

Problem 2.32

Prove that

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \min(k, x \dot{-} k) = \sum_{k \geq 0} (x \dot{-} (2k + 1)) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

where $a \dot{-} b = \max(0, a - b)$

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} A_k = \sum_{k \geq 0} B_k$$

Derivation using Iverson brackets:

$$\max(0, x \dot{-} k) = 0[0 > x - k] + (x - k)[x - k \geq 0] = (x - k)[x - k \geq 0]$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_k &= \min(k, x \dot{-} k) \\ &= \min(k, \max(0, x - k)) \\ &= k[k < \max(0, x - k)] + \max(0, x - k)[k \geq \max(0, x - k)] = \\ &= k[k < (x - k)[x - k \geq 0]] + (x - k)[x - k \geq 0][k \geq (x - k)[x - k \geq 0]] \end{aligned}$$

Case I $x - k \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} A_k &= k[k < x - k] + (x - k)[x - k \geq 0][k \geq x - k] \\ &= k\left[k < \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor\right] + (x - k)[x - k \geq 0]\left[k \geq \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor\right] \\ &= k\left[k < \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor\right] + (x - k)\left[k \geq \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor\right] \end{aligned}$$

Case II $x - k < 0$

$$\begin{aligned} A_k &= k[k < 0] + (x - k) \cdot 0 \cdot [k \geq 0] = 0 \\ A_k &= \begin{cases} 0 & , k > x \\ k & , 0 \leq k < \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor \\ x - k & , \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor \leq k \leq 2\left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor - 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The upper bound in the last branch above is the largest integer k that doesn't exceed x (if it did we'd be in the 1st branch instead, and all branches need to be disjoint).

$$\begin{aligned} B_k &= x \dot{-} (2k + 1) = \max(0, x - 2k - 1) \\ &= (x - 2k - 1)[x - 2k - 1 \geq 0] \\ &= (x - 2k - 1)\left[k \leq \left\lfloor \frac{x - 1}{2} \right\rfloor\right] \\ B_k &= \begin{cases} 0 & , k > \left\lfloor \frac{x - 1}{2} \right\rfloor \\ x - 2k - 1 & , 0 \leq k \leq \left\lfloor \frac{x - 1}{2} \right\rfloor \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Suppose } 2n \leq x < 2n + 1 \implies \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor = n, \left\lfloor \frac{x - 1}{2} \right\rfloor = n - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \geq 0} A_k &= \sum_{0 \leq k < \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor} k + \sum_{\left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor \leq k \leq 2\left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor - 1} (x - k) \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n - 1} k + \sum_{n \leq k \leq 2n - 1} (x - k) \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n - 1} k + \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n - 1} (x - k - n) \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n - 1} (k + x - k - n) \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n - 1} (x - n) = n(x - n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \geq 0} B_k &= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq \left\lfloor \frac{x - 1}{2} \right\rfloor} (x - 2k - 1) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n - 1} x - 2 \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n - 1} k - \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n - 1} 1 = \\ &= xn - n(n - 1) - n = xn - n^2 + n - n = xn - n^2 = n(x - n) \end{aligned}$$

TODO: Case $2n - 1 \leq x < 2n$