

13. {"good", "fun"}² contains "goodgood" and "fungood"

Give two strings of length 3 belonging to

14. {"a", "ok"}*: "aaa" and "aok"

15. {"a", "bb", "ccc"}*: "bba" and "ccc"

PROBLEM 3 Subsequences

Definition 1 A *subsequence* is a sequence that can be derived from another sequence by deleting zero or more elements without changing the order of the remaining elements.

What are the subsequences of the string "OK"? "", "O", "K", "OK"

What is the longest subsequence shared by "MATHEMATICS" and "COMPUTERS"? "MTES"

PROBLEM 4 Summation proofs

Prove the following theorems by induction.

16. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} . \sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{(n)(n+1)}{2}$

Proof.

We proceed by induction.

Base Case When $n = 0$ we have $\sum_{i=0}^0 i = 0$ and $\frac{(0)(1)}{2} = 0$, so the theorem holds for $n = 0$.

Inductive step Assume the theorem holds for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$: that is, $\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{(n)(n+1)}{2}$. Adding $n + 1$ to both sides, we have $n + 1 + \sum_{i=0}^n i = n + 1 + \frac{(n)(n+1)}{2}$; the left-hand side is equivalent to $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} i$ by the definition of summation; the right-hand side can be rearranged using algebra to get $\frac{2(n+1) + (n)(n+1)}{2} = \frac{(2+n)(n+1)}{2} = \frac{(n+1)((n+1)+1)}{2}$; this means that $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} i = \frac{(n+1)((n+1)+1)}{2}$, or in other words that the theorem holds for $n + 1$.

By the principle of induction, the theorem holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. \square

$$17. \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{1}{2^x} = \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^n}$$

Proof.

We proceed by induction.

Base Case When $n = 0$ we have $\sum_{x=0}^0 \frac{1}{2^x} = 1$ and $\frac{2^1 - 1}{2^0} = 1$, so the theorem holds for $n = 0$.

Inductive step Assume the theorem holds for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$: that is, $\sum_{x=0}^n \frac{1}{2^x} = \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^n}$. Adding $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$ to both sides, we have $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}} + \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{1}{2^x} = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} + \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^n}$; the left-hand side is equivalent to $\sum_{x=0}^{n+1} \frac{1}{2^x}$ by the definition of summation; the right-hand side can be rearranged to get $\frac{1 + 2(2^{n+1} - 1)}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{2^{n+2} - 1}{2^{n+1}}$; this means that $\sum_{x=0}^{n+1} \frac{1}{2^x} = \frac{2^{n+2} - 1}{2^{n+1}}$, or in other words that the theorem holds for $n + 1$.

By the principle of induction, the theorem holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. \square

$$18. \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \sum_{x=n}^{2n} x = \frac{3(n+1)n}{2}$$

Proof.

We proceed by induction.

Base Case When $n = 0$ we have $\sum_{x=0}^0 0 = 0$ and $\frac{3(0)9}{2} = 0$, so the theorem holds for $n = 0$.

Inductive step Assume the theorem holds for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$: that is, $\sum_{x=n}^{2n} x = \frac{3(n+1)n}{2}$. Consider the sum evaluated at $n + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x=n+1}^{2(n+1)} x &= -n + 2n + 1 + 2n + 2 + \sum_{x=n}^{2n} x \\ &= 3n + 3 + \sum_{x=n}^{2n} x \\ &= 3n + 3 + \frac{3(n+1)n}{2} \\ &= 3n + 3 + \frac{3n^2 + 3n}{2} \\ &= \frac{6n + 6 + 3n^2 + 3n}{2} \\ &= \frac{3(n^2 + 3n + 2)}{2} \\ &= \frac{3(n+2)(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{3((n+1)+1)(n+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

which means the theorem holds at $n + 1$ as well.

By the principle of induction, the theorem holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. \square

$$19. \forall x \in \{a \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge a \geq -1\}. \sum_{k=-1}^x 12 - 2k = 26 + 11x - x^2$$

Proof.

We proceed by induction.

Base Case When $x = -1$ we have $\sum_{k=-1}^{-1} 12 - 2k = 14 = 26 - 11 - 1$, so the theorem holds for $x = -1$.

Inductive step Assume the theorem holds for some x ; that is, $\sum_{k=-1}^x 12 - 2k = 26 + 11x - x^2$. Consider the sum evaluated at $x + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=-1}^{x+1} 12 - 2k &= 12 - 2(x+1) + \sum_{k=-1}^x 12 - 2k \\ &= 10 - 2x + 26 + 11x - x^2 \\ &= (11 - 1) - 2x + 26 + 11x - x^2 \\ &= 26 + (11 + 11x) - (1 + 2x + x^2) \\ &= 26 + 11(x+1) - (x+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

which means the theorem holds at $x + 1$ as well.

By the principle of induction, the theorem holds for all $x \in \{a \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge a \geq -1\}$. \square

You might also try doing inductive proofs with other summation formulae, such as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=0}^n i^2 &= \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)(n)}{6} \\
 \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^2 &= \frac{(n+2)(2n+3)(n+1)}{6} \\
 \sum_{i=2}^{n+2} i^2 &= \frac{(n+3)(2n+5)(n+2)}{6} \\
 6 \sum_{i=0}^n i^3 - i &= \binom{n+2}{4} \\
 \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1} &= \frac{(n+1)(n-1)}{2} \\
 \sum_{x=0}^n x^3 - x^2 &= \frac{(n+1)(3n+2)(n)(n-1)}{12} \\
 \sum_{i=0}^n 3i^2 + 2i &= \frac{(2n+3)(n+1)(n)}{2} \\
 \sum_{x=n}^{n^2} x &= \frac{n + n^4}{2} \\
 \sum_{x=0}^{2n} (-1)^x x &= n \\
 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2^i} &= \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n} \\
 \sum_{k=-n}^0 k &= \frac{(n+1)n}{-2} \\
 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{3^i} &= \frac{3^n - 1}{3^n - 3} \\
 \forall k \neq 1 . \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{k^i} &= \frac{k^n - 1}{k^n(k-1)} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: at least one of the above formulae is false. In the process of proving it you should find the normal methods not working, revealing the non-truth.