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1. Let f_n be the n -th Fibonacci sequence, $f_{n+2} = f_{n+1} + f_n$

a. $f_1 = f_2 = 1$, prove that $f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n = f_{n+2} - 1$

b. $f_1 = a, f_2 = b$, prove that $f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n = f_{n+2} - b$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{1. a. } f_{n+2} &= f_{n+1} + f_n = (f_n + f_{n-1}) + (f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}) = (f_n + f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}) + (f_{n-2} + f_{n-3}) \\ &= (f_n + f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} + f_{n-3}) + (f_{n-3} + f_{n-4}) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= (f_n + f_{n-1} + \dots + f_3) + (f_3 + f_2) \\ &= (f_n + f_{n-1} + \dots + f_2) + (f_2 + f_1) \\ &= f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n + f_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\because f_2 = 1 \quad \therefore f_{n+2} - f_2 = f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n = f_{n+2} - 1$$

b. the same as a.

$$f_{n+2} = f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n + f_2 \quad \because f_2 = b$$

$$\therefore f_{n+2} - f_2 = f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n = f_{n+2} - b$$

2. Find and prove closed form formulas for generating functions

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots$$

of the following sequences

(a) $a_n = a^n$, where $a \in \mathbf{R}$;

(b) $a_n = \binom{m}{n}$, where $m \in \mathbf{N}$;

(c) $a_n = f_n$, where f_n is the n -th Fibonacci number (assume $f_0 = 0, f_1 = f_2 = 1$)

2.(a) let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n x^n$, Then $ax f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{n+1} x^{n+1} = f(x) - 1$

hence $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-ax}$

(b) let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{m}{n} x^n$. Note that this sum is, in fact, finite. One of the definitions of binomial coefficients implies that $f(x) = (1+x)^m$

(Base case: $\binom{1}{0} + \binom{1}{1}x = (1+x)^1$
 Step: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+1}{n} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\binom{m}{n-1} x^n + \binom{m}{n} x^n) = x(1+x)^m + (1+x)^m = (1+x)^{m+1}$)

by induction. to prove.

(c) $f(x) = f_0 + f_1 x + f_2 x^2 + f_3 x^3 + \dots$ | $\because f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$

$x f(x) = f_0 x + f_1 x^2 + f_2 x^3 + \dots$ | $\therefore f(x) = x + x f(x) + x^2 f(x)$

$x^2 f(x) = f_0 x^2 + f_1 x^3 + \dots$ | $\therefore f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x-x^2}$

when $x=1$ $f(1) = f_0 + f_1 + f_2 + \dots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i$

$\therefore f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x-x^2}$ is the closed form formula of sequence
 $a_n = f_n$

3. Using the formula

$$\binom{n}{m} = \frac{n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots (n-m+1)}{m \cdot (m-1) \cdot (m-2) \cdots 2 \cdot 1}$$

p is a prime number.

① Prove that $\binom{p}{k}$ is divisible by p for $0 < k < p$;

② Deduce by induction on n that $n^p \equiv_p n$. (${}_p n$ means $n \pmod{p}$)

3. ① $\binom{p}{k} = \frac{p \cdot (p-1) \cdot (p-2) \cdots (p-k+1)}{k \cdot (k-1) \cdot (k-2) \cdots 2 \cdot 1}$ we will prove it is an integer.

when $k=1$, $C_p^{k-1} = C_p^0 = 1$, $C_p^k = C_p^1 = p$ it is an integer.

assume, $k > 1$, C_p^{k-1} and C_p^k are integers. we will recurse on k .

when $k = k+1$ $C_p^{k+1} = C_{p-1}^{k+1} + C_{p-1}^k$ according to n , we know that C_{p-1}^k is an integer
 $C_{p-1}^{k+1} = C_{p-2}^{k+1} + C_{p-2}^k$ $C_{p-2}^{k+1} = C_{p-3}^{k+1} + C_{p-3}^k$... } $C_p^{k+1} = C_{n+1-i}^{k+1} + \sum_i C_{n+1-i}^k$
 $C_{p-i}^{k+1} = C_{p-1-i}^{k+1} + C_{p-1-i}^k$ } $C_{p-1-(k+1)} = 0$
 when $i=0$ $C_p^{k+1} = 1 + C_{p-1}^k$ $\therefore C_{p-i}^{k+1} = 1$ $\therefore \sum_{i=0}^k C_{p-i}^k$ always is an integer.

$\therefore p$ is a prime number, $0 < k < p$

$\therefore p$ has not factors except 1 and p .

