisible by 19.

solution:

let  $P(n)$  be statement that:

for  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $a_1 = 2^{n+2} \cdot 5^{2n+1} + 3^{n+2} \cdot 2^{2n+1}$ ,  $a_n = 19x$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{N}$

for  $P(1)$   $a_n = 2^3 \cdot 5^3 + 3^3 \cdot 2^3 = 1216 = 16 \cdot 64$

thus  $P(1)$  is true as  $64 \in \mathbf{N}$

assume for some  $k \in \mathbf{N}$   $P(k)$  is true. i.e  $a_k = 19x$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{N}$

for  $P(k+1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} a_{k+1} &= 2^{k+3} \cdot 5^{2k+3} + 3^{k+3} \cdot 2^{2k+3} \\ &= 2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 2^{k+2} \cdot 5^{2k+1} + 3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^{k+2} \cdot 2^{2k+1} \\ &= 50 \cdot 2^{k+2} \cdot 5^{2k+1} + 12 \cdot 3^{k+2} \cdot 2^{2k+1} \\ &= 38 \cdot 2^{k+2} \cdot 5^{2k+1} + 12 \cdot (2^{k+2} \cdot 5^{2k+1} + 3^{k+2} \cdot 2^{2k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

given by  $P(k)$  we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &= 19 \cdot 2 \cdot 2^{k+2} \cdot 5^{2k+1} + 12 \cdot 19x \\ &= 19 \cdot (2 \cdot 2^{k+2} \cdot 5^{2k+1} + 12x) \end{aligned}$$

since  $2 \cdot 2^{k+2} \cdot 5^{2k+1} + 12 \in \mathbf{N}$ .  $P(k+1)$  is true given by  $P(k)$

Hence by principle of mathematic induction  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$

1. Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  be the sequence of numbers defined by

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ \sqrt{2 + a_{n-1}} & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Prove by induction that  $0 < a_n < 2$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

solution:

let  $P(n)$  be statement that:

$0 < a_n < 2$  for all  $n \geq 1$

for  $P(1)$ :

$0 < 1 < 2$

Thus  $P(1)$  is true

assume for some  $k > 1$ ,  $P(k)$  is true

for  $P(k+1)$

since  $k \geq 2$ ,  $k+1 \geq 2$

$a_{k+1} = \sqrt{2 + a_k}$

by  $P(k)$   $0 < a_k < 2$

$2 < 2 + a_k < 4$

$\sqrt{2} < \sqrt{2 + a_k} < 2$

$0 < \sqrt{2}$  thus  $0 < \sqrt{2 + a_k}$

thus  $P(k+1)$  is true given by  $P(k)$

Hence by principle of mathematic induction  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

4. Given a recursive sequence  $(x_n)$  defined by  $x_1 = 3$ ,  $x_2 = 5$  and  $x_n = 3x_{n-1} + 2x_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 3$ . prove that  $x_n < 4^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$

solution:

let  $P(n)$  be statement that:

$x_n < 4^n$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{N}$

for  $P(1)$ :  $LHS = x_1 = 3$   $RHS = 4^1 = 4$   $3 < 4$  is true, thus  $P(1)$  is true

for  $P(2)$ :  $LHS = x_2 = 5$   $RHS = 4^2 = 16$   $5 < 16$  is true, thus  $P(2)$  is true

assume for some  $k \geq 3, k \in \mathbf{N}$   $P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k-1) \wedge P(k)$  are true

for  $P(k+1)$

$$x_{k+1} = 3x_k + 2x_{k-1}$$

since  $P(k)$  and  $P(k-1)$  are true

$$x_k < 4^k$$

$$x_{k-1} < 4^{k-1}$$

are true

subin for  $x_{k+1}$  we get

$$3x_k + 2x_{k-1} < 3 * 4^k + 2 * 4^{k-1} \text{ is true}$$

$$3x_k + 2x_{k-1} < 14 * 4^{k-1} \text{ is true}$$

$$\text{since } 4^{k+1} = 4^2 * 4^{k-1} = 16 * 4^{k-1} > 14 * 4^{k-1}$$

$$x_{k+1} = 3x_k + 2x_{k-1} < 16 * 4^{k-1} = 4^{k+1} \text{ is true}$$

hence by principle of strong mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$

the rest are left as an exercise to the reader

