

22. Proof:

$$\text{For } n=1, \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{1 \cdot 2}{2} = 1$$

Therefore, this is true.

Now, we assume what for $n-1$,

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

So for n ,

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

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

Therefore, it is true for all $n \geq 1$.

Comments:

- "typo" in line 6
- very clear
- nice job

#22. For every positive integer n , prove that: $1+2+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

- Assume $n=1$, then $1 = \frac{1(2)}{2} = 1$, which is true
- Assume it is true for $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, so $1+2+\dots+m = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$

Then we prove it is true for $m+1$,

Add $m+1$ to each side:

$$\begin{aligned}1+2+\dots+m+m+1 &= \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + (m+1) \\&= \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{2(m+1)}{2} = \frac{m^2+m+2m+2}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$1+2+\dots+m+m+1 = \frac{(m+1)(m+2)}{2}$$

This formula is of the same format of $1+2+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$,

so for every positive integer n , the formula holds. \square

Comments:

- Show formula in step 1.
- Very well done.

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#22

choose $n=1$ then $\frac{(1)(1+1)}{2} = 1$ so base case is true

assume it holds for $1 \leq k \leq n$

$$n = k+1$$

so

$$1+2+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad (\text{inductive hypothesis})$$

add $k+1$ to both sides

$$\begin{aligned} 1+2+\dots+k+k+1 &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + k+1 \\ &= \frac{k^2+k}{2} + \frac{2k+2}{2} \\ &= \frac{k^2+3k+2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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

so it holds for $n+1$

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

Comments:

- Show the formula in step 1.
- Nice job.
- Give more explanations of steps / make things more explicit.

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#10 - Let a and b be integers and let $d = \gcd(a, b)$ if $a = da'$ and $b = db'$, show that $\gcd(a', b') = 1$

- assumptions:

$$- a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$- d = \gcd(a, b)$$

$$- a = da', b = db'$$

- Let c be the greatest common divisor of a' and b'

- There exists m and n in \mathbb{Z} such that:

$$mc = a' \text{ and } nc = b'$$

(Since c divides a' and b')

- By substitution, $a = dm c$ and $b = dn c$

- By commutativity/assoc. $a = m(dc)$ $b = n(dc)$ *

- So dc divides a and b

- Since d is the gcd of a , any other divisor of a must be less than d , so $dc \leq d$

- for this to be true c must be ≤ 1

- However, c must be an integer, so $c=1$, and is the gcd of a' and b' . \square

Comments:

• show all steps

• consider placing the justification before the statement:

"Since ... , we can see..."

or "By ... , we have..."

#10

Let a and b be integers and let $d = \gcd(a, b)$. If $a = da'$ and $b = db'$, show that $\gcd(a', b') = 1$

Assume that:

a and b are integers

d is the greatest common divisor of a and b

Then assume $a = da'$ and $b = db'$ ~~(1)~~

let c be the greatest common divisor of a' and b'
Therefore, there exists m and n contained in the Integers such that,

since we know c divides a' and c divides b' , then

$$2) mc = a' \text{ and } nc = b'$$

By substitution of equation (1) into equation (2), we get

$$a = dmc \quad \text{and} \quad b = dnc$$

Comments:

Presentation!

By associativity and commutativity,

$$a = m(dc) \quad \text{and} \quad b = n(dc)$$

Therefore, $(dc) | a$ and $(dc) | b$

Since $dc | a$ and $dc | b$ and $d = \gcd(a, b)$, then $dc \leq d$

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#10 // Let c be the greatest common divisor of a' and b'

There exists integers m and n such that

$$mc = a'$$

$$nc = b'$$

since a' and b' are divisible by c

substituting this into the assumptions that

$$a = da'$$

$$b = db'$$

gives

$$a = dmc$$

$$b = dnc$$

by commutivity,

$$a = dmc = mdc \quad \text{and}$$

$$b = dnc = ndc$$

by associativity,

$$a = (md)c = m(dc)$$

$$b = (nd)c = n(bc)$$

$$\text{so, } \frac{a}{dc} = m$$

$$\text{and } \frac{b}{dc} = n$$

so, by the definition of divisibility,
 dc divides a and dc divides b

because d is the greatest common divisor and dc divides a and b , $dc \leq d$

$$\text{so } c \leq 1$$

since c is the greatest common divisor of a' and b' $c > 1$

Comments:

- Proof flows well
- carefully done
- very clear, good job.

