

# Homework 7

4.9 Prove  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$

In 4.8 we have  $(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$ . Thus,  
 (HW 6)  $2^n = (1+1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \mathbf{1}^{n-k} \mathbf{1}^k = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$

4.10 Prove, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $\binom{2n}{n} \geq \frac{2^{2n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}$

Note:  $\binom{2n}{n} = \frac{2n(2n-1)\dots(n+1)}{n(n-1)\dots 1}$

When  $n=1$ , we have  $\binom{2}{1} = 2 \geq \frac{2^{2 \cdot 1 - 1}}{\sqrt{1}}$

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that  $\binom{2n}{n} \geq \frac{2^{2n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}$

If  $P(n)$  is true, ~~that~~ and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , we have  $\binom{2n}{n} \geq \frac{2^{2n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}$

then 
$$\binom{2(n+1)}{n+1} = \binom{2n+2}{n+1} = \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)\binom{2n}{n} \dots [2n+2-(n+1)+1]}{(n+1)n(n-1)\dots 1}$$

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

$$\geq \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{(n+1)} \cdot \frac{2^{2n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$= \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{2^{2n}}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{2^{2n+1}}{\sqrt{n+1}} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)}{2\sqrt{n+1}\sqrt{n}}$$

Now, consider  $\frac{2n+1}{2\sqrt{n^2+n}} = \frac{\sqrt{4n^2+4n+1}}{\sqrt{4n^2+4n}} > 1$

Thus,  $\binom{2(n+1)}{n+1} \geq \frac{2^{2n+1}}{\sqrt{n+1}}$   $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$  ~~\*~~



4.12  $F_1=1, F_2=1$ , for  $n \geq 3, F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$

$$F_n = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n}{2^n \sqrt{5}}$$

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that  $F_n = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n}{2^n \sqrt{5}}$   $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$

$P(1)$  is true and  $P(2)$  is true

Assume that  $P(k)$  is true, <sup>for all  $k \leq n$</sup>  we have

$$F_k = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^k - (1-\sqrt{5})^k}{2^k \sqrt{5}}, \text{ then, for all } k \leq n.$$

Then,  $F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$ . By assumption, we have

$$F_{n+1} = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n}{2^n \sqrt{5}} + \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-1} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-1}}{2^{n-1} \sqrt{5}}$$

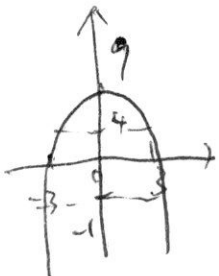
$$= \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n + 2(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-1} - 2(1-\sqrt{5})^{n-1}}{2^n \sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-1}(3+\sqrt{5}) - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-1}(3-\sqrt{5})}{2^n \sqrt{5}} = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-1}(6+2\sqrt{5}) - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-1}(6-2\sqrt{5})}{2^{n+1} \sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n+1} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n+1}}{2^{n+1} \sqrt{5}}$$

$$P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1) \quad \text{X}$$

17.4 Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 9 - x^2$ . Find  $f([-3, 1])$  and  $f^{-1}([-1, 4])$



$$f([-3, 1]) = [0, 9] \quad \left| \quad f^{-1}([-1, 4]) = \cancel{[-7, 9]} \right.$$

$$= (-\sqrt{10}, -\sqrt{5}) \cup (\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{10})$$

17.9 Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be defined by  $f(n) = \begin{cases} -2n & n \leq 0 \\ 2n-1 & n > 0 \end{cases}$

Find  $f(\mathbb{Z})$  and prove it's correct.

$$f(\mathbb{Z}) = \{0, 4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\} \cup \{3, 7, 11, 15, \dots\}$$

$$= \{4k \mid k \geq 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{4k-1 \mid k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

It's correct because if  $t \in f(\mathbb{Z})$ ,

1) if  $t$  is odd, then by definition of  $f$  we have  $t = 2k-1$  for some  $k > 0$  and  $k$  is even.

Thus,  $t = 2 \cdot (2c) - 1 = 4c - 1$  if we let  ~~$k = 2c$~~   $c = \frac{k}{2}$ .

~~$t \in f(\mathbb{Z})$~~

2) if  $t$  is even, by definition of  $f$  we have  $t = -2\bar{k}$  for some  $\bar{k} \leq 0$  and  $\bar{k}$  is even. Then, if we let  ~~$k = -2\bar{k}$~~ ,

Then, if we let  $k = -\frac{\bar{k}}{2}$ , we have  $t = -2\bar{k} = (-2)(-2k) = 4k$

and  $k > 0$ . Thus,  ~~$t \in f(\mathbb{Z})$~~ .

