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4.1 Weak Induction

5.1 (7th edition): { 6,8,14,18,28,38,40}

6) let P(n) be the sum of the the n terms is correct.

Basis Step: P(1) is true, 1 \* 1! - (1 + 1)! - 1 -1

Inductive Step: The statement that P(k) is true, where k is a positive integer is the inductive hypothesis.

To complete this, we must show that P(k+1) is also true if P(k) is true. Add (k+1) \* (k+1)! to both sides.

$$(k+1)! \ 1+ (k+1) (k+1)! = (k+1)! * 1 + (k+1)! * (k+1) - 1$$

$$= (k+1)![k+2] - 1$$

$$= (k+2)! - 1$$

This completes the inductive argument showing P(k+1) is true.

8)Solution: Let P(n) be the sum of the first n terms

Basis Step: P(0) is true because  $2 = \frac{1 - (-7)^{0+1}}{4} = 2$ 

Inductive Step: To prove that the inductive step is true, if P(k) is true, then P(k+1) is also true.

P(k) is in this case:  $2 - 2*7 + 2*7^2 - \dots + 2(-7)^k = (1 - (-7)^{k+1}) / 4$ 

Adding  $2(-7)^{k+1}$  to both sides of the equality of P(k):

$$2 - 2*7 + 2*7^{2} - \dots + 2(-7)^{k} + 2(-7)^{k+1} = (1 - (-7)^{k+1}) / 4 + 2(-7)^{k+1}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - (-7)^{k+1})}{4} + \frac{2(-7)^{k+1}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - (-7)^{k+1})}{4} + \frac{8(-7)^{k+1}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1 - (-7)^{K+1} + 8(-7)^{k+1}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1+7(-7)^{k+1}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1+(-1)(-7)(-7)^{k+1}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1+(-1)(-7)^{k+2}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1-(-7)^{k+2}}{4}$$

This shows P(k+1) is also true when P(k) is true, thus completing the inductive step

14) Solution: Let P(n) be the sum of the n terms

Basis step: P(1) is true, because  $1(2)^1 = (1-1)2^{1+1} + 2$ 

Inductive step: To prove the inductive argument, the inductive hypothesis is that P(k) is true, where k is a postive integer. P(k) is the statement  $\sum_{i=1}^k i2^i = (k-1)^{k+1} + 2$ 

If P(k) is true, then we must show that P(k+1) is also true. So we add  $(k+1)^* 2^{k+1}$  to both sides of the equation of P(k):

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=1}^k i 2^i + (k+1) 2^{k+1} &= (k-1)^{k+1} + 2 + (k+1) 2^{k+1} \\ &= 2^{k+1} * (k-1) + 2^{k+1} * (k+1) + 2 \\ &= 2^{k+1} [k-1+k+1] + 2 \\ &= 2^{k+1} * 2k + 2 \\ &= k * 2^{k+2} + 2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} k 2^k - k * 2^{k+2} + 2 \end{split}$$

Here we finish the inductive argument, and it is true for P(k+1) so our argument is complete.

18) a)  $P(2) = (2)! < 2^2 :::: 2 < 4$ 

b) 2 is less than 4

c) Inductive hypothesis P(k) is k! < k<sup>k</sup>

d) For all k > 2 that P(k) means P(k+1) is true; so show that  $(k+1) < (k+1)^{k+1}$ 

e) k! \* (k+1) < k
$$^k$$
 (k+1) < (k+1) $^k$ (k+1) - (k+1) $^{k+1}$ 

f) We've completed the basis step and the inductive step, proving that P(k) and P(k+1) is true, meaning that we've completed the proof through mathematical induction.

28) Prove  $n^2 - 7n + 12$  is nonnegative whenever  $n \ge 3$ 

Solution: Let P(n) be the statement that  $n^2 - 7n + 12$  is nonnegative whenever  $n \ge 3$ 

Basis Step:  $P(3) = 3^2 - 7(3) + 12 = 9 - 21 + 12 = 0$ . 0 is a nonnegative number. Basis step complete

Inductive Step: The inductive hypothesis P(k) is true, where k is a positive integer greater than 3. P(k) is

$$k^2 - 7k + 12 >= 0 (k >= 3)$$

If P(k) is true, then we must show P(k+1) is also true to complete the inductive step.

$$(k+1)^2 - 7(k+1) + 12 = k^2 + 2k + 2 - 7k - 7 + 12$$
  
=  $(k^2 - 7k + 12) + 2(k-3)$ 

Since whenever  $k \ge 3$ , we have a nonnegative number in 2(k-3), and the other portion of the equation is the same as the original equation, then we know that adding to it will always lead to a nonnegative number, thus proving that P(k) is true, and makes P(k+1) also true.

Completing the basis step and the induction step, we have prove that P(n) is true for all  $n \ge 3$ .

38) Solution: Let P(n) be  $U_{j-1}^n$  Aj  $\subseteq U_{j-1}^n$  Bj if  $A_i \subseteq B_i$  for i -1,2,...,n

Basis step: P(1) is proof that 
$$A_1 \subseteq B_1$$
, so it implies that  $U = \frac{n}{j-1} Aj \subseteq U = \frac{n}{j-1} Bj$ 

Inductive Step: The inductive hypothesis is the statement that P(k) is true, where k is a positive integer. P(k) is then the statement if  $A_j \subseteq B_j$  for j-1,2,...,k, then  $U^{k+1}_{j-1}A_j \subseteq U^{k+1}_{j-1}B_j$ 

if x is an element in the above subsets, then 
$$x \in U^{\frac{k+1}{j-1}}A_j$$
 or  $x \in A_{k+1}$ . if  $x \in U^{\frac{k+1}{j-1}}$ , so is  $x \in U^{\frac{k+1}{j-1}}B_j$ 

But if  $x \in A_{k+1}$ , then we also know that  $A_{k+1} \subseteq B+_{k+1}$ , which also means  $x \in B_{k+1}$ . So with both possibility leading to the fact that x is an element of both cases for B, it shows that P(k+1) is true, which completes our inductive case.

40) Solution: Let 
$$P(n)$$
 be  $(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap ... \cap A_n) \cup B = (A_1 \cup B) \cap (A_2 \cap B) \cap ... \cap (A_n \cup B)$ 

Basis step: P(1) is true because  $A_1 \cup B = A_1 \cup B$ 

Inductive step: The inductive hypothesis is the statement that P(k) is true, where k is a positive integer. The statement P(k) is  $(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap ... \cap A_k) \cup B = (A_1 \cup B) \cap (A_2 \cap B) \cap ... \cap (A_k \cup B)$ If P(k) is true, we must show that P(k+1) is also true.

$$(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap ... \cap A_k \cap A_{k+1}) \cup B = [(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap ... \cap A_k \cap A_{k+1})] \cup B \quad \text{- by associative law}$$
 
$$= [(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap ... \cap A_k) \cup B] \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B) \quad \text{- distributive law}$$
 
$$= (A_1 \cup B) \cap (A_2 \cap B) \cap ... \cap (A_k \cup B) \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B) \quad \text{by the IH}$$

So, P(k+1) is true. Completing our inductive argument.