#19 show that $\gcd(a, bc) = 1$ if and only if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ & $\gcd(a, c) = 1$

A) if $\gcd(a, bc) = 1$ then $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ & $\gcd(a, c) = 1$

Assume, $\gcd(a, bc) = 1$

That is, a & bc are relatively prime

By thm. 0.2 ^{which states} GCD is a linear combination (pg 5)

$$\Rightarrow \exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } ma + nb = 1$$

And by associativity

$$(1) \quad ma + (nb)c = 1 \quad (2) \quad m(a) + (nc)b = 1$$

So therefore, ~~$ma + nb = 1$~~

$$\text{by (1) } \gcd(a, c) = 1 \quad \text{where } m, nc \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{. (2). } \gcd(a, b) = 1 \quad \text{when } m, nc \in \mathbb{Z}$$

B) If $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ & $\gcd(a, c) = 1$ then $\gcd(a, bc) = 1$

Assume that $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ & $\gcd(a, c) = 1$

By thm 0.2 (GCD is a linear combination)

let $m, n, m', n' \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t.

$$am + bn = 1 \quad \text{&} \quad am' + cn' = 1$$

So by multiplication " "

$$(am + bn)(am' + cn') = 1. \quad \text{And by FOIL}$$

$$a^2mm' + amcn' + am'b n + bn cn' = 1$$

By associativity & commutativity

$$a(m'm) + mcn' + m'b n + (nn')bc = 1$$

& by thm 0.2

$$\gcd(a, bc) = 1$$

Comments: • Good, clear, neatly organized.
 • use "and" instead of &
 • use words in place of symbols like \Rightarrow and \exists

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#19

$a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$

(\Rightarrow) We are given that $\gcd(a, bc) = 1$

By thm 0.2 $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $ma + nb = 1$

By associativity, $ma + (nb)c = 1$

By thm. 0.2, $\gcd(a, c) = 1$

By associativity and commutativity of mult,

$$ma + (nc)b = 1$$

Hence by 0.2 $\gcd(a, b) = 1$

(\Leftarrow) It is assumed that $\gcd(a, c) = \gcd(a, b) = 1$

By thm 0.2, $\exists m, n, m', n' \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$am + bn = 1 \text{ and } am' + bn' = 1$$

Multiply together, expand by FOIL, and

$$a^2mm' + amcn' + am'b n + bn cn' = 1$$

By associativity and commutativity,

$$a(mmm' + mcn' + m'b n) + (nn')bc = 1$$

$(amm' + mcn' + m'b n)$ and (nn') are linear combinations
of integers, they are also integers

Hence by 0.2, $\gcd(a, bc) = 1$

Comments: "Typo" on line 3 of part 2.

well written/easy to read.

could use more words in justifications.

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#19 Assume that

\Rightarrow The greatest common divisor of a and bc is 1. There exists integers m and n such that $ma + nb = 1$ because the greatest common divisor of a and bc is a linear combination. By associativity, $ma + (nb)c = 1$. This implies that the greatest common divisor of a and c is 1 since this is a linear comb with coefficients m and nc . Using associativity & commutativity to rearrange the order of multiplication, we can write $ma + (nc)b = 1$. This implies that the greatest common divisor of a and b is 1 since this is a linear comb with coefficients m and nb .

