

MATH 375

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- Prove by contradiction that there are infinitely many primes.

Let's assume there are finite prime numbers.

So there are total n primes.

$$p_1 \cdots p_n$$

Let A be the product of all prime numbers

$$A = p_1 \times p_2 \cdots \times p_n$$

and there is number B which is

$$B = A + 1$$

Since there are only n prime numbers the B should not be a prime number

Therefore the B should be divided by one of the prime numbers in $p_1 \cdots p_n$

However there is no prime numbers that can divide B

Since A is the product of all prime numbers A can be divided by any prime numbers

But 1 cannot be divided by any prime number from $p_1 \cdots p_n$

$$B \div p_k = \frac{p_1 \times p_2 \cdots p_n}{p_k} + \frac{1}{p_k}$$

Therefore B can be divided by 1 and itself only and by the definition of prime number

B is a prime number.

The assumption that there are finite prime number is wrong, therefore there are infinite prime numbers

- Prove the following formula by induction: $1+3+5+\cdots+(2n-1)=n^2$

For $n = 1$

$$(2 \times 1 - 1) = 1^2 \text{ is correct}$$

Let's assume that the equation is true for n

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n - 1) = n^2$$

And prove the statement is true for $n+1$

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2(n+1) - 1) = (n+1)^2$$

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2(n+1) - 1)$$

$$= 1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n - 1) + (2(n+1) - 1)$$

$$= n^2 + (2(n+1) - 1) \text{ (by the assumption)}$$

$$= n^2 + 2n + 1$$

$$n^2 + 2n + 1 \text{ is equal to } (n+1)^2$$

by the induction the formula is correct

- Prove the following formula by induction:

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \cdots + (n-1)^3 < \frac{n^4}{4} < 1^3 + 2^3 + \cdots + n^3$$

Assume n is a positive integer

For $n = 1$

$$(1 - 1)^3 < \frac{1^4}{4} < 1^3 \text{ is true}$$

Now we assume that the equation is true for n

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (n - 1)^3 < \frac{n^4}{4} < 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3$$

And prove the equation is true for n+1

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (n - 1)^3 + ((n + 1) - 1)^3 < \frac{(n + 1)^4}{4} < 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 + (n + 1)^3$$

making the equation simple

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

$$\frac{(n + 1)^4}{4} = \frac{n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4}$$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 + (n + 1)^3 = 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 + n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1$$

we have to prove this inequality equation

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (n - 1)^3 + n^3 < \frac{n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4} < 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 + n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1$$

first the left part

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (n - 1)^3 + n^3 < \frac{n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4} \text{ we can remove } n^3 \text{ from the both side}$$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (n - 1)^3 < \frac{n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4} - n^3 = \frac{n^4 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4}$$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (n - 1)^3 < \frac{n^4}{4} + \frac{6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4}$$

$$\frac{6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4} \text{ is positive since n is the positive integer and}$$

$$\text{by the assumption } 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (n - 1)^3 < \frac{n^4}{4} \text{ is also true}$$

$$\text{Therefore } 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (n - 1)^3 + n^3 < \frac{n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4} \text{ is true}$$

Now we are going to prove the right part of the equation

$$\frac{n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4} < 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 + n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1$$

remove $n^3 + 1.5n^2 + n + 0.25$ from the both side

$$\frac{n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4} - (n^3 + 1.5n^2 + n + 0.25) = \frac{n^4}{4}$$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 + n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1 - (n^3 + 1.5n^2 + n + 0.25) = 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 + 1.5n^2 + 2n + 0.75$$

$$\text{by the assumption } \frac{n^4}{4} < 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 \text{ is true}$$

Since n is positive integer $1.5n^2 + 2n + 0.75$ is also positive

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1}{4} < 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 + n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1 \text{ is true}$$

$$\text{Finally } 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (n - 1)^3 + ((n + 1) - 1)^3 < \frac{(n + 1)^4}{4} < 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 + (n + 1)^3 \text{ is true}$$

$$\text{by the induction the equation } 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + (n - 1)^3 < \frac{n^4}{4} < 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 \text{ is true}$$

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Let $P(n)$ denote the following statement: $1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{1}{8}(2n + 1)^2$

- (a) Prove that if $P(k)$ is true for an integer k then $P(k+1)$ is also true.

Since we are assuming $P(k)$ is true

$$1 + 2 + \dots + k = \frac{1}{8}(2k + 1)^2 \text{ is true}$$

$$P(k + 1) \rightarrow 1 + 2 + \dots + k + k + 1 = \frac{1}{8}(2(k + 1) + 1)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{8}(2(k + 1) + 1)^2 = \frac{1}{8}(2k + 3)^2 = \frac{1}{8}(4k^2 + 12k + 9) = \frac{1}{8}(2k + 1)^2 + \frac{1}{8}(8k + 8)$$

$$\text{by the assumption } \frac{1}{8}(2k + 1)^2 = 1 + 2 + \dots + k$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{1}{8}(2(k + 1) + 1)^2 = 1 + 2 + \dots + k + \frac{1}{8}(8k + 8) = 1 + 2 + \dots + k + k + 1$$

$$\text{In conclusion } 1 + 2 + \dots + k + k + 1 = \frac{1}{8}(2(k + 1) + 1)^2 \text{ is true}$$

- (b) Criticize the statement: "By induction it follows that $P(n)$ is true for all n ."

