

1. Prove that if  $m$  is an even integer, then  $m + 7$  is odd. Do this proof in three ways: direct proof, proof by contraposition and proof by contradiction.

(a) Direct Proof: Assume that  $m$  is an even integer. Then  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m = 2k$ . Then  $m + 7 = 2k + 7 = 2k + 6 + 1 = 2k + 2 \times 3 + 1 = 2(k + 3) + 1$ . Since  $k$  and  $3$  are integers,  $k + 3$  is an integer, so  $2(k + 3)$  is an even integer. Hence  $m + 7 = 2(k + 3) + 1$  is an odd integer. ■

(b) Proof by Contraposition: We will prove that if  $m + 7$  is an even integer, then  $m$  is an odd integer. Proof: If  $m + 7$  is even, then  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m + 7 = 2k$ . Thus  $m = 2k - 7 = 2k - 2 \times 3 - 1 = 2(k - 3) - 1$ . Since  $k$  and  $3$  are integers,  $k - 3$  is an integer, so  $2(k - 3)$  is an even integer. Hence  $m = 2(k - 3) - 1$  is an odd integer. ■

(c) Proof by Contradiction: Assume  $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m$  is even and  $m + 7$  is even. Then  $\exists k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m = 2k$  and  $m + 7 = 2j$ . Thus  $m = 2k$  and  $m = 2j - 7$ , so that  $2k = 2j - 7$ , or  $2(k - j) = -7$ . Since  $k$  and  $j$  are integers,  $k - j$  is an integer, thus  $-7$  is an even integer, a contradiction. Thus the assumption is false, and the original statement is true. ■

2. Using proof by contradiction, prove that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, 4 \nmid (n^2 + 2)$

Suppose that  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, 4 \mid (n^2 + 2)$ . By definition of divisibility,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $4k = n^2 + 2$ . Rewrite as  $n^2 = 4k - 2 = 2(k - 1)$ , which indicates that  $n^2$  is even and thus  $n$  is even. By definition of even numbers,  $\exists q \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $n^2 = (2q)^2 = 4q^2$ .  $n^2 = 4q^2$  indicates that  $n^2$  is divisible by  $4$ . Previously, we assumed  $n^2 + 2$  is also divisible by  $4$ .  $n^2$  and  $n^2 + 2$  can not both be divisible by  $4$ , hence contradiction. ■

3. Using induction, prove that for all integers  $n \geq 1, 2^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by  $3$ , i.e.  $3 \mid 2^{2n} - 1$

Base case:  $n = 1: 2^{2 \times 1} - 1 = 3$  and  $3 \mid 3$ .

Inductive hypothesis: assume  $3 \mid 2^{2k} - 1 \implies 2^{2k} - 1 = 3q, q \in \mathbb{Z}$

Prove for  $k + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{2(k+1)} - 1 &= 2^{2k+2} - 1 \\ &= 2^{2k} \times 4 - 1 \\ &= 2^{2k} \times 3 + 2^{2k} - 1 \\ &= 2^{2k} \times 3 + 3q \\ &= (2^{2k} + q) \times 3 \end{aligned}$$

$q \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $2^{2k} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , thus  $3 \mid 2^{2(k+1)} - 1$ . ■

4. Given sets  $A, B$ , and  $C$  in the same universe, determine if each of the following statements is true or false. If it is true, then prove it. If it is false, then give a counter example.

(a)  $C \subseteq A \wedge C \subseteq B \rightarrow C \subseteq A \cup B$

Proof: Let  $x \in C$ . Since  $C \subseteq A$  and  $C \subseteq B$ ,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ . Thus by definition,  $x \in A \cup B$ . ■

(b)  $C \subseteq A \cup B \rightarrow C \subseteq A \cap C \subseteq B$

This is false. A counter example is given for example by  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4\}$  and  $C = \{2, 3\}$ .

(c)  $A^c \cap (A \cup B) = B \setminus A$ .

Algebraic proof:  $A^c \cap (A \cup B) = (A^c \cap A) \cup (A^c \cap B) = \emptyset \cup (A^c \cap B) = A^c \cap B = B \setminus A$ . ■

Alternatively: show that  $A^c \cap (A \cup B) \subseteq A \setminus B$  and  $A \setminus B \subseteq A^c \cap (A \cup B)$

$A^c \cap (A \cup B) \subseteq A \setminus B$ : Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element in  $A^c \cap (A \cup B)$ , by definition,  $x \in A^c$  and  $x \in (A \cup B)$ , which is equivalent to  $x \notin A$  and  $(x \in A \text{ or } x \in B)$ , and it follows that  $x \notin A$  and  $x \in B$ , which is by definition  $x \in B \setminus A$

$A \setminus B \subseteq A^c \cap (A \cup B)$ : Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element in  $A \setminus B$ . by definition,  $x \in B$  and  $x \notin A$ .  
 $x \in B \rightarrow x \in (A \cup B)$  and  $x \notin A \rightarrow x \in A^c$ . Thus  $x \in (A \cup B)$  and  $x \in A^c$ , by definition,  
 $x \in A^c \cap (A \cup B)$ . ■

5. Prove that give a set  $S$ , the cardinality of its power set is  $2^{|S|}$ .

Do an induction on  $|S|$ .