\Leftarrow Assume that the greatest common divisor of a and c (and a and b) are both 1. There exists integers m, n, m', n' such that $am + bn = 1$ and $am' + cn' = 1$ since the greatest common divisor is a linear combination. Multiplying these two equations yields $a^2mm' + amcn' + am'bn + bncn' = 1$. Using associativity and commutativity, we can write $a(amm' + mcn' + m'bn) + (nn')bc = 1$. Since this is a linear combination with coefficients $amm' + m'bn$ and nn' , this implies that the greatest common divisor of a and bc is 1.

□

Comments: Use more symbols.

Write equations on separate line to distinguish them from the paragraphs

State objective.

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The Fibonacci numbers are 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ...
In general, defined by $f_1 = 1$, $f_2 = 1$,
 $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 3$. Prove
the n^{th} Fibonacci number satisfies $f_n < 2^n$

$$\text{for } a=1 \quad f_1 = 1 < 2^1$$

$$\text{for } a=2 \quad f_2 = 1 < 2^2$$

$$\text{for } a=3 \quad f_3 = 2 < 2^3$$

Assume $f_i < 2^i$ is true for $i < n$

$$\text{for } a=n, \quad f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$$

assumed that $f_{n-1} < 2^{n-1}$ and $f_{n-2} < 2^{n-2}$

$$\text{Therefore, } f_n < 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2}$$

$$2^{n-2} \leq 2^{n-1} \quad \text{if } n > 2$$

$$f_n < 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} \leq 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} = 2 \cdot 2^{n-1} = 2^n$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f_n < 2^n$$

Comments: Good job.

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$$\begin{aligned}f_1 &= 1 \\f_2 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$\forall n \geq 3 : f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$
Prove $f_n \leq 2^n$.

BASE CASE : $n = 3$. $\left| \begin{array}{l} f_3 = f_2 + f_1 = 2 \\ 2^3 = 8 \end{array} \right| \quad \begin{array}{l} * \\ f_3 \leq 2^3 \\ (\text{True}) \end{array}$

Inductive Step :

Assume $\forall n$: we have that $f_n \leq 2^n$ (1)

We also know that $f_{n+1} = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$ (2)

Show : $f_{n+1} \leq 2^{n+1}$

From (1) and (2) we have $\rightarrow f_{n+1} \leq 2^{n+1}$

$$f_{n+1} = f_n + f_{n-1} \leq 2^n + 2^{n-1} = 2^{n-1}(2+1) = 3 \cdot 2^{n-1}$$

So we have $f_{n+1} \leq 3 \cdot 2^{n-1}$
 We want $f_{n+1} \leq 4 \cdot 2^{n-1}$ $\Rightarrow f_{n+1} \leq 2^{n+1}$

$$3 \cdot 2^{n-1} \leq 4 \cdot 2^{n-1}$$

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Comments: Better job.
 Would be somewhat
 more clear if conclusions
 * and ** were written
 below their justifications.

So we have

#30 ~~Assume~~ $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$

Now Assume f_{n-1} is true

$$\Rightarrow f_{n-1} = f_{(n-1)-1} + f_{(n-1)-2}$$
$$f_{n-1} = f_{(n-2)} + f_{(n-3)}$$

For $n-1$

Show $f_{n-1} < 2^{(n-1)}$

$$f_{n-1} < 2^n - 1$$

$$f_{n-1} < (f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}) - 1$$

$$f_{n-1} < f_{n-2} + 2^n - 1$$

$$F_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$$

$$F_4 = F_3 + F_2 < 2^4$$

$$\text{By } F_3 < 2^3 \text{ and } F_2 < 2^2$$

We want to show $(n-1) \geq 3$

$$P(n-1): f_{(n-1)} < 2^{(n-1)}$$

$$f_{(n-1)} < 2^n$$

Comments: could be
better organized

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Base Case $n=3$

Show $f_n < 2^n$

Whenever $f_k < 2^k$ for $k < n$

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$$

$$< 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2}$$

$$< 2 \cdot 2^{n-1} = 2^n$$

Since $2^{n-2} < 2^{n-1}$