

Assignment 2 Key

Question 1)

Consider the following function, p , from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} .

$$p(0) = 0; p(x+1) = p(x) + x + 2$$

Prove inductively that $p(x) = (x^2 + 3x)/2$

Base: $x = 0$; $(x^2 + 3x)/2 = (0 + 0)/2 = 0 = p(0)$ by definition.

IH: Assume $p(x) = (x^2 + 3x)/2$ for some $x = k \geq 0$

IS: Show for $x = k+1$.

$$\begin{aligned} ((k+1)^2 + 3(k+1))/2 &= (k^2 + 2k + 1 + 3k + 3)/2 = (k^2 + 3k + 2k + 4)/2 = \\ &= (k^2 + 3k)/2 + k + 2 = p(k) + k + 2 \text{ by IH.} \end{aligned}$$

But $p(k+1) = p(k) + k + 2$ by definition, proving what was desired.

Question 2)

Consider the following function, q , from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} .

$$q(0) = 0; q(y+1) = q(y) + y + 1$$

Prove inductively that $q(y) = (y^2 + y)/2$

Base: $y = 0$; $(y^2 + y)/2 = (0 + 0)/2 = 0 = q(0)$ by definition.

IH: Assume $q(x) = (y^2 + y)/2$ for some $y = k \geq 0$

IS: Show for $y = k+1$.

$$\begin{aligned} ((k+1)^2 + k+1)/2 &= (k^2 + 2k + 1 + k + 1)/2 = (k^2 + k + 2k + 2)/2 = \\ &= (k^2 + k)/2 + k + 1 = q(k) + k + 1 \text{ by IH.} \end{aligned}$$

But $q(k+1) = q(k) + k + 1$ by definition, proving what was desired.

Question 3)

Consider the two variable function, t , from $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ to \mathbb{N}

$$t(x,y) = (x^2 + 3x + 2xy + y + y^2)/2$$

This embodies p and q , in that $p(x) = t(x,0)$ and $q(y) = t(0,y)$.

Fill in the following matrix with values of $t(x,y)$

along the first four left to right diagonals

(x is horizontal axis; y is vertical axis).

6			
3	7		
1	4	8	
0	2	5	9

Explain what the pattern is and how you could continue to fill in diagonals without ever looking back at the formula.

Every diagonal starts at the top y cell ($x=0$) in new diagonal as one more than the value of the last value written ($y=0$) in previous diagonal and increment values by one for each subsequent cell on the diagonal. For our case, next diagonal's values are 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.