Base case:  $|S| = 0$ , which means  $S$  is the empty set. The power set of the empty set contains one element, the empty set itself. Thus  $|P(\emptyset)| = 1 = 2^0 = 2^{|\emptyset|}$ .

Inductive hypothesis:  $|S| = k$ , and  $|P(S)| = 2^k$

Prove for  $|S| = k + 1$ :

For the first  $k$  elements in  $S$ , we construct their power set, say  $P(S_k)$ , which by the inductive hypothesis, has  $2^k$  elements. All these elements must be in the power set of  $P(S)$ . The rest of the power set consist of all possible subsets that contain the  $(k + 1)$ -th element, and we form these subsets by adding the  $(k + 1)$ -th element to every set found in  $P(S_k)$ . And there are  $2^k$  of these subsets. Therefore  $|P(S)| = 2^k + 2^k = 2^{k+1}$ . ■

6. Prove that if  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are  $n$  distinct real numbers, exactly  $n - 1$  multiplications are needed to compute the product of these  $n$  numbers, no matter how parentheses are inserted into their product.

Proof by strong induction:

Base case:  $n = 1$ : The product  $a_1$  requires  $1 - 1 = 0$  multiplication.

Inductive hypothesis: assume that  $a_1 \times a_2 \times \dots \times a_k$  require  $k - 1$  multiplications,  $\forall k, 1 \leq k \leq n$ .

Inductive step: Consider the last multiplication (any last multiplication no matter how the parentheses are inserted) used to compute the product of  $a_1 \times a_2 \times \dots \times a_{n+1}$ . It must be the product of  $k$  of these numbers and  $n + 1 - k$  of these numbers, for some  $k, 1 \leq k \leq n$ . By the inductive hypothesis, those two products requires  $k - 1$  and  $n - k$  multiplications, respectively. Counting the last multiplication, the total multiplications needed for  $a_1 \times a_2 \times \dots \times a_{n+1}$  is thus  $(k - 1) + (n - k) + 1 = n = (n + 1) - 1$ . ■

7. For each of the following, give a *recursive* definition. Remember to indicate the initial terms or base:

(a)  $a_n = \sum_{i=0}^n i$

$a_0 = 0, a_k = a_{k-1} + k$

- (b) The sequence that generates the terms 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96, 192, ...

$a_0 = 3, a_k = 2a_{k-1}$

- (c) The set of non-negative even numbers

$0 \in S, x \in S \rightarrow x + 2 \in S$ , nothing else is in  $S$ .

- (d) The set of all even numbers

$0 \in S, x \in S \rightarrow x + 2 \in S \wedge x \in S \rightarrow x - 2 \in S$ , nothing else is in  $S$ .

8. Find explicit formulae for the following recursively defined sequences, and prove correctness using induction.

- (a)  $a_k = k - a_{k-1}, \forall k \geq 1, a_0 = 0$ .

$$a_0 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 1 - a_0 = 1 - 0 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 2 - a_1 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$a_3 = 3 - a_2 = 3 - 1 = 2$$

$$a_4 = 4 - a_3 = 4 - 2 = 2$$

$$a_5 = 5 - a_4 = 5 - 2 = 3$$

$$a_6 = 6 - a_5 = 6 - 3 = 3$$

Guess:  $a_k = \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil$

Proof by strong induction:

Base case:  $a_0 = 0 = \lceil \frac{0}{2} \rceil$

Inductive hypothesis:  $a_i = \lceil \frac{i}{2} \rceil, \forall i, 0 \leq i \leq k$

