

HW1

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1. Use mathematical induction to prove the following statements

(a)

$$\forall_n \geq 1, \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = (\sum_{i=1}^n i)^2$$

lemma: $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2}$ where $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Base Case: $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1 = \frac{1^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

Inductive Hypothesis: $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2}$

Inductive Steps:

Using induction on n

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

So therefore the lemma is true for all natural numbers n greater than 1.

With the lemma we can solve the proof easier

Base Case: For $n = 1$ would be $\sum_{i=1}^1 i^3 = 1^3 = 1$. $(\sum_{i=1}^1 i)^2 = 1$.

Inductive Hypothesis: From the base n is true for $\forall_n \geq 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = (\sum_{i=1}^n i)^2$

Inductive Step: Using lemma we can re-write this to $(\frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n i^3$

We will first add $n+1$, $(\frac{(n+1)^2}{2} + \frac{(n+1)}{2})^2 = \frac{n^4}{4} + \frac{3n^3}{2} + \frac{13n^2}{4} + 3n + 1$. Now we will do $(\frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2})^2 + (n+1)^3 = \frac{n^4}{4} + \frac{3n^3}{2} + \frac{13n^2}{4} + 3n + 1$. So therefore $\forall_n \geq 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = (\sum_{i=1}^n i)^2$ is true for all natural numbers for n greater than or equal to 1.

(b) $\forall_n \geq 4, 2^n < n!$

Basis: for $n = 4$ $2^4 = 16$ and $4! = 24$

Inductive Hypothesis: $\forall n \geq 4, 2^n < n!$ is true for n .

Inductive Step: $2^{n+1} = 2^n * 2$. $(n + 1)! = n! * (n + 1)$ Since we know from the inductive hypothesis that $\forall n \geq 4, 2^n < n!$ so for this to remain true the right side and the left would need to be multiplied by the same value or the right would need to be multiplied by a greater value. The left is multiplied by 2 and the right is multiplied by $(n + 1)$. We know that n has to be 4 or greater so we know $(n + 1) \geq 2$ so therefore $\forall n \geq 4, 2^n < n!$ for all natural numbers n .

2. Refer to the definition of Full Binary Tree from the notes. For a Full Binary Tree T , we use $n(T)$, $h(T)$, $i(T)$ and $l(T)$ to refer to number of nodes, height, number of internal nodes (non-leaf nodes) and number of leaves respectively. Note that the height of a tree with single node is 1 (not zero). Using structural induction, prove the following:

(a) For every Full Binary Tree T , $n(T) \geq h(T)$.

Basis: For a tree T with a single root node has a height 1. It has a single node and $1 = 1$ so for $n(T) \geq h(T)$ is true.

Inductive Hypothesis: $n(T) \geq h(T)$ is true is true for single root node tree T .

Inductive Step: Suppose you have a tree T that $n(T) \geq h(T)$ is true. If we want to add more nodes to the tree and for it to also be a full binary tree we must add two nodes per leaf node. The root node doesn't have a parent node so its child nodes are the first nodes to branch into two different child nodes. So starting from the root's direct child node one layer difference thus $(h(T) - 1)^2$ equals the number of leaf nodes. So increase the height of the tree by 1 would require two nodes for every leaf node thus for the tree with increased height T_a . So $h(T_a) = h(T) + 1$ and $n(T_a) = n(T) * 2$. So $n(T) * 2 \geq h(T) + 1$ is true by the inductive hypothesis because we already know $n(T) \geq h(T)$ and $n(T)$ is being multiplied by 2 and $h(T)$ is only added by 1. So the left side which is bigger is being increased more than the right so therefore $n(T) \geq h(T)$ is true for all complete binary search trees T .