

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.

Prove $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

Proof:

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

Let $P(n) : \text{If } \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n > 1\}$, then $2^{\frac{n}{2}} \leq g(n) \leq 2^n$

Prove by complete induction:

Base Case:

1.

$n = 2$

then $g(2) = g(0) + g(1) = 1 + 3 = 4$

then $2^1 \leq 4 \leq 2^2$

then $P(2)$

2.

$n = 3$

then $g(3) = g(1) + g(2) = 3 + 4 = 7$

then $2^{\frac{3}{2}} \leq 7 \leq 2^3$

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 $n > 3$ \nmid $n \leq 3$ was discussed in base case

then $g(n) = g(n-2) + g(n-1)$

$$\geq 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}} + 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \quad \nmid \text{ By I.H. } 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \leq g(n-2), \\ 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \leq g(n-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2^{\frac{n}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{n}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \times 2^{-1} + 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \times 2^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \times 2^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\
\text{then } g(n) &\geq 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \nmid 2^{-\frac{3}{2}} > 0
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Prove $g(n) \leq 2^n$

Assume $n > 3 \nmid n \leq 3$ was discussed in base case

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{then } g(n) &= g(n-2) + g(n-1) \\
&\leq 2^{n-2} + 2^{n-1} \nmid \text{By I.H. } 2^{n-2} \geq g(n-2), \\
&\qquad\qquad\qquad 2^{n-1} \geq g(n-1) \\
&= 2^n \times 2^{-2} + 2^n \times 2^{-1} \\
&= 2^n \times 2^{-3}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{then } g(n) \leq 2^n \nmid 2^{-3} > 0$$

then $2^{\frac{n}{2}} \leq g(n) \leq 2^n \nmid$ by (i) and (ii)

then $P(n)$

Therefore If $\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n > 1\}$, 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 , then $|B| \leq 2^{n-1}$

Prove by simple induction:

Base Case:

Let $n = 1$

then $B = \{0\}$ or $\{1\}$

then $|B| = 1 \leq 2^{1-1} = 1$

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 $|B| \leq 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-1}$ # By I.H. and no two strings in B differ in fewer than 2 positions, let b be such a set of binary strings of length k , then $|b| \leq 2^{k-1}$

Because there exist at least one string begins with "0" or "1".

So for b 's elements, if we maximum the number of strings which begin with "0", this number must smaller than 2^{k-1}

if we maximum the number of strings which begin with "1", this number must also smaller than 2^{k-1}

then $|B| \leq 2 \times 2^{k-1}$

then $|B| \leq 2^k$

then $P(k + 1)$

Therefore If B is a set of binary strings of length n , then $|B| \leq 2^{n-1}$

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

$$= 2n_1 + 2n_2 - 2$$

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

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 ϕ is irrational.

- (a) Show that $\phi(\phi - 1) = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(\phi - 1) &= \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \times \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} - 1\right) \\ &= \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \times \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ &= \frac{(1+\sqrt{5}) \times (-1+\sqrt{5})}{4} \\ &= \frac{4}{4} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Rewrite the equation in the previous step so that you have ϕ 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 ϕ . 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.

Solution:

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

Case 1:

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

Case 2:

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

$$\text{then } \phi = \frac{1}{\phi} + 1 = \frac{1+\phi}{\phi}$$

- (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:

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\phi-1} = \frac{n}{m}$$

$$\text{then } n\phi - n = m$$

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

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

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 ϕ from the previous step to derive a contradiction.

Proof:

Prove by contradiction:

Assume ϕ is rational

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

then $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{n_0}{m_0} = \phi$ # By assumption, ϕ is rational

then $\frac{n_0}{m_0} = \frac{m_0}{n_0 - m_0} = \phi$ # By (c)

Because $\phi = \frac{n_0}{m_0} < 1.61804$ # $1.61803 < \phi < 1.61804$

then $n_0 < 1.61804m_0$

then $n_0 - m_0 < 0.61804m_0$

then $n_0 - m_0 < m_0$ # Contradiction!

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.

Therefore ϕ is irrational

- (e) Combine your assumption and contradiction from the previous step into a proof that ϕ cannot be the ratio of two natural numbers. Extend this to a proof that ϕ is irrational.

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.

Before proof:

$$f(1) = f^2(1 \div 3) + 3f(1 \div 3) = f^2(0) + 3f(0) = 1^2 + 3 \times 1 = 4$$

$$f(2) = f^2(2 \div 3) + 3f(2 \div 3) = f^2(0) + 3f(0) = 1^2 + 3 \times 1 = 4$$

Proof:

Let $P(n)$: If $\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n > 2\}$, 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 $\forall \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \in (2, 8]\}, P(n)$ holds

Inductive Step: Let $n, i \in \mathbb{N}$

I.H. Assume $2 < i < n, P(i)$ holds

WTP: $P(n)$

Case 1:

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

Case 2:

Let $n \geq 9, i = n \div 3$

then $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, f(i) = 7x$ \nmid 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 $x' = (7x^2 + 3x)$ $\nmid x \in \mathbb{N}, x' \in \mathbb{N}$

then $f(n) = 7x'$

then $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, f(n) = 7x$

then $P(n)$ ‡ By Case1 and Case2

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