To conclude, Therefore,  $f(\mathbb{Z}) = \{4k \mid k \geq 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{4k-1 \mid k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

17.19

(a) If  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $X$ , then  $f(A \setminus B) = f(A) \setminus f(B)$

COUNTER EXAMPLE



$$A = \{1, 2\}$$

$$B = \{1\}$$

$$f(A \setminus B) = f(\{2\}) = \{1\}$$

$$f(A) \setminus f(B) = \emptyset \neq f(A \setminus B)$$

(b)  $f$  is injective.

Therefore it's a partition

2.21 If  $f$  is onto, then,  $\forall y \in B, \exists x \in A$  s.t.  $y = f(x)$ . (\*)

$\{f^{-1}(\{b\}) \mid b \in B\}$  partitions the set  $A$  because if  $a \in A$ , then

$$a \in \{f^{-1}(\{f(a)\})\}. \text{ Therefore, } A \subset \{f^{-1}(\{b\}) \mid b \in B\}$$

$$\text{Also, if } a \in \{f^{-1}(\{b\}) \mid b \in B\}, a \in A \text{ by } (*). \text{ Therefore, } \{f^{-1}(\{b\}) \mid b \in B\} = A$$

For  $f^{-1}(\{b_1\})$  and  $f^{-1}(\{b_2\}), b_1 \neq b_2, f^{-1}(\{b_1\}) \cap f^{-1}(\{b_2\}) = \emptyset$ . Otherwise,  $f$  is not a function.

18.13

Show that if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$2(\sqrt{n+1} - 1) < 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < 2\sqrt{n}$$

when  $n=1$ ,  $2(\sqrt{1+1} - 1) = 2\sqrt{2} - 2$ , ~~2~~

and  $2\sqrt{2} - 2 < 1 < 2$

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that  $2(\sqrt{n+1} - 1) < 1 + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < 2\sqrt{n}$

$P(1)$  is true

If  $P(k)$  is true, we have  $(2\sqrt{k+1} - 1) < 1 + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} < 2\sqrt{k}$

then

$$1 + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 2\sqrt{k+1} - 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$= \frac{2k+2 + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} - 1$$

Claim:  $\frac{2k+3}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 2\sqrt{k+2}$  because  $4k^2 + 12k + 9 > 4(k^2 + 3k + 2)$

so  $1 + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 2\sqrt{k+2} - 1$

Also,  $1 + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} < 2\sqrt{k} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} = \frac{2\sqrt{k^2+k} + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}}$

Claim:  $\frac{2\sqrt{k^2+k} + 1}{\sqrt{k+1}} < 2\sqrt{k+1}$  because

$$4((k^2+k)+1) + 4\sqrt{k^2+k} < 4(k^2+2k+1)$$

~~$$1 + 4\sqrt{k^2+k} < 4k + 3$$~~

$$1 + 4\sqrt{k^2+k} < 4k + 3$$

$$4\sqrt{k^2+k} < 4k + 2$$

Thus,  $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$

18.15:

Error: we can't assume that the term  $a^*x$  is in  $q(x)$ .

For instance, for the case when  $n=2$ , we have  $p(x) = ax(a_1x+b_1)=0$ .

Then, if  $p(c) = 0$ , we have  $ac^*(a_1c+b_1)=0$ .

Now, if  $a_1^*c+b_1=0$  and  $a^*c$  not zero, we cannot have  $q(x)=ax$  and say that  $q(c)=0$ . This is the error in the "not a proof."

18.21

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that  $k$  is a prime or the product of prime numbers if  $2 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $k$  an integer.

$P(2)$  is true because 2 is a prime.

Assume that  $P(n)$  is true, then, we know that for all  $k \in [2, n]$ ,  $k$  is a prime or product of prime numbers.

Consider  $n+1$ , if  $n+1$  is a prime, then  $P(n+1)$  is also true.

If  $n+1$  is not a prime, then we have  $n = a*b$  for some integers  $a, b \leq n$ . We used the induction hypothesis here so that  $a$  and  $b$  are primes or product of primes. As a result, since,  $n$  is a product of  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $n$  is also a product of prime numbers. In this case  $P(n+1)$  is also true.

Thus,  $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$