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## 1. Consider the Fibonacci-esque function g:

$$g(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0\\ 3, & \text{if } n = 1\\ g(n-2) + g(n-1) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Use complete induction to prove that if n is a natural number greater than 1, then  $2^{n/2} \leq g(n) \leq 2^n$ . You may **not** derive or use a closed-form for g(n) in your proof.

Proof:  
Let 
$$g(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 3, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ g(n-2) + g(n-1) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$
  
Let  $P(n) : 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \le g(n) \le 2^n$ 

Base Case:

1. then g(2) = g(0) + g(1) = 1 + 3 = 4then  $2^1 \le 4 \le 2^2$ then P(2)

then g(3) = g(1) + g(2) = 3 + 4 = 7then  $2^{\frac{3}{2}} \le 7 \le 2^3$ then P(3)

Inductive Step:

I.H: Assume  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} : 1 < k < n, P(k)$ 

Want To Prove: P(n)

(i) Prove  $2^{\frac{n}{2}} \leq g(n)$ Assume  $n > 3 \sharp n \leq 3$  was discussed in base case then g(n) = g(n-2) + g(n-1)  $\geq 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}} + 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \sharp \text{ By I.H. } 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \leq g(n-2),$   $2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \leq g(n-1)$   $= 2^{\frac{n}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{n}{2}-\frac{1}{2}}$   $= 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \times 2^{-1} + 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \times 2^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ 

$$=2^{\frac{n}{2}}\times 2^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$
 then  $g(n)\geq 2^{\frac{n}{2}}\ \sharp\ 2^{-\frac{3}{2}}\geq 1$ 

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{(ii) Prove } g(n) \leq 2^n \\ &\text{Assume } n > 3 \ \sharp \ n \leq 3 \text{ was discussed in base case} \\ &\text{then } g(n) = g(n-2) + g(n-1) \\ &\leq 2^{n-2} + 2^{n-1} \ \sharp \text{ By I.H. } 2^{n-2} \geq g(n-2), \\ &\qquad \qquad 2^{n-1} \geq g(n-1) \\ &= 2^n \times 2^{-2} + 2^n \times 2^{-1} \\ &= 2^n \times 2^{-3} \\ &\text{then } g(n) \leq 2^n \ \sharp \ 0 < 2^{-3} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

then 
$$2^{\frac{n}{2}} \leq g(n) \leq 2^n \sharp$$
 by (i) and (ii) then  $P(n)$   
Therefore If  $n>1$ , then  $2^{\frac{n}{2}} \leq g(n) \leq 2^n$ 

2. Suppose B is a set of binary strings where each binary string is of length n. n is positive (greater than 0), and no two strings in B differ in fewer than 2 positions. Use simple induction to prove that B has no more than  $2^{n-1}$  elements.

## Proof:

Let |B| = number of elements in B that begin with "0" or "1" Let P(n): If B is a set of binary strings of length n, n is positive, and no two strings in B differ in fewer than 2 positions, then  $|B| \leq 2^{n-1}$  Prove by simple induction:

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Base Case:
Let n=1
then B = \{0\} or \{1\}
then |B| = 1 \le 2^{1-1} = 1
then P(1)
Inductive Step:
I.H: Assume \forall k \geq 1, P(k)
WTP: P(k+1)
Let B be such a set of binary strings of length k+1
then |B| = number of elements in B that begin with "0"
            + number of elements in B that begin with "1"
then |B| \le 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-1} \sharp Because no two strings in B differ in fewer than 2 positions,
                          let B_0 = \{S \mid ("0" + S) \in B\}
                          then |B_0| is number of elements in B begins with "0"
                          then the length of elements of B_0 is k
                          then no two strings in B_0 differ in fewer than 2 positions
                          By I.H. |B_0| \le 2^{k-1}
                          let B_1 = \{S \mid ("1" + S) \in B\}
                          then |B_1| is number of elements in B begins with "1"
                          then the length of elements of B_1 is k
                          then no two strings in B_1 differ in fewer than 2 positions
                          By I.H. |B_1| \le 2^{k-1}
then |B| \le 2 \times 2^{k-1}
then |B| < 2^k
then P(k + 1)
Therefore If B is a set of binary strings of length n, then |B| \leq 2^{n-1}
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- 3. Define T as the smallest set of strings such that:
  - (a) "b"  $\in T$
  - (b) If  $t_1, t_2 \in T$ , then  $t_1 + "ene" + t_2 \in T$ , where the + operator is string concatenation.

