

CSE 311 Quiz 7

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0. Let $P(n) = f(n) = n$. I prove $P(n) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ by strong induction.

Base cases: $f(0) = 0$, and $f(1) = 1$, so we may conclude $P(0)$, $P(1)$.

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose $P(0) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)$ for an arbitrary $k \geq 1$.

Inductive Step: We see that as $k + 1 \geq 2$, we have to use the last definition for $f(k + 1)$. So we see that $f(k + 1) = 2f(k) - f(k - 1) = 2k - (k - 1)$ by the inductive hypothesis. We conclude that $f(k + 1) = k + 1$ by algebra. As this is what $P(k + 1)$ asserts, we see that $P(n)$ holds for all integer $n \geq 1$.

1. Let $P(n) = 6n + 6 < 2^n$. We prove $P(n) \forall n \geq 6$ by induction.

Base case: $6 \cdot 6 + 6 = 42 < 2^6 = 64$ so we see that $P(6)$ holds.

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose $P(k)$ for an arbitrary $k \geq 6$.

Inductive Step: We notice that $6(k + 1) + 6 = 6k + 6 + 6 < 2^k + 6$ by the inductive hypothesis. We also note that $6 < 2^6 \leq 2^k$, because $k \geq 6$, and 2^z is an increasing function. So $6(k + 1) + 6 < 2^k + 6 \leq 2^k + 2^k = 2^{k+1}$, which is what $P(k + 1)$ asserts. We conclude that $P(n)$ holds for all integer $n \geq 6$ by induction.

3 b) Let $P(x) = \text{leaves}(x) \geq \text{size}(x)/2 + 1/2$. We prove $P(x)$ for all trees x by structural induction. **Base case:** $\text{size}(\bullet)/2 + 1/2 = 1/2 + 1/2 = 1 \leq \text{leaves}(\bullet) = 1$, so we see that $P(\bullet)$ is true.

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose L, R are trees, and suppose $P(L), P(R)$. We notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{leaves}((L, R, \bullet)) &= \text{leaves}(L) + \text{leaves}(R) \\ &\geq \text{size}(L)/2 + 1/2 + \text{size}(R)/2 + 1/2 && ((\text{I.H.})) \\ &= 1/2(\text{size}(L) + \text{size}(R) + 1) + 1/2 \\ &= 1/2\text{size}(\text{Tree}(\bullet, L, R)) + 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

Which is precisely what $P(\text{Tree}(\bullet, L, R))$ states. So we may conclude that $P(x)$ holds for all trees x by structural induction.