② $n^p \equiv n \pmod{p}$: Base: when $n=1$ $1 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ always true.

assume, $n^p \equiv n \pmod{p}$

now, to prove $(n+1)^p \equiv (n+1) \pmod{p}$

$$(1+n)^p = C_p^0 n^0 + C_p^1 n^1 + C_p^2 n^2 + \dots + C_p^p n^p$$

$\therefore p$ is a prime number $\therefore C_p^1 n^1 + C_p^2 n^2 + \dots + C_p^{p-1} n^{p-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

$$C_p^p n^p = n^p \equiv n \pmod{p} \quad C_p^0 n^0 = 1 \quad 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore (1+n)^p = (1+0+0+\dots+n) \pmod{p} = (n+1) \pmod{p}$$

4. Using the identity

$$(1+x)^n (1+x)^n = (1+x)^{2n}$$

① Prove that

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \binom{n}{n-m} = \binom{2n}{n}$$

② Deduce that

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}$$

$$4. (1+x)^n (1+x)^n$$

$$= [C_n^0 \cdot 1 + C_n^1 x + C_n^2 x^2 + \dots + C_n^n x^n] \cdot [C_n^0 \cdot 1 + C_n^1 x + C_n^2 x^2 + \dots + C_n^n x^n]$$

we will obtain the coefficient of x^n

$$\text{so } C_n^0 \cdot 1 \cdot C_n^n x^n + C_n^1 x \cdot C_n^{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$+ \dots + C_n^k x^k \cdot C_n^{n-k} x^{n-k} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_k C_n^k \cdot C_n^{n-k} x^n$$

$$\sum_k C_n^k \cdot C_n^{n-k} = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \binom{n}{n-m}$$

$$\text{For } (1+x)^{2n}, \text{ we obtain the coefficient of } x^n : C_{2n}^n x^n \therefore C_{2n}^n = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \binom{n}{n-m} = \binom{2n}{n}$$

② First, we will prove $\binom{n}{m} = \binom{n}{n-m}$

$$\therefore \binom{n}{m} = \frac{n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots (n-m+1)}{m \cdot (m-1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1} \quad \text{---} \quad \frac{n \cdot (n-1) \cdots (n+1)}{(n-m) \cdot (n-m-1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1} = \binom{n}{n-m}$$

Multiply their numerator and denominator by each other.

we will find they are both $n!$. so $\binom{n}{m} = \binom{n}{n-m} \Rightarrow \binom{n}{m} = \binom{n}{n-m}$

Second, according to ①, so $\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \binom{n}{n-m} = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \binom{n}{m} = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}$

5. Find all solutions, if any, solutions to the system

$$x \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \quad ①$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{10} \quad ②$$

$$x \equiv 8 \pmod{15} \quad ③$$

$$5. \quad ① \quad x \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \quad \text{let } x = 6k + 5$$

$$② \quad 6k + 5 \equiv 3 \pmod{10} \quad 6k \equiv (-2) \pmod{10} \quad 3k \equiv (-1) \pmod{5}$$

$$k \equiv (-2) \pmod{5} \quad k = 5v - 2 \quad \therefore x = 30v - 7$$

$$③ \quad 30v - 7 \equiv 8 \pmod{15} \quad 30v \equiv 15 \pmod{15} \quad \text{This equation is always true}$$

so we conclude that $x = 30v + 23$ or $x \equiv 23 \pmod{30}$

6. Show steps to find;

(a) the greatest common divisor of 1234567 and 7654321.

(b) the greatest common divisor of $2^3 3^5 5^7 7^9 11$ and $2^9 3^7 5^5 7^3 13$

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad 7654321 &= 1234567 \times 6 + 246891 & \text{GCD}(1234567, 7654321) \\ 1234567 &= 246891 \times 4 + 246891 & = \text{GCD}(1234567, 246891) \\ 246891 &= 246891 \times 1 + 19 & = \text{GCD}(246891, 19) \\ 246891 &= 19 \times 12994 + 5 & = \text{GCD}(246891, 19) \\ 19 &= 5 \times 3 + 4 & = \text{GCD}(19, 5) \end{aligned}$$

$$5 = 4 \times 1 + 1$$

$$= \text{GCD}(5, 4)$$

$$4 = 1 \times 4 + 0$$

$$= \text{GCD}(4, 1) = \text{GCD}(1, 0)$$

the greatest common divisor is 1.

$$\text{GCD}(2^9 3^7 5^3 7^3 13, 2^3 3^5 5^7 7^9 11)$$

$$= \text{GCD}(2^6 3^2 13, 5^2 7^6 11) \times 2^3 3^5 5^5 7^3$$

$\therefore 2^6 3^2 13$ and $5^2 7^6 11$ have no common divisor

\therefore the greatest common divisor is $2^3 3^5 5^5 7^3$

7. Label the first prime number 2 as P_1 . Label the second prime number 3 as P_2 . Similarly, label the n -th prime number as P_n . Prove that $P_n < 2^{2^n}$ for an arbitrary $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$. (Hint: consider $P_1 P_2 P_3 \dots P_{n-1} + 1$.)

