

HW10 (CSCI-C241)

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1. Question One

- (a) $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 = 1 + 8 + 27 = 36$
- (b) $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{12}$
- (c) $\sqrt{2}$
- (d) $\frac{1}{1} = 1$
- (e) $\frac{1}{k+1}$
- (f) $\frac{1}{k}$
- (g) $\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{k+1}$

2. Question Two

- (a) Claim: For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{i-1} = 2^n - 1$

Proof. (induction on n)

(Base Step, $n = 1$):

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{i-1} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2^0 \quad (1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \quad (2)$$

$$= 1 \quad (3)$$

$$= 2^0 \quad (4)$$

$$= 2^{1-1} \quad (5)$$

(Inductive Step):

Assume $\sum_{i=1}^k 2^{i-1} = 2^k - 1$ for some $k \geq 1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} 2^{i-1} = \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{i-1} + 2^{k+1-1} \quad (1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{i-1} + 2^k \quad (2)$$

$$= 2^k - 1 + 2^k \quad (\text{by the induction hypothesis, and } 2^k = 2^k) \quad (3)$$

$$= 2^k + 2^k - 1 \quad (4)$$

$$= 2 \cdot 2^k - 1 \quad (5)$$

$$= 2^{k+1} - 1 \quad (6)$$

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- (b) Claim: For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sum_{i=0}^n i! \cdot i = (n+1)! - 1$

Proof. (induction on n)

(Base Step, $n = 0$):

$$\sum_{i=0}^n 0! \cdot 0 = \sum_{i=0}^n 0 \quad (1)$$

$$= 0 \quad (2)$$

$$= 1 - 1 \quad (3)$$

$$= 1! - 1 \quad (4)$$

$$= (0 + 1)! - 1 \quad (5)$$

(Inductive Step):

Assume $\sum_{i=0}^k i! \cdot i = (k + 1)! - 1$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} i! \cdot i = \left(\sum_{i=0}^k i! \cdot i \right) + ((k + 1)! \cdot (k + 1)) \quad (1)$$

$$= (k + 1)! - 1 + (k + 1)! \cdot (k + 1) \quad (\text{By the induction hypothesis}) \quad (2)$$

$$= (k + 1)! + (k + 1)! \cdot (k + 1) - 1 \quad (3)$$

$$= (k + 1)! \cdot (1 + (k + 1)) - 1 \quad (4)$$

$$= (k + 1)! \cdot (k + 2) - 1 \quad (5)$$

$$= (k + 2)! - 1 \quad (6)$$

$$= (k + 1 + 1)! - 1 \quad (7)$$

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(c) Claim: For $x \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n =$ the number of digits in x , $x \geq$ the sum of the digits of x

Proof. (induction on n , the number of digits of x)

(Base Step, $n = 1$, x has one digit):

$$\text{Since } x \text{ has one digit } x < 10 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Since } x < 10 \text{ and the number of digits of } x \text{ is } 1, \text{ the sum of the digits is } x \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Since the sum of the digits of } x \text{ is } x, \text{ we know } x \geq \text{the sum of the number of digits} \quad (3)$$

(Inductive Step):

Assume for some $x_1 \in \mathbb{N}$, $k =$ the number of digits in x_1 , $x_1 \geq$ the sum of the digits of x_1

$$\text{Let } c = \text{some natural number} < 10 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } x_2 = x_1 + c \cdot 10^k \quad (x_2 = x_1 \text{ with } c \text{ added to the beginning, } k + 1 \text{ digits}) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{So, } \text{sum}(x_2) = \text{sum}(x_1) + c \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } x_2 \geq \text{sum}(x_2) \quad (\text{by the Induction Hypothesis and } c \cdot 10^k \geq c) \quad (4)$$

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3. Question Three

(a) The minimum value where $f(x) = g(x)$ is 10^{12}

(b) A value where $f(x) > g(x)$ is 19

4. Claim: For every positive real number a where $a \geq e$, there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n \geq m$, $n! > a^n$

Proof.

Choose $a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \geq e$ (1)

Suppose $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \geq m$ (2)

Since half of the numbers that are being multiplied in $n!$ are greater than $\frac{n}{2}$, (3)

we know $\frac{n}{2}$ numbers of $n!$ are greater than $\frac{n}{2}$

Since $\frac{n}{2}$ numbers are greater than $\frac{n}{2}$, we know $n! > \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}$ (4)

Since $n! > \frac{n}{2}$, we know $n! > \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}$ (5)

Since $n \geq m$, we know $\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \geq \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}$ (6)

Since $\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \geq \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}$, we know $n! > \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}$ (7)

Since $\left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} = \left(\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}}\right)^n$, we know $n! > \left(\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}}\right)^n$ (8)

Let $m > 2a^2$ (9)

Since $m > 2a^2$, we know $\frac{m}{2} > a^2$ (10)

Since $\frac{m}{2} > a^2$, we know $\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} > a$ (11)

Since $\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} > a$, we know $\left(\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}}\right)^n > a^n$ (12)

Since $\left(\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}}\right)^n > a^n$, we know $n! > a^n$ (13)

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5. Question Five - Combinatorics

(a) $10! = 3628800$

(b) $\frac{50!}{(50-5)!} = 254251200$

(c) $50^5 = 312500000$

(d) $\frac{20!}{16!} = 116280$

(e) $\frac{20!}{15!} = 15504$

6. Question Six

(a) $52! = 8.0658 \times 10^{67}$ (68 digits)

(b) I personally do not think every permutation of a 52 deck card has been used. Despite how often cards are used in western culture and for how long they have been, I really do not believe it would be possible for $52!$ permutations to have been used because of the gigantic number it is.

7. Claim: For any non-empty set A of size n and any integer r with $n \geq r \geq 1$, there are $\frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$ permutations of length r using values taken from A

Proof. (induction on n)

(Base Step, $r = 1$):

$$\frac{n!}{(n-1)!} = \frac{n \cdot (n-1)!}{(n-1)!} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{n}{1} \quad (2)$$

$$= n \quad (3)$$

(Inductive Step):

Assume there are $\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$ permutations for some length $k \geq 1$ using values taken from A , a set of length n

$$\frac{n!}{(n - (k + 1))!} = \frac{n!}{(n - k - 1)!} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{n!}{\frac{(n-k) \cdot (n-k-1)!}{(n-k)}} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \cdot (n-k) \quad (3)$$

$$(4)$$

Since there are $\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$ permutations for some length k (by the Induction Hypothesis), there are $n - k$ possibilities to create a new permutation of length $k + 1$ from every permutation of length k , therefore there are $\frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \cdot (n - k)$ permutations for length $k + 1$ \square