Use structural induction to prove that if  $t \in T$  has n "b" characters, then t has 2n-2 "e" characters.

Proof:

For  $t \in T$ ,

Let P(t): If  $t \in T$  has n "b" characters, then t has 2n-2 "e" characters Prove by structural induction:

Base Case:

Let  $t = b^* \in T$ then n = 1, 2n - 2 = 0

then P(t)

Inductive Step:

Let  $t_1, t_2 \in T$  and  $t = t_1 + "ene" + t_2$ 

I.H: Assume  $P(t_1)$  and  $P(t_2)$ 

WTP: P(t)

Suppose  $t_1$  has  $n_1$  "b" characters,  $t_2$  has  $n_2$  "b" characters then  $t_1$  has  $2n_1-2$  "e" characters,  $t_2$  has  $2n_2-2$  "e" characters  $\sharp By$  I.H.

then t has  $(n_1+n_2)$  "b" characters,  $(2n_1-2)+(2n_2-2)+2$  "e" characters then number of "e" characters in  $\mathbf{t}=(2n_1-2)+(2n_2-2)+2$   $=2n_1+2n_2-2$ 

 $= 2n_1 + 2n_2 - 2$  $= 2(n_1 + n_2) - 2$ 

Let  $n = n_1 + n_2$ 

then t has n "b" characters, 2n-2 "e" characters

then P(t)

Therefore if  $t \in T$  has n "b" characters, then t has 2n-2 "e" characters

- 4. On page 79 of the Course Notes the quantity  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  is shown to be closely related to the Fibonacci function. You may assume that  $1.61803 < \phi < 1.61804$ . Complete the steps below to show that  $\phi$  is irrational.
  - (a) Show that  $\phi(\phi 1) = 1$ .  $\phi(\phi - 1) = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \times (\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} - 1)$   $= \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \times \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$   $= \frac{(1 + \sqrt{5}) \times (-1 + \sqrt{5})}{4}$   $= \frac{4}{4}$  = 1
  - (b) Rewrite the equation in the previous step so that you have  $\phi$  on the left-hand side, and on the right-hand side a fraction whose numerator and denominator are expressions that may only have integers, + or -, and  $\phi$ . There are two different fractions, corresponding to the two different factors in the original equation's left-hand side. Keep both fractions around for future consideration.

Because 
$$\phi(\phi - 1) = 1$$

Case 1: 
$$\phi = \frac{1}{\phi - 1}$$

Case 2: 
$$\phi - 1 = \frac{1}{\phi}$$
 then  $\phi = \frac{1}{\phi} + 1 = \frac{1+\phi}{\phi}$ 

(c) Assume, for a moment, that there are natural numbers m and n such that  $\phi = n/m$ . Re-write the right-hand side of both equations in the previous step so that you end up with fractions whose numerators and denominators are expressions that may only have integers, + or -, m and n.

Solution:

Because 
$$\phi = \frac{n}{m}$$

Case 1: 
$$\phi = \frac{1}{\phi - 1} = \frac{n}{m}$$
 then  $n\phi - n = m$ 

then 
$$n\phi - n = n$$

then 
$$n\phi = m + n$$

then 
$$\phi = \frac{m+n}{n}$$

Case 2: 
$$\phi = \frac{1+\phi}{\phi} = \frac{n}{m}$$

then 
$$n\phi = m(1 + \phi)$$
  
then  $n\phi = m + m\phi$   
then  $(n - m)\phi = m$   
then  $\phi = \frac{m}{n - m}$ 

(d) Use your assumption from the previous part to construct a non-empty subset of the natural numbers that contains m. Use the Principle of Well-Ordering, plus one of the two expressions for  $\phi$  from the previous step to derive a contradiction.

