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Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

For all positive integers n , $\sum_{p=1}^n p2^p = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2$.

Solution: Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s): $n = 1$. Then $\sum_{p=1}^n p2^p = 1 \cdot 2^1 = 2$ and $(n-1)2^{n+1} + 2 = 0 \cdot 2^2 + 2 = 2$. So the equation holds.

Inductive Hypothesis [Be specific, don't just refer to "the claim"]:

Suppose that $\sum_{p=1}^n p2^p = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2$ for $n = 1, \dots, k$.

Rest of the inductive step:

From the inductive hypothesis $\sum_{p=1}^k p2^p = (k-1)2^{k+1} + 2$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=1}^{k+1} p2^p &= \left(\sum_{p=1}^k p2^p \right) + (k+1)2^{k+1} \\ &= ((k-1)2^{k+1} + 2) + (k+1)2^{k+1} \\ &= ((k-1) + (k+1))2^{k+1} + 2 = 2k2^{k+1} + 2 = k2^{k+2} + 2 \end{aligned}$$

So $\sum_{p=1}^{k+1} p2^p = k2^{k+2} + 2$, which is what we needed to show.

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If f is a function, recall that f' is its derivative. Recall the product rule: if $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$, then $f'(x) = g'(x)h(x) + g(x)h'(x)$. Assume we know that the derivative of $f(x) = x$ is $f'(x) = 1$.

Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

For any positive integer n , if $f(x) = x^n$ then $f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$.

Solution: Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s): $n = 1$. Then $f(x) = x$. So $f'(x) = 1$. But also $nx^{n-1} = 1 \cdot x^0 = 1$. So the claim holds.

Inductive Hypothesis [Be specific, don't just refer to "the claim"]: Suppose that if $f(x) = x^n$ then $f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$, for $n = 1, \dots, k$.

Rest of the inductive step: Suppose that $f(x) = x^{k+1}$. Let $g(x) = x$ and $h(x) = x^k$. By the product rule $f'(x) = g'(x)h(x) + g(x)h'(x)$.

Since $g(x) = x$, we know that $g'(x) = 1$. By the inductive hypothesis we know that $h'(x) = kx^{k-1}$.

So $f'(x) = g'(x)h(x) + g(x)h'(x) = 1 \cdot x^k + x \cdot kx^{k-1}$. Simplifying, we get $f'(x) = x^k + kx^k = (1+k)x^k$. So $f'(x) = (1+k)x^k$, which is what we needed to show.

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Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

For any natural number n , $\sum_{p=0}^n 3(-1/2)^p = 2 + (-1/2)^n$

Solution: Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s): At $n = 0$, $\sum_{p=0}^n 3(-1/2)^p = 3 \cdot (-1/2)^0 = 3$ and $2 + (-1/2)^n = 2 + (-1/2)^0 = 2 + 1 = 3$.

So the equation holds.

Inductive Hypothesis [Be specific, don't just refer to "the claim"]:

Suppose that $\sum_{p=0}^n 3(-1/2)^p = 2 + (-1/2)^n$ for $n = 0, \dots, k$.

Rest of the inductive step: From the inductive hypothesis, $\sum_{p=0}^k 3(-1/2)^p = 2 + (-1/2)^k$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=0}^{k+1} 3(-1/2)^p &= \left(\sum_{p=0}^k 3(-1/2)^p \right) + 3(-1/2)^{k+1} \\ &= (2 + (-1/2)^k) + 3(-1/2)^{k+1} = 2 - 2(-1/2)^{k+1} + 3(-1/2)^{k+1} \\ &= 2(-1/2)^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

So $\sum_{p=0}^{k+1} 3(-1/2)^p = 2 + (-1/2)^{k+1}$, which is what we needed to show.

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Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

$$\text{For all natural numbers } n, \sum_{p=0}^n (2p+1)^2 = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)(2n+3)}{3}$$

Solution: Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s): At $n = 0$, $\sum_{p=1}^n (2p+1)^2 = 1^2 = 1$ and $\frac{(n+1)(2n+1)(2n+3)}{3} = \frac{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 3}{3} = 1$. So the equation holds.

