

**Assignment 7 Solution**

**Ex1:**

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2^1 - 1}{2^1}$$

$$f(2) = \frac{3}{4} = \frac{2^2 - 1}{2^2}$$

$$f(3) = \frac{7}{8} = \frac{2^3 - 1}{2^3}$$

**Conjecture:**

$$f(n) = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n}$$

**Proof:**

Assume true for n, prove it is true for n+1

$$f(n + 1) = f(n) + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \left[ ? = \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^{n+1}} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(n + 1) &= \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \\ &= \frac{2 * (2^n - 1) + 1}{2^{n+1}} \\ &= \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

Proved!

**Ex2:**

**RTP:** 6 divides  $n^3 - n$  whenever n is a non-negative integer

- try for n = 0, and n = 1,  $n^3 - n = 0$ , which can be divided by 6 [ $0 = 6k$ , for  $\mathbf{k}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{Z}$ ,  $k = 0$ ]
- try for n = 2, and n = 1,  $n^3 - n = 8 - 2 = 6$ , which can be divided by 6 also [ $6 = 6k$ , for  $\mathbf{k}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{Z}$ ,  $k = 1$ ]

$$n^3 - n = n(n^2 - 1) = (n - 1) * n * (n + 1)$$

Now,

- if n is even, then  $n = 2k$  for some  $\mathbf{k}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{Z}$
- if n is odd, then  $n = 2k + 1$ , then  $n - 1 = 2k$ , for some  $\mathbf{k}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{Z}$
- **$\implies$ , whether n is odd or even,  $(n - 1) * n * (n + 1)$  is divisible by 2, i.e :  $(n - 1) * n * (n + 1) = 2j$  for some  $\mathbf{j}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{Z}$**

- if  $n$  is divisible by 3, then  $n = 3m$  for some  $m$  belongs to  $\mathbf{Z}$
- else if  $n$  is not divisible by 3, then  $n=3m+1$ , or  $n=3m+2$  for some  $m$  belongs to  $\mathbf{Z}$ 
  - if  $n = 3m+1$ , then  $n-1 = 3m$ , then  $n-1$  is divisible by 3
  - if  $n = 3m+2$ , then  $n+1 = 3m+3 = 3(m+1)$ , then  $n+1$  is divisible by 3
- **$\implies$  whether  $n$  is divisible by 3 or not,  $(n - 1) * n * (n + 1)$  is divisible by 3, i.e :  $(n - 1) * n * (n + 1) = 3i$  for some  $i$  belongs to  $\mathbf{Z}$**
- **then  $(n - 1) * n * (n + 1)$  is always divisible by 2 and 3, then**
- **$n^3 - n = (n - 1) * n * (n + 1) = 2 * 3 * p = 6p$ , for some  $p$  belongs to  $\mathbf{Z}$**

**Then  $n^3 - n$  is always divisible by 6**

### Ex3:

The problem is that it wasn't verified on a base case.

For  $n = 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1$ ,

but according to the given formula,  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = \frac{(1+\frac{1}{2})^2}{2} = 1.125$ , so it fails on base cases.

### Ex4:

Base Case:  $n = 1$ ,  $m > 1$ ,  $f : \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1\}$ , then there exists more than one value in the domain that maps to 1, then  $f$  is not 1:1 by definition

### Inductive Step:

Assume for all  $n < m$ ,  $f : \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then  $f$  is not 1:1

Show that it's still holds for  $n+1 < m$ , i.e:  $f : \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$  is also not 1:1

Case 1: if no value in domain maps to  $n+1$ , then the range can be shrunk to  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , **then  $f$  is not 1:1 from inductive step**

Case 2: if more than 1 value in domain maps to  $n+1$ , **then  $f$  is not 1:1 by def**

Case 3: exactly 1 value ( $k$ ) from domain maps to  $n+1$ , then we can remove  $k$  from domain and  $n+1$  from range [and replace  $k$  by  $m$ , without affecting the function], to have  $f : \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , i.e:  $f : \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , and  $m-1 > n$  since  $m > n+1$ , **then  $f$  is not 1:1 by inductive hypothesis**

Then in all cases  $f$  is not 1:1 when  $n < m$

### Ex5:

a) By using the 4-cent stamps, we can have 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24...

Starting with a 7, and by adding 4, we can have 7, 11, 15, 19, 23...

Starting with 2 7s, we can have 14, 18, 22...

By starting with 3 7s, we can have 21, 25, 29...

Since we had 4 numbers in a row, we can know the numbers that can be formed.  
We have 18, 19, 20 and 21

- ⇒ For  $n \geq 18$ , we can write any number by using only 4s and 7s and to prove that we use induction and strong induction in part b) and c)
- ⇒ The numbers that can be formed are 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and **any  $n \geq 18$**

b) RTP: For all  $k \geq 18$ ,  $k = 4a + 8b$  for  $a, b \geq 0$

$$18 = 2(7) + 4 \text{ [basis step]}$$

Assume it's true for  $k$ , prove it's true for  $k+1$

Case 1: if  $k$  has one or more 7s ( $b > 0$ ), then  $b-1 > 0$ ,  
 $4(a+2) + 7(b-1) = 4a + 7b + 1 = k+1$

