

HW #6, Section 5.3 SOLUTIONS M325K SPRING 2024

Sec 5.3, #10:

To PROVE: For each integer  $n \geq 0$ ,  
 $n^3 - 7n + 3$  is divisible by 3.

Proof: [By Mathematical Induction]

[BASIS STEP]

Let  $n = 0$ . Then,  $n^3 - 7n + 3 = 0 - 0 + 3 = 3$

and 3 is divisible by 3 since  $3 = 3 \cdot 1$ .

$\therefore$  For  $n = 0$ ,  $n^3 - 7n + 3$  is divisible by 3, by substitution.

[END of BASIS STEP]

[INDUCTIVE STEP]

Let  $k$  be any integer with  $k \geq 0$ .

[Inductive Hypothesis] Suppose  $k^3 - 7k + 3$  is divisible by 3.

[GTS:  $(k+1)^3 - 7(k+1) + 3$  is divisible by 3]

By the Inductive Hypothesis, there exists an integer  $t$  such  
that  $k^3 - 7k + 3 = 3t$ .

$\therefore k^3 = 3t + 7k - 3$  by rules of algebra.

Now,  $(k+1)^3 - 7(k+1) + 3 = (k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) - 7k - 7 + 3$

$= k^3 + 3k^2 - 4k - 3$

$= (3t + 7k - 3) + 3k^2 - 4k - 3$  by substitution

$= 3t + 3k^2 + 3k - 6$

$= 3(t + k^2 + k - 2)$

$= 3s$ , where  $s = t + k^2 + k - 2$ , which is an integer.

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cont.

$\therefore (k+1)^3 - 7(k+1) + 3$  is divisible by 3.

$\therefore$  For all integers  $k \geq 0$ , if  $k^3 - 7k + 3$  is divisible by 3, then  $(k+1)^3 - 7(k+1) + 3$  is divisible by 3, by Direct Proof.

[END OF INDUCTIVE STEP]

$\therefore$  For all integers  $n \geq 0$ ,  $n^3 - 7n + 3$  is divisible by 3, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction.  
QED.

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#12 To Prove: For any integer  $n \geq 0$ ,

$7^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 5.

Proof: [By mathematical induction]

[BASIS STEP] let  $n=0$ ..

$$7^n - 2^n = 7^0 - 2^0 = 1 - 1 = 0 = 5 \times 0$$

$\therefore$  For  $n=0$ ,  $7^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 5.

[INDUCTIVE STEP]

let  $k$  be any integer such that  $k \geq 0$ .

Suppose that  $7^k - 2^k$  is divisible by 5. [INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS]

[WTS:  $7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}$  is divisible by 5.]

By the Inductive Hypothesis, there exists an integer  $t$  such that  $7^k - 2^k = 5t$ .

$$\therefore 7^k = 5t + 2^k$$

$$\therefore 7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} = 7 \cdot 7^k - 2 \cdot 2^k$$

$$= 7(5t + 2^k) - 2 \cdot 2^k \text{ by substitution,}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\therefore 7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} &= 35t + 7 \cdot 2^k - 2 \cdot 2^k \\ &= 35t + (7-2)2^k \\ &= 35t + 5 \cdot 2^k \\ &= 5(7t + 2^k).\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} = 5(7t + 2^k).$$

Since  $7t + 2^k$  is an integer, we conclude, by the definition of "divisible" that

$7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}$  is divisible by 5.

$\therefore$  For all integers  $k \geq 0$ ,

if  $7^k - 2^k$  is divisible by 5,

Then  $7^{(k+1)} - 2^{(k+1)}$  is divisible by 5. by direct proof.

[END OF INDUCTIVE STEP]

$\therefore$  For all integers  $n \geq 0$ ,

$7^n - 5^n$  is divisible by 5 by the Principle of Mathematical Induction.

QED

## Section 5.3

#19 To Prove:  $n^2 < 2^n$ , for all integers  $n \geq 5$ .

Proof: [By Mathematical Induction]

[Basis Step] Let  $n = 5$ .

Then,  $n^2 = 25$  and  $2^n = 2^5 = 32$  and  $25 < 32$ .

$\therefore$  For  $n = 5$ ,  $n^2 < 2^n$  by substitution. [END of Basis Step]

[INDUCTIVE STEP]

Let  $k$  be any integer such that  $k \geq 5$ .

Suppose  $k^2 < 2^k$ . [The Inductive Hypothesis]

[We need to show that  $(k+1)^2 < 2^{(k+1)}$ .]

$$(k+1)^2 = k^2 + 2k + 1.$$

Now,  $k \geq 5 > 3$ , so  $k > 3$ , which means that Proposition 5.3.2 applies here.

$\therefore$  By Proposition 5.3.2,  $2k + 1 < 2^k$ .

$\therefore$  Since  $k^2 < 2^k$ ,  $k^2 + 2k + 1 < 2^k + 2k + 1$ .

$\therefore$  Since  $2k + 1 < 2^k$ ,  $2^k + 2k + 1 < 2^k + 2^k = 2 \cdot 2^k$

$\therefore k^2 + 2k + 1 < 2 \cdot 2^k = 2^{(k+1)}$  by transitivity of " $<$ ".

$\therefore (k+1)^2 < 2^{(k+1)}$  by substitution

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$\therefore$  For every integer  $k \geq 5$ ,  
if  $k^2 < 2^k$ , then  $(k+1)^2 < 2^{k+1}$ , by Direct Proof.  
[END of Inductive Step].

$\therefore$  For all integers  $n \geq 5$ ,  $n^2 < 2^n$ , by the  
Principle of Mathematical Induction.

QED

Sec 5.3, #25

The sequence  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$  is defined by letting  $b_0 = 5$  and  $b_k = 4 + b_{k-1}$ , for all integers  $k \geq 1$ .

To Prove: For all integers  $n \geq 0$ ,  $b_n > 4n$ .

Proof: [BASIS STEP].

Let  $n = 0$ .  $\therefore b_n = b_0 = 5$ , by definition of  $b_0$ , and  $4n = 4 \cdot 0 = 0$ . Also  $5 > 0$ .

$\therefore$  For  $n = 0$ ,  $b_n > 4n$  by substitution. [END OF BASIS STEP]

[INDUCTIVE STEP]

Let  $k$  be any integer such that  $k \geq 0$ .

[INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS:] Suppose  $b_k > 4k$ .

[NTS:  $b_{k+1} > 4(k+1)$ ] Since  $k \geq 0$ ,  $k+1 \geq 1$ .

$\therefore b_{k+1} = 4 + b_k$ , by definition of  $b_m$  when  $m \geq 1$ .

[Adding 4 to both sides] By the Inductive Hypothesis,  $4 + b_k > 4k + 4$ .

Since  $b_{k+1} = 4 + b_k$  and since  $4k + 4 = 4(k+1)$ ,

$b_{k+1} > 4(k+1)$ , by substitution.

$\therefore$  For all integers  $k \geq 0$ , if  $b_k > 4k$ , then  $b_{k+1} > 4(k+1)$ , by Direct Proof.

[END OF INDUCTIVE STEP]

$\therefore$  By Mathematical Induction  $b_n > 4n$ , for all integers  $n \geq 0$ .

QED