

# VE203 Assignment 2

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## Exercise 2.1

i)

$$n + (m + 1) := \text{succ}(n + m)$$

ii)

$$2 + 2 = \text{succ}(1) + \text{succ}(1) = \text{succ}(0) + 1 + \text{succ}(0) + 1 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$4 = \text{succ}(3) = \text{succ}(2) + 1 = \text{succ}(1) + 1 + 1 = \text{succ}(0) + 1 + 1 + 1 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$$

So  $2 + 2 = 4$  is proved.

iii) (I) for  $n = 1, m = 0, n + m = 1, m + n = 1$ , so it is true.

(II) for  $n = 1, m = k \in N$ , suppose  $1 + k = k + 1$ .

Then for  $n = 1, m = k + 1$ ,

$m + n = k + 1 + 1 = 1 + k + 1 = n + m$ , so it is true.

(III) for  $n = k \in N, m \in N$ , suppose  $m + k = k + m$ .

Then for  $n = k + 1, m \in N$ ,

$m + n = m + k + 1 = k + m + 1 = k + 1 + m = n + m$ , so it is true.

As (I) - (III) are true, so the statement is proved.

## Exercise 2.2

(I) for  $n = 1, 2, a_1 = 3 - 2 = 1, a_2 = 6 + 2 = 8$ , so it is true.

(II) for  $n > 2$ , suppose it is true

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1} &= a_n + 2a_{n-1} = 3 \cdot (2^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 2^{n-2}) + 2(-1)^n + 2 \cdot 2(-1)^{n-1} \\ &= 3 \cdot 2^n + 2(-1)^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

So it is true.

As (I) and (II) are true, so the statement is proved.

## Exercise 2.3

Suppose the Well-Order-Principle is false, then there exist a non-empty set  $S \subset N$  which doesn't have a least element.

(I) If the set have element 0, then 0 will be a least element. So 0 is not in the set.

- (II) Suppose the set have element  $n$ , and doesn't have elements in  $[0, n)$ , then  $n$  will be a least element and  $n$  is not in the set.  
Further, we can find that  $n + 1$  is not in the set.

Therefore, all natural numbers are not in the set, which is contradicted with the condition that it is a non-empty set. So the Well-Order-Principle is true.

## Exercise 2.4

Suppose  $(1 + x)^n \geq nx + 1$

(I) for  $n = 0$ ,  $(1 + x)^n = 1 \geq 1 = nx + 1$ , so it is true.

(II) for  $n > 0$ , suppose it is true,

$$\begin{aligned}(1 + x)^{n+1} &= (1 + x)(1 + x)^n \geq (1 + x)(nx + 1) = nx^2 + nx + x + 1 \\ &\quad (n + 1)x + 1 = nx + x + 1\end{aligned}$$

Since  $x > -1$ ,

$$nx^2 + nx + x + 1 \geq nx + x + 1$$

So it is true.

As (I) and (II) are true, so  $(1 + x)^n \geq nx + 1$  is proved.

And we can simply find that  $(1 + x)^n \geq nx$  is true.

## Exercise 2.5

(I) for  $n = 1$ ,  $1 = 2^0$ , so it is true.

(II) Suppose that for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , the statement is true,  
then for  $n + 1$ , we should consider whether it is even or odd.

When it is even,  $\frac{n+1}{2} \in [1, n] \cap N$ , since  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  can be written as distinct powers of 2, we can write  $n + 1$  by adding each of the power by 1.

When it is odd,  $\frac{n}{2} \in [1, n] \cap N$ , since  $\frac{n}{2}$  can be written as distinct powers of 2, we can write  $n$  by adding each of the power by 1. Then we can write  $n + 1$  by adding  $2^0$ .

So it is true.

As (I) and (II) are true, so the statement is proved.

## Exercise 2.6

Suppose  $(a, b) \in S$  implies  $5 \mid a + b$

(I) for  $(0, 0) \in S$ ,  $5 \mid 0 + 0$ , so it is true.

(II) for  $(a, b) \in S$ , suppose  $5 \mid a + b$ , and  $(a, b) \in S$  implies  $((a + 2, b + 3) \in S) \wedge ((a + 3, b + 2) \in S)$ , which means for  $(a + 2, b + 3)$  and  $(a + 3, b + 2)$ ,  $a + 2 + b + 3 = a + 3 + b + 2 = a + b + 5$ . Since  $5 \mid a + b$ , it is clear that  $5 \mid a + b + 5$   
So it is true.

As (I) and (II) are true,  $(a, b) \in S$  implies  $5 \mid a + b$  is proved.

## Exercise 2.7

|                    | reflexive | symmetric | transitive |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| $x + y = 0$        | F         | T         | F          |
| $2 (x - y)$        | T         | T         | T          |
| $xy = 0$           | F         | T         | F          |
| $x = 1$ or $y = 1$ | F         | T         | F          |
| $x = \pm y$        | T         | T         | T          |
| $x = 2y$           | F         | F         | F          |
| $xy \geq 0$        | F         | T         | F          |
| $x = 1$            | F         | F         | T          |