Proof:

Prove by contradiction:

Therefore  $\phi$  is irrational

Let  $S = \{m \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \frac{n}{m} = \phi\}$ , S is a subset of natural number Because S has at least one element,

By well-ordering,  $\exists m_0$  as the smallest but not 0 natural number in S

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then \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} such that \frac{n_0}{m_0} = \phi \sharp By Definition of S then \frac{n_0}{m_0} = \frac{m_0}{n_0 - m_0} = \phi \sharp By (c) then (n_0 - m_0) > 0 and (n_0 - m_0) \in S \sharp m_0 > 0, \phi > 0 Because \phi = \frac{n_0}{m_0} < 1.61804 \sharp 1.61803 < \phi < 1.61804 then n_0 < 1.61804m_0 then n_0 - m_0 < 0.61804m_0 then n_0 - m_0 < 0.61804m_0 Because m_0 is the smallest but not 0 natural number in S, and (n_0 - m_0) \in \mathbb{N}. (n_0 - m_0) smaller then the smallest element m_0, which leads a contradiction.
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(e) Combine your assumption and contradiction from the previous step into a proof that  $\phi$  cannot be the ratio of two natural numbers. Extend this to a proof that  $\phi$  is irrational.

Assume  $\phi$  is rational then  $\exists m,n\in\mathbb{N}:\phi=\frac{n}{m}$  But Part(d), we reach a contradiction given the assumption that  $\phi=\frac{n}{m}$ 

5. Consider the function f, where  $3 \div 2 = 1$  (integer division, like 3//2 in Python):

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0\\ f^2(n \div 3) + 3f(n \div 3) & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

Use complete induction to prove that for every natural number n greater than 2, f(n) is a multiple of 7. **NB:** Think carefully about which natural numbers you are justified in using the inductive hypothesis for.

Proof:

$$f(1) = f^2(1 \div 3) + 3f(1 \div 3) = f^2(0) + 3f(0) = 1^2 + 3 \times 1 = 4$$
 
$$f(2) = f^2(2 \div 3) + 3f(2 \div 3) = f^2(0) + 3f(0) = 1^2 + 3 \times 1 = 4$$
 Let  $P(n)$ : then  $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, \ f(n) = 7x$  Prove by complete induction:

Base Case: Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}, \, 2 < n \leq 8$  $f(3) = f^{2}(3 \div 3) + 3f(3 \div 3) = f^{2}(1) + 3f(1) = 4^{2} + 3 \times 4 = 28$  $f(4) = f^{2}(4 \div 3) + 3f(4 \div 3) = f^{2}(1) + 3f(1) = 4^{2} + 3 \times 4 = 28$   $f(5) = f^{2}(5 \div 3) + 3f(5 \div 3) = f^{2}(1) + 3f(1) = 4^{2} + 3 \times 4 = 28$   $f(6) = f^{2}(6 \div 3) + 3f(6 \div 3) = f^{2}(2) + 3f(2) = 4^{2} + 3 \times 4 = 28$  $f(7) = f^2(7 \div 3) + 3f(7 \div 3) = f^2(2) + 3f(2) = 4^2 + 3 \times 4 = 28$  $f(8) = f^{2}(8 \div 3) + 3f(8 \div 3) = f^{2}(2) + 3f(2) = 4^{2} + 3 \times 4 = 28$ then P(n) holds for  $2 < n \le 8$ 

Inductive Step: Let  $n, i \in \mathbb{N}$ I.H. Assume 2 < i < n, P(i) holds WTP: P(n)

Case 1:

Let  $2 < n \le 8$ , P(n) holds  $\sharp$  Already shown in Base Case

Case 2:

Let n > 9,  $i = n \div 3$ then 2 < i < nthen  $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, f(i) = 7x \sharp By I.H. P(i)$  holds then  $f(n) = f^{2}(n \div 3) + 3f(n \div 3)$  $= f^2(i) + 3f(i)$  $= (7x)^2 + 3 \times 7x$  $= 7(7x^2 + 3x)$ Let  $x' = (7x^2 + 3x) \sharp x \in \mathbb{N}, x' \in \mathbb{N}$ then f(n) = 7x'then  $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, f(n) = 7x$ 

then  $P(n) \sharp By Case1$  and Case2

Therefore for every natural number n greater than 2, f(n) is a multiple of 7.