Inductive Hypothesis [Be specific, don't just refer to "the claim"]:

$$\sum_{p=0}^n (2p+1)^2 = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)(2n+3)}{3} \text{ for } n = 0, \dots, k.$$

Rest of the inductive step: From the inductive hypothesis, we know that

$$\sum_{p=0}^k (2p+1)^2 = \frac{(k+1)(2k+1)(2k+3)}{3}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=0}^{k+1} (2p+1)^2 &= \left(\sum_{p=0}^k (2p+1)^2 \right) + (2(k+1)+1)^2 = \frac{(k+1)(2k+1)(2k+3)}{3} + (2(k+1)+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(2k+1)(2k+3)}{3} + (2k+3)^2 = (2k+3) \frac{(k+1)(2k+1) + 3(2k+3)}{3} \\ &= (2k+3) \frac{(2k^2 + 3k + 1) + (6k + 9)}{3} = (2k+3) \frac{2k^2 + 9k + 10}{3} = \frac{(k+2)(2k+3)(2k+5)}{3} \end{aligned}$$

So $\sum_{p=0}^{k+1} (2p+1)^2 = \frac{(k+2)(2k+3)(2k+5)}{3}$, which is what we needed to show

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Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

Claim: $2^{n+2} + 3^{2n+1}$ is divisible by 7, for all natural numbers n .

Solution:

Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s): At $n = 0$, $2^{n+2} + 3^{2n+1} = 2^2 + 3 = 7$ which is clearly divisible by 7.

Inductive hypothesis [Be specific, don't just refer to "the claim"]:

Suppose that $2^{n+2} + 3^{2n+1}$ is divisible by 7, for $n = 0, 1, \dots, k$.

Rest of the inductive step:

At $n = k + 1$, $2^{n+2} + 3^{2n+1}$ is equal to $2^{k+3} + 3^{2k+3}$.

$$2^{k+3} + 3^{2k+3} = 2 \cdot 2^{k+2} + 9 \cdot 3^{2k+1} = 2(2^{k+2} + 3^{2k+1}) + 7(3^{3k+1})$$

By the inductive hypothesis, $2^{k+2} + 3^{2k+1}$ is divisible by 7. So $2(2^{k+2} + 3^{2k+1})$ is divisible by 7. $7(3^{3k+1})$ is divisible by 7 because 3^{3k+1} is an integer. So the sum of these two terms must be divisible by 7.

Thus, $2^{k+3} + 3^{2k+3}$ is divisible by 7, which is what we needed to show.

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Use (strong) induction to prove the following claim:

Claim: For all integers $a, b, n, n \geq 1$, if $a \equiv b \pmod{7}$ then $a^n \equiv b^n \pmod{7}$.

Use this definition in your proof: $x \equiv y \pmod{p}$ if and only if $x = y + kp$ for some integer k .

Solution:

Proof by induction on n .

Base case(s): At $n = 1$, our claim becomes “if $a \equiv b \pmod{7}$ then $a \equiv b \pmod{7}$ ” which is clearly true.

Inductive Hypothesis [Be specific, don’t just refer to “the claim”]: Suppose that if $a \equiv b \pmod{7}$ then $a^n \equiv b^n \pmod{7}$, for all integers a, b, n , where $n = 1, \dots, k$,

a and b need to be introduced at some point in this proof, but there’s several places you might do this. For example, you could say “let a and b be integers” right at the start. Then your inductive hypothesis would just be “if $a \equiv b \pmod{7}$ then $a^n \equiv b^n \pmod{7}$, for $n = 1, \dots, k$.” We won’t get picky about this when grading.

Rest of the inductive step:

Let a and b be integers.

Suppose that $a \equiv b \pmod{7}$. then $a = b + 7p$ for some integer p .

From the inductive hypothesis, we know that $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{7}$, So $a^k = b^k + 7q$ for some integer q .

Combining these two equations, we get that

$$a^{k+1} = (b + 7p)(b^k + 7q) = b^{k+1} + 7(pb^k + bq + 7pq)$$

$pb^k + bq + 7pq$ is an integer since p, q , and b are integers. So we know that $a^{k+1} \equiv b^{k+1} \pmod{7}$, which is what we needed to prove.