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Question:	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Points:	20	20	20	20	20	100
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1. (20 points) Let $P(n)$ be a predicate. Assume you have proven that $P(9)$ holds and that $P(n-2) \rightarrow P(n+3)$. What do you know? State your answer simply and clearly using modular arithmetic. No justification needed.

Solution: $P(n)$ holds for all $n \geq 9$ such that $n \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$.

2. (20 points) We will use Mathematical Induction to prove that for $n \geq 2$

$$\sum_{j=2}^n \frac{1}{(j-1)j} = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$$

- (a) Prove the base case.

Solution: Let $n = 2$. The summation gives

$$\sum_{j=2}^2 \frac{1}{(j-1)j} = \frac{1}{(2-1)2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

The formula gives

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

The two values are the same.

- (b) What is the Inductive Hypothesis?

Solution: Assume true for $n - 1$. Then

$$\sum_{j=2}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(j-1)j} = 1 - \frac{1}{n-1}.$$

- (c) Show the Inductive Step.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=2}^n \frac{1}{(j-1)j} &= \left(\sum_{j=2}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(j-1)j} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{(n-1)n} \right) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n-1} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{(n-1)n} \right) && \text{by IH} \\ &= 1 - \frac{n}{n(n-1)} + \frac{1}{(n-1)n} \\ &= 1 - \frac{n-1}{n(n-1)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

3. (20 points) We will use Mathematical Induction to prove that for $n \geq 1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i(i!) = (n+1)! - 1$$

- (a) Prove the base case.

Solution: Let $n = 1$. The summation gives

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 i(i!) = 1.$$

The formula gives

$$(1+1)! - 1 = 1.$$

The two values are the same.

- (b) What is the Inductive Hypothesis?

Solution: Assume true for $n - 1$. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i(i!) = ((n-1)+1)! - 1.$$

- (c) Show the Inductive Step.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n i(i!) &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i(i!) \right) + (n(n!)) \\ &= (((n-1)+1)! - 1) + n(n!) && \text{by IH} \\ &= (n! - 1) + n(n!) \\ &= n(n!) + n! - 1 \\ &= (n+1)(n!) - 1 \\ &= (n+1)! - 1 \end{aligned}$$

4. (20 points) We will use Mathematical Induction to show that, for all integers $n \geq 1$, $8|(3^{2n} - 1)$.
- (a) Prove the base case.

Solution: Let $n = 1$. Then

$$3^{2n} - 1 = 3^{2 \cdot 1} - 1 = 3^2 - 1 = 9 - 1 = 8.$$

Certainly, $8|8$.

- (b) What is the Inductive Hypothesis?

Solution: Assume true for $n - 1$. Then

$$8|(3^{2(n-1)} - 1) .$$

- (c) Show the Inductive Step.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & 8|(3^{2(n-1)} - 1) && \text{by IH} \\ \implies & 3^{2(n-1)} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{8} && \text{by the definition of divides} \\ \implies & 3^{2n-2} \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ \implies & 3^{2n} 3^{-2} \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ \implies & 3^{2n} \equiv 3^2 \pmod{8} \\ \implies & 3^{2n} \equiv 9 \pmod{8} \\ \implies & 3^{2n} \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ \implies & 3^{2n} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{8} \\ \implies & 8|(3^{2n} - 1) && \text{by the definition of divides} \end{aligned}$$

5. (20 points) We will use Mathematical Induction to show that, for all integers $n \geq 2$, if $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ are real numbers strictly between 0 and 1 (i.e., $0 < x_i < 1$), then

$$(1 - x_1)(1 - x_2) \cdots (1 - x_n) > 1 - x_1 - x_2 - \cdots - x_n$$

- (a) Prove the base case.

Solution: Let $n = 2$. The left side gives

$$(1 - x_1)(1 - x_2) = 1 - x_1 - x_2 + x_1x_2$$

The right side gives

$$1 - x_1 - x_2$$

Clearly the left side is greater than the right side (since it has an extra term x_1x_2 and $x_1, x_2 > 0$).

- (b) What is the Inductive Hypothesis?

Solution: Assume true for $n - 1$. Then

$$(1 - x_1)(1 - x_2) \cdots (1 - x_{n-1}) > 1 - x_1 - x_2 - \cdots - x_{n-1}$$

- (c) Show the Inductive Step.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - x_1)(1 - x_2) \cdots (1 - x_n) &= (1 - x_1)(1 - x_2) \cdots (1 - x_{n-1})(1 - x_n) \\ &> (1 - x_1 - x_2 - \cdots - x_{n-1})(1 - x_n) && \text{by IH} \\ &= (1 - x_1 - x_2 - \cdots - x_{n-1}) - x_n(1 - x_1 - x_2 - \cdots - x_{n-1}) \\ &= (1 - x_1 - x_2 - \cdots - x_{n-1} - x_n) + x_n(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_{n-1}) \\ &> (1 - x_1 - x_2 - \cdots - x_{n-1} - x_n) + x_n . \end{aligned}$$