

1. (3 points) Write out each of the following sums in full, without using summation notation. You are **not** being asked to compute the value of the sums, just to expand each sum into a normal sum of several terms!

$$\text{a) } \sum_{n=1}^5 n \cdot 5^n \quad \text{b) } \sum_{i=1}^7 (2i - 1) \quad \text{c) } \sum_{k=3}^6 \frac{k}{k^2 + 1}$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{a) } \sum_{n=1}^5 n \cdot 5^n = 1 \cdot 5^1 + 2 \cdot 5^2 + 3 \cdot 5^3 + 4 \cdot 5^4 + 5 \cdot 5^5$$

$$\text{b) } \sum_{i=1}^7 (2i - 1) = (2 \cdot 1 - 1) + (2 \cdot 2 - 1) + (2 \cdot 3 - 1) + (2 \cdot 4 - 1) + (2 \cdot 5 - 1) + (2 \cdot 6 - 1) + (2 \cdot 7 - 1)$$

$$\text{c) } \sum_{k=3}^6 \frac{k}{k^2 + 1} = \frac{3}{3^2 + 1} + \frac{4}{4^2 + 1} + \frac{5}{5^2 + 1} + \frac{6}{6^2 + 1}$$

2. (3 points) Use a proof by induction to show that for any integer  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) = n^2$

**Answer:**

**Base Case:** Let  $n = 1$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) = \sum_{i=1}^1 (2i - 1) = (2 \cdot 1 - 1) = 1$ , and  $n^2 = 1^2 = 1$ . So the statement is true for the base case.

**Inductive Case:** Let  $k \geq 1$ , and assume that the statement is true for  $n = k$ . That is, assume that  $\sum_{i=1}^k (2i - 1) = k^2$ . We must show that the statement holds for  $n = k + 1$ , that is that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (2i - 1) = (k + 1)^2. \text{ But}$$

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

3. (3 points) Use a proof by induction to show that for any integer  $n \geq 1$ ,  $n^3 + 2n$  is a multiple of 3. (That is, there is some integer  $j$  such that  $n^3 + 2n = 3j$ .)

**Answer:**

**Base Case:** Let  $n = 1$ . Then  $n^3 + 2n = 1^3 + 2 \cdot 1 = 3 = 3 \cdot 1$ . So  $n^3 + 2n$  is a multiple of 3 in this case.

**Inductive Case:** Let  $k \geq 1$ , and assume that  $n^3 + 2n$  is a multiple of 3 for  $n = k$ . That is, there is an integer  $j$  such that  $k^3 + 2k = 3j$ . We must show that  $n^3 + 2n$  is a multiple of 3 for  $n = k + 1$ . But for  $n = k + 1$ , we have

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

Since  $j + k^2 + k + 1$  is an integer, this shows that  $(k + 1)^3 + 2(k + 1)$  is a multiple of 3.

4. (3 points) Use a proof by induction to show that the following method correctly finds the sum of array elements  $A[0] + A[1] + \dots + A[N-1]$  for all  $N \geq 1$ .

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int recursive_sum( int[] A, int N ) {
    if ( N == 1 )
        return A[0];
    else {
        return A[N-1] + recursive_sum( A, N-1 );
    }
}
```

**Answer:**

**Base Case:** Let  $N = 1$ . In this case, the test in the if statement is true, so the function returns  $A[0]$ . Since we are only taking the sum of one element, this is the correct answer.

**Inductive Case:** Suppose  $k \geq 1$ , and assume that the function is correct for  $N = k$ . That is, `recursive_sum(A,k)` correctly computes the sum  $A[0] + A[1] + \dots + A[k-1]$ . We want to show that `recursive_sum(A,k+1)` correctly computes the sum  $A[0] + A[1] + \dots + A[k]$ .

Since  $k+1 > 1$ , when `recursive_sum(A,k+1)` is called, the test in the if statement is false, and the return value of the function is computed as  $A[(k+1)-1] + \text{recursive\_sum}(A, (k+1)-1)$ , which equals  $A[k] + \text{recursive\_sum}(A,k)$ . By the inductive hypothesis, `recursive_sum(A,k)` correctly returns the value of  $A[0] + A[1] + \dots + A[k-1]$ . Then  $A[k]$  is added to that return value, giving the correct answer,  $A[0] + A[1] + \dots + A[k-1] + A[k]$ .

5. (4 points) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ ; let  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18\}$ ; and let  $C = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid -5 \leq n \leq 5\}$ . Find the following sets. (For this exercise, you do **not** need to justify your answers.)

- a)  $A \cup B$       b)  $A \cap B$       c)  $A \setminus B$       d)  $B \setminus A$   
 e)  $A \cap C$       f)  $\mathbb{N} \cup C$       g)  $\mathbb{N} \setminus C$       h)  $\mathbb{Z} \setminus A$

(Recall that  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of natural numbers and  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers.)

**Answer:**

- a)  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18\}$   
 b)  $A \cap B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$   
 c)  $A \setminus B = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$   
 d)  $B \setminus A = \{10, 12, 14, 16, 18\}$   
 e)  $A \cap C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$   
 f)  $\mathbb{N} \cup C = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \geq -5\} = \{-5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$   
 g)  $\mathbb{N} \setminus C = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n > 5\} = \{6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, \dots\}$   
 h)  $\mathbb{Z} \setminus A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \leq 0 \text{ or } n \geq 10\}$

6. (2 points) Let  $A$  be the set  $A = \{\emptyset, a, \{a\}\}$ . Write out the power set,  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ . (It has 8 elements. You do not have to justify your answer.)

**Answer:**

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{a\}, \{\{a\}\}, \{a, \{a\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}, \{\emptyset, a\}, \{\emptyset, a, \{a\}\}\}$$

7. (3 points) Let  $A$  be any set. What can you say about  $A \cup A$ ? about  $A \cap A$ ? about  $A \setminus A$ ? Justify your answer, either informally or by using the definitions of  $\cup$ ,  $\cap$ , and  $\setminus$ .

**Answer:**

$A \cup A = A$ , because  $A \cup A = \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in A\} = \{x \mid x \in A\} = A$ . This uses the idempotent law of logic for  $\vee$ . Informally, adding all the elements of  $A$  to all of the elements of  $A$  just gives all of the elements of  $A$ .

$A \cap A = A$ , because  $A \cap A = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in A\} = \{x \mid x \in A\} = A$ . This uses the idempotent law of logic for  $\wedge$ . Informally, taking all the elements that are in both  $A$  and  $A$  gives all of the elements of  $A$ .

$A \setminus A = \emptyset$ , because  $A \setminus A = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in A)\} = \emptyset$ , because  $x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in A)$  is of the logical form  $p \wedge \neg p$ , which is always false. Informally, removing from  $A$  all of itself leaves nothing behind.

8. (3 points) Prove: If  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are any sets and  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \subseteq C$ , then  $A \subseteq B \cap C$ .

**Answer:**

Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be arbitrary sets, and assume that  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \subseteq C$ . We want to show that  $A \subseteq B \cap C$ . Saying  $A \subseteq B \cap C$  means by definition that for any  $x$ , if  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in B \cap C$ .

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $A$ . We need to show that  $x \in B \cap C$ . Since  $A \subseteq B$  and  $x \in A$ , we know that  $x \in B$ . Since  $A \subseteq C$  and  $x \in A$ , we know that  $x \in C$ . Since  $x \in B$  and  $x \in C$ , it follows by definition of intersection that  $x \in B \cap C$ .