First, we prove ' $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}^+ (x > 1)$ is a product of primes

Assume this is true, set $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

if n is a prime, then it's done

if n is not a prime, let $n = k \cdot m$ where $k = p_1 p_2 \dots p_k$

$p_1 p_2 \dots p_k$ and $q_1 q_2 \dots q_m$ are all primes here. $m = q_1 q_2 \dots q_m$

then $n = p_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_k \cdot q_1 q_2 \dots q_m$, also a product of primes

so it is proved

Second, $P_1 = 2$ $P_2 = 3$ $P_3 = 5$ $P_4 = 7$ - - -

$$P_3 < P_1 P_2 + 1 \quad P_4 < P_1 P_2 P_3 + 1 \quad - - -$$

$$P_n < P_1 P_2 \dots P_{n-1} + 1 \quad \text{Base: } n=1 \quad P_1 = 2 < 2^2$$

$$\text{let } f_n = P_1 P_2 \dots P_n \quad f_1 = P_1 = 2 \quad f_2 = P_1 P_2 = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$$

$$f_n < 2^{2^n}$$

assume $P_n < 2^{2^n}$, we consider about P_{n+1}
 $P_{n+1} \leq P_1 P_2 P_3 \dots P_{n+1}$ $P_1 P_2 \dots P_n < 2^1 \cdot 2^2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2^n = 2^{1+2+\dots+2^n}$
 $2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = \frac{2-(1-2^{n+1})}{1-2} = 2^{n+1} - 2$

$\therefore P_{n+1} < 2^{2^{n+1}-2} + 1$, we will compare $2^{2^{n+1}-2} + 1$ with $2^{2^{n+1}}$

$2^{2^{n+1}-2} + 1 < 2^{2^{n+1}}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$

$\therefore P_{n+1} < 2^{2^{n+1}}$ Through the recursion, we prove that $P_n < 2^{2^n}$

8. In a round-robin tournament, every team plays every other team exactly once and each match has a winner and a loser. We say that the team p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m form a cycle if p_1 beats p_2 , p_2 beats p_3 , and p_m beats p_1 . Show that if there is a cycle of length m ($m > 3$) among the players in a round-robin tournament, there must be a cycle of three of these players. (Hint: Use well-ordering principle.)

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8. we assume we have a minimum player teams of a cycle, which have a length of m ($m > 3$)

assume we have k teams. P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k ($k \geq m$)

first of all, we know that P_1 beats P_2 , P_2 beats P_3 , \dots , P_{k-1} beats P_k , P_k beats P_1

secondly, we take out P_1, P_{k-1}, P_k

case 1: (P_1 beats P_{k-1}) P_1, P_{k-1}, P_k are a circle of three (contradiction)

case 2: (P_{k-1} beats P_1) we take out P_1, P_{k-2}, P_{k-1}

In case 2: we have case 3. case 4. we take out P_1, P_{k-2}, P_{k-1}

case 3: (P_1 beats P_{k-2}) P_1, P_{k-2}, P_{k-1} are a circle of three (contradiction)

case 4: (P_{k-2} beats P_1), P_1, P_{k-3}, P_{k-2}

Through case 2 and case 4, we will find the base.

base: when $k=4$ P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4

If P_1 beats P_3 , P_1, P_3, P_4 is a circle (contradiction)

If P_3 beats P_1 , we will consider P_1, P_2, P_3 , it contradicts.

so, we find that the base is contrary to the hypothetical proposition.
we will recurse on k .

then, we assume case 1 is contrary to the hypothetical proposition.

when $k=k+1$, we take P_1, P_k, P_{k+1}

if P_1 beats P_k , P_1, P_k, P_{k+1} is a circle.

it is contrary to the hypothetical proposition.

if P_k beats P_1 , it is the case 1.

it is contrary to the hypothetical proposition.

so no matter k ($k \geq 4$) is what, it always has a cycle of length ($=3$)

it goes against the hypothetical proposition.

so, there must be a cycle of three of these teams