Case 2: if  $k$  has no 7s ( $b=0$ ,  $k = 4a$ ), then  $a \geq 5$ , since  $k \geq 18$ , and  $18 = 4a$ , then  $a \geq 4.5$ , but  $a$  is integer, then  $a \geq 5$   
Then  $a-5 \geq 0$ , then  $4(a-5) + 7(3) = 4a + 1 = k+1$

Then in both cases we can move from build  $k+1$  from stamps of 4 and 7 if  $k \geq 18$ , by induction

c) RTP: we can write any number above 18 by only using 4s and 7s

Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition that postage of  $n$  cents can be formed using 4-cent and 7-cent stamps

- $P(18)$  uses 2 7s and 1 4 [basis]
- $P(19)$  uses 1 7 and 3 4s [basis]
- $P(20)$  uses 5 4s [basis]
- $P(21)$  uses 3 7s [basis]

Suppose  $P(j)$  holds for  $18 \leq j \leq k$  where  $k \geq 21$  [inductive step] [hypothesis]

RTP:  $P(k+1)$  holds

$$k \geq 21 \Rightarrow k - 3 \geq 18$$

- ⇒ We can form  $k - 3$  by only using 7s and 4s
- ⇒ By adding only 4, we form  $k + 1$  by only using 7s and 4s

In the mathematical induction, we supposed for a particular  $k$  that the hypothesis works, while in the strong induction we supposed that for all the values between 18 and  $k$  the hypothesis works

### Ex6:

Base Case:  $1 = 2^0$ ,  $3 = 2^0 + 2^1$

RTP: Any integer can be written as sum of distinct powers of 2

Inductive step:

Assume that for all  $k \leq n$ ,  $k = 2^{b_0} + 2^{b_1} + \dots + 2^{b_{m-1}} + 2^{b_m}$ ,  
such that all  $b_i$ s are distinct values

Show that  $k+1$  can also be written as a sum of distinct powers of 2

**Case 1:** if  $k$  is even, then there is no  $b_i=0$ , since  $2^x$  is even for all  $x > 0$ , and sum of even numbers is even, so  $k$  can have  $2^0$  in its sum... and  $k+2^0 = k+1$ , **then  $k+1$  can be written as sum of distinct powers of 2**

**Case 2:** if  $k$  is odd, then  $k+1$  is even, then  $(k+1)/2$  can be written as sum of distinct powers of 2 (By Strong Induction Hypothesis),  
then  $\frac{k+1}{2} = 2^{b_0} + 2^{b_1} + \dots + 2^{b_{m-1}} + 2^{b_m}$  where the powers of 2 are distinct  
then  $(k+1) = 2 * (2^{b_0} + 2^{b_1} + \dots + 2^{b_{m-1}} + 2^{b_m}) = 2^{1+b_0} + 2^{1+b_1} + \dots + 2^{1+b_{m-1}} + 2^{1+b_m}$ , then the powers of 2 are still distinct **then  $k+1$  can be written as sum of distinct powers of 2**

**in the two cases,  $k+1$  can be written as sum of distinct powers of 2**

**Ex7:**

RTP:  $2n^2 - 10n + 4 \geq 0$  whenever  $n \geq 5$

Base case:  $n=5$ ,  $2n^2 - 10n + 4 = 4 \geq 0$ , so true

Assume it holds for  $n$ , prove it true for  $n+1$

$$\begin{aligned} f(n+1) &= 2(n+1)^2 - 10(n+1) + 4 \\ &= 2(n^2 + 2n + 1) - 10n - 10 + 4 \\ &= 2n^2 + 4n + 2 - 10n - 10 + 4 \\ &= f(n) + 4n - 8 \end{aligned}$$

now, is  $f(n) + 4n - 8 \geq 0$  for  $n \geq 5$ ?

$n \geq 5$  then  $4n \geq 20$  then  $4n - 8 \geq 12 \geq 0$

**So:**  $f(n) \geq 0$  and  $4n - 8 \geq 0$  for  $n \geq 5$ , then  $f(n+1) \geq 0$  for  $n \geq 5$

then  $n=5$ ,  $2n^2 - 10n + 4 \geq 0$ , for  $n \geq 5$  by induction

**Ex8:**

RTP:  $(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) \cup B = (A_1 \cup B) \cap (A_2 \cup B) \cap \dots \cap (A_n \cup B)$

Base Case: For  $n=1$ ,  $A_1 \cup B = A_1 \cup B$

$P(k) = (A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k) \cup B$ ,

$Q(k) = (A_1 \cup B) \cap (A_2 \cup B) \cap \dots \cap (A_k \cup B)$ ,

Inductive Step:

Assume  $P(k) = Q(k)$ , show  $P(k+1) = Q(k+1)$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(k+1) &= (A_1 \cup B) \cap (A_2 \cup B) \cap \dots \cap (A_k \cup B) \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B) \\ &= Q(k) \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B) \\ &= P(k) \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B) \\ &= P(k) \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B) \\ &= ((A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k) \cup B) \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B) \\ &= ((A_1 \cup B) \cap (A_2 \cup B) \cap \dots \cap (A_k \cup B)) \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B) \\ &= (A_1 \cup B) \cap (A_2 \cup B) \cap \dots \cap (A_k \cup B) \cap (A_{k+1} \cup B) \end{aligned}$$

**Proved**

Ex9:

$$\begin{aligned} n^3 + (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3 &= 3(n^3 + 3n^2 + 5n + 3) \\ (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3 + (n+3)^3 &= 3(n^3 + 6n^2 + 14n + 12) \end{aligned}$$