

C241 Homework 8

Due Wednesday, 11/4/09

1) $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

and $R \subseteq A \times A$, $R = \{(x, y) \mid x - y \text{ is evenly divisible by } 3\}$ (we consider 0 to be evenly divisible by 3). Show R is an equivalence relation by showing that it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. Then write out the set A/R .

2) Remember that a relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ is a partial order if it is: reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive. And, a partial order is called a "total order" if it is reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive *and* for every two elements $x, y \in A$, either $(x, y) \in R$ or $(y, x) \in R$.

a) Pick a set A and create a relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ such that R is a partial order, but not a total order. Prove that your relation is reflexive, symmetric, transitive, and that there's at least two elements $x, y \in A$ such that neither (x, y) nor (y, x) is in R .

b) Pick a set B and create a relation $Q \subseteq B \times B$ such that Q is a total order. Prove that your relation is reflexive, symmetric, transitive, and show that when you pick *any* two elements $x, y \in A$ either (x, y) or (y, x) will be in Q .

3) The following are mistakes that often show up in numerical induction proofs. Clearly describe what is wrong with each one.

a) $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} i^2 = \sum_{i=0}^n i^2 + (n+1)$

b) $(n+2)! = n! + 2!$

c) $\sum_{i=0}^n i^2 = \sum_{i=0}^n i^2 + (n+1)^2$

d) $(2n)^2 = 2n^2$

e) $\frac{(n+1)2n}{6} + n^3(n+1)^2 = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{6}$ can be simplified to: $\frac{2n}{6} + n^3 = \frac{(n+2)}{6}$

f) **Prove:** All numbers are prime.

Base Case: $n = 1$. 1 is a prime number, so the base case holds.

Induction Step: Let's assume n is a prime number (this is our induction hypothesis), then we need to show that this implies $n+1$ is also prime. Since $n = 1$, $1 + 1 = 2$, and 2 is prime, the induction step holds. Thus all numbers are prime.

Note: Please explain how the technique used in this proof is incorrect; don't just offer a counter-example

4) Using only the Distributive law $P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$, the Associative law, and Numerical Induction, prove that the distributive property is valid for n variables $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}: p \wedge (q_1 \vee q_2 \vee q_3 \vee \dots \vee q_n) \equiv (p \wedge q_1) \vee (p \wedge q_2) \vee (p \wedge q_3) \vee \dots \vee (p \wedge q_n)$

5) Use numerical induction to prove that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}: \sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

6) Use numerical induction to prove that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}: \sum_{i=0}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

7) Prove the following two inequalities.

a) Use numerical induction to prove: $2^n > 2n + 1$ for $n \geq 3$. (Your base case here will be $n = 3$. You can use any basic properties of inequalities).

b) Use numerical induction to prove: $2^n > n^2$ for $n \geq 5$. (Your base case here will be $n = 5$, and the result in (a) may be useful. You can use any basic properties of inequalities).

8) Use numerical induction to prove that:
for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the function $f(n) = 3^n$.

$$\begin{array}{l} f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \hline \forall n > 0, \quad \begin{array}{l} f(0) = 1 \\ f(n) = 3 \times f(n-1) \end{array} \end{array}$$

9) Use numerical induction to prove that:
 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $\sum_{i=1}^n i(i!) = (n+1)! - 1$

10) (Bonus) Explain carefully and clearly why math is not *actually* broken.



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