Inductive step:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{k+1} &= k + 1 - a_k && \text{by definition} \\
 &= k + 1 - \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil && \text{by inductive hypothesis} \\
 &= \begin{cases} k + 1 - \frac{k+1}{2} & \text{if } k + 1 \text{ is even (} k \text{ is odd)} \\ k + 1 - \frac{k}{2} & \text{if } k + 1 \text{ is odd (} k \text{ is even)} \end{cases} && \text{by definition of ceiling} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \frac{2(k+1)-(k+1)}{2} & \text{if } k + 1 \text{ is even} \\ \frac{2(k+1)-k}{2} & \text{if } k + 1 \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \frac{k+1}{2} & \text{if } k + 1 \text{ is even} \\ \frac{k+2}{2} & \text{if } k + 1 \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \\
 &= \lceil \frac{k+1}{2} \rceil && \text{by definition of ceiling}
 \end{aligned}$$

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(b)  $a_k = 2a_{k-2}, \forall k \geq 2, a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2.$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 &= 1 = 2^0 \\
 a_1 &= 2 = 2^1 \\
 a_2 &= 2a_0 = 2 \times 2^0 = 2^1 \\
 a_3 &= 2a_1 = 2 \times 2^1 = 2^2 \\
 a_4 &= 2a_2 = 2 \times 2^1 = 2^2 \\
 a_5 &= 2a_3 = 2 \times 2^2 = 2^3 \\
 a_6 &= 2a_4 = 2 \times 2^2 = 2^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Guess:  $a_k = 2^{\lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil}$

Proof by strong induction:

Base case:  $a_0 = 1 = 2^0 = 2^{\lceil \frac{0}{2} \rceil}$  and  $a_1 = 2 = 2^1 = 2^{\lceil \frac{1}{2} \rceil}$

Inductive hypothesis:  $a_i = 2^{\lceil \frac{i}{2} \rceil}, \forall i, 0 \leq i \leq k$

Inductive step:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{k+1} &= 2a_{k-1} && \text{by definition} \\
 &= 2 \times 2^{\lceil \frac{k-1}{2} \rceil} && \text{by inductive hypothesis} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 2 \times 2^{\frac{k-1}{2}} & \text{if } k - 1 \text{ is even} \\ 2 \times 2^{\frac{k-1+1}{2}} & \text{if } k - 1 \text{ is odd} \end{cases} && \text{by definition of ceiling} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 2^{\frac{k-1}{2}+1} & \text{if } k - 1 \text{ is even} \\ 2^{\frac{k}{2}+1} & \text{if } k - 1 \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}} & \text{if } k - 1 \text{ is even} \\ 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}} & \text{if } k - 1 \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}} & \text{if } k + 1 \text{ is even} \\ 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}} & \text{if } k + 1 \text{ is odd} \end{cases} && k + 1 \text{ and } k - 1 \text{ have the same parity} \\
 &= 2^{\lceil \frac{k+1}{2} \rceil} && \text{by definition of ceiling}
 \end{aligned}$$

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9. Prove the correctness of the following algorithm:

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[Pre-condition: i=1 and sum=0]
while(i<=100)
  sum := sum + i
  i := i + 1
end while
[Post-condition: sum = 1 + 2 + ... + 100]
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State your loop invariant clearly.

Loop invariant:  $I(n) : i = n + 1$  and  $sum = 1 + \dots + n$

(a) Base case:

$$I(0) : n = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} i = 0 + 1 = 1 & \text{by the loop invariant} \\ sum = 0 & \text{no addition performed, } 0 < 1 \end{cases}$$

which matches the pre-condition

(b) Inductive: Assume that before an arbitrary iteration  $k + 1$ ,  $I(k)$  is true, i.e.  $i = k + 1$  and  $sum = 1 + \dots + k$

loop iteration execution:

$$sum := sum + i \Rightarrow sum = 1 + \dots + k + (k + 1)$$

$$i := i + 1 \Rightarrow i = k + 2$$

Thus  $I(k + 1)$  is true after one loop iteration

(c) Eventual falsity of guard:  $i$  starts at 1 and is incremented at each iteration until  $\leq 100$  is violated, which is at  $I(100)$ .

(d) Correctness of post-condition:  $I(100) : i = 101$  and  $sum = 1 + \dots + 100$ , which matches the post-condition.

10. Given the following recursive definition of a set  $S$ :

- Basis:  $\lambda \in S$
- Recursive:  $x \in S \rightarrow axa \in S$

Prove using structural induction, that  $\forall s \in S, |s|$  is even.

Base case:  $|\lambda| = 0$ , 0 is even.

Inductive hypothesis: assume all strings of length  $n$  in  $S$  have even length, thus  $n$  is even.

Recursive step:

We construct  $s = axa$ , by the recursive definition, where  $|x| = n$ . Thus  $|s| = 1 + |x| + 1 = n + 2$ . By the inductive hypothesis,  $n$  is even,  $n + 2$  is also even, thus  $|s|$  is even.