However the statement "By induction it follows that $P(n)$ is true for all n ." is not true

The first step of proving by induction is showing the base case is correct.

In this case we have to show that $P(1)$ is true as a base case.

$$\text{However } P(1) \rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{8}(2 \times 1 + 1)^2 \text{ is false.}$$

Since the base case is not true we can't say that "By induction it follows that $P(n)$ is true for all n ."

- (c) Amend $P(k)$ by changing equality to an inequality that is true for all positive integer n .

Changing equality

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{1}{8}(2n + 1)^2$$

to inequality

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n < \frac{1}{8}(2n + 1)^2$$

Proving amended $P(k)$ is true for all positive integer n by induction

Step.1

Check base case is true

for $n = 1$

$$1 < \frac{1}{8}(2 \times 1 + 1)^2 = \frac{9}{8} \text{ is true}$$

Step.2

Assume that $n = k$ is true and prove $n = k + 1$ is also true

By the assumption $1 + 2 + \cdots + k < \frac{1}{8}(2k + 1)^2$ is true

For $n = k + 1$

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + k + k + 1 < \frac{1}{8}(2(k + 1) + 1)^2$$

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + k + k + 1 < \frac{1}{8}(4k^2 + 12k + 9) = \frac{1}{8}(2k + 1)^2 + (k + 1)$$

we can remove $k + 1$ from the both side of the inequality equation

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + k < \frac{1}{8}(2k + 1)^2 \text{ by the assumption the inequality is true}$$

Therefore by the induction Amended $P(k)$ is true for all positive integer n

The Fibonacci numbers are given by the recursive formula

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 1 \text{ and } a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

Prove that for all $n \geq 1$

$$a_n < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

In this case we are going to use strong induction

Step. 1

Showing the base case is true

$$n = 1$$

$$a_1 = 1 \text{ and } \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Since $\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ is approximately 1.618

Therefore the base case $a_1 < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^1$ is true

Step. 2

$$P(n) \text{ stands for } a_n < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

Assume that the $P(1), P(2), \dots, P(k)$ is true and prove $P(k + 1)$ is also true

We are assuming $a_1 < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^1 \dots a_k < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k$ are true

So $P(k + 1)$ is

$$a_{k+1} < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{k+1}$$

$$a_{k+1} = a_k + a_{k-1} \quad (a_{k+1} = a_k + a_{k-1})$$

$$\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{k+1} = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k \times \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

$$P(k + 1) \rightarrow a_k + a_{k-1} < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k \times \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

By the assumption

$$a_k < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k \text{ and } a_{k-1} < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{k-1}$$

$$\text{Therefore } a_k + a_{k-1} < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k + \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{k-1}$$

If the inequality $\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k + \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{k-1} \leq \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k \times \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$ is true

$$a_k + a_{k-1} < \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k \times \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \text{ is true}$$

$$\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k + \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{k-1} \leq \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k \times \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \text{ divide the both side by } \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k$$

$$1 + \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{-1} \leq \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

$$1 + \left(\frac{2}{1+\sqrt{5}}\right) = \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{1+\sqrt{5}}\right) \leq \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{1+\sqrt{5}}\right) \leq \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{6+2\sqrt{5}}{2+2\sqrt{5}}\right) \leq \left(\frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^2}{2+2\sqrt{5}}\right)$$

$$6+2\sqrt{5} < (1+\sqrt{5})^2 \leq 1+2\sqrt{5}+5$$

Since the both sides are equal the inequality equation is true

$$a_{k+1} < \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{k+1} \text{ is true}$$

Thus for all $n \geq 1$

$$a_n < \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

(A curious vector space) Let $V = (0, \infty)$ be the set of positive real numbers. Define "addition \diamond " on V

as follows: $x \diamond y = x \times y$

where \times is the usual multiplication of real numbers.

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Define "Scalar multiplication \odot " as $c \odot x = x^c$ where $x \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$

Prove that V is a real vector space with respect to addition and scalar multiplication defined above

To prove that the V is a vector space we have to prove that V satisfy 8 axioms

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad & x \diamond (y \diamond z) = (x \diamond y) \diamond z \\ & x \diamond (y \diamond z) = xyz = (x \diamond y) \diamond z = xyz \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \quad & x \diamond y = y \diamond x \\ & x \diamond y = xy = y \diamond x = yx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3) \quad & x \diamond \vec{0} = \vec{0} \diamond x = x \\ & 1 \times x = x \times 1 = x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4) \quad & \text{Existence of negative vector } x \diamond y = \vec{0} \\ & y = \frac{1}{x}, \quad y \diamond x = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5) \quad & (a \odot b) \odot x = a \odot (b \odot x) \\ & (x^b)^a = (x^a)^b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6) \quad & (a + b) \odot x = a \odot x \diamond b \odot x \\ & x^{a+b} = x^a \times x^b = x^{a+b} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7) \quad & a \odot (x \diamond y) = a \odot x \diamond a \odot y \\ & (xy)^a = x^a \times y^a = (xy)^a = x^a \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 8) \quad & 1 \odot x = x \\ & x^1 = x \end{aligned}$$

Since all of the 8 axioms are satisfied, vector addition and scalar multiplication is defined above V is a real vector space