

2018

Each problem is worth 20 points. You cannot use any calculators, books or notes.

1. State the well-ordering principle for natural numbers. **Answer:** Every non-empty set of natural numbers has a minimum.
2. State the induction principle for natural numbers. **Answer:** a) Assume that a property P holds for $n = 1$. b) If P holds for n then it holds for $n + 1$. From a) the induction basis and b) the induction step one can conclude that P holds for all natural numbers.
3. Prove the induction principle from the well-ordering principle. **Answer:** Assume that there is a natural number for which P doesn't hold. Let $S = \{n \mid P \text{ does not hold for } n\}$. Then S is not empty and must have a smallest element m . Because P holds for $n = 1$, we have that $m > 1$. Therefore m has a predecessor $m - 1$. It must be the case that P holds for $m - 1$ because m is the smallest number for which P does not hold. But then P must hold for $(m - 1) + 1 = m$. This is a contradiction. S must be empty, that is P holds for all natural numbers.
4. State strong induction. **Answer:** Assume a) Property P holds for $n = 1$ b) One has that P holds for n in case P holds for all $k < m$. Then P holds for every natural number.
5. Prove that every natural number is a product of prime numbers. **Answer:** If n is prime, then we are done. Otherwise $n = a \cdot b$ where a as well as b are smaller than n . If we assume that every number smaller than n is a product of primes then we have $a = p_1 \cdot p_2 \dots \cdot p_k$ and $b = q_1 \cdot q_2 \dots \cdot q_l$ are products of primes. But then $a \cdot b = (p_1 \cdot p_2 \dots \cdot p_k) \cdot (q_1 \cdot q_2 \dots \cdot q_l)$ is a product of primes. By strong induction, every number is a product of primes. The number 1 is a product of primes, the empty product. Also 2 is a product of primes, 2 is a prime.
6. Let p be a prime number. Assume that $p \mid a \cdot b$. Prove that $p \mid a$ or $p \mid b$. **Answer:** Assume that the prime number $p \nmid a$. Then $\gcd(p, a) = 1$. Therefore 1 is an integer combination of p and a . Thus $1 = u \cdot a + v \cdot p$. Multiply both sides by b and we get $b = u \cdot a \cdot b + v \cdot p \cdot b$. We have $p \mid u \cdot a \cdot b$ because we assume that $p \mid a \cdot b$ and $p \mid v \cdot p \cdot b$, obviously. We conclude that $p \mid b$.
7. Outline a proof that every natural number is a unique product of primes. **Answer:** Assume $n = p_1 \cdot p_2 \dots \cdot p_k = q_1 \cdot q_2 \dots \cdot q_l$. We see that $p_1 \mid q_1 \cdot (q_2 \dots \cdot q_l)$ By the previous problem, $p_1 \mid q_1$ or $p_1 \mid (q_2 \dots \cdot q_l)$ that is $p_1 \mid q_1$ or $p_1 \mid q_2$ or $p_1 \mid (q_3 \dots \cdot q_l)$ we get that p_1 divides one of the q_i . We may assume that p_1 divides q_1 . Because q_1 is prime, we get $p_1 = q_1$. We cancel p_1 on both sides. Assuming unique prime factorization for all natural numbers smaller than n we are done.
8. Prove by mathematical induction.
 - a. $1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ **Answer:** For $n = 1$ the formula says

$1 = \frac{1 \cdot (1+1)}{2} = 1$; assume that $1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$. Then we get for $n + 1$ that $1 + 2 + \dots + n + (n + 1) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n + 1) = \frac{n(n+1) + 2(n+1)}{2} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$ which is the formula for $n + 1$.

b. $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n + 1) = (n + 1)^2$ **Answer:** For $n = 1$ the formula says $1 + 3 = (1 + 1)^2 = 2^2 = 4$ which is correct. Assume now that one has for some n that $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n + 1) = (n + 1)^2$. Then $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n + 1) + (2n + 3) = (n + 1)^2 + (2n + 3) = n^2 + 2n + 1 + 2n + 3 =$ which shows the formula for $n + 1$.

c. Any finite set which has $n - \text{many}$ elements has $2^n - \text{many}$ subsets.
Answer: Any one element set $S = \{1\}$ has two subsets, the empty set \emptyset and the whole set $\{1\}$. Assume that the set $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ of $n - \text{many}$ elements has $2^n - \text{many}$ subsets. The subsets of $S^+ = \{1, 2, \dots, n, n + 1\}$ fall into two equal numbered groups: subsets which contain the element $n + 1$ and those which don't contain $n + 1$. Thus there are $2 \cdot 2^n = 2^{n+1} - \text{many}$ subsets of S^+ .

8. Give a recursive definition of the sum $S_n = 1 + 2 + \dots + n$ and of the product $P_n = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot n$ of the first n numbers. **Answer:**
 $S_1 = 1, S_{n+1} = S_n + (n + 1); P_n = 1, P_{n+1} = P_n \cdot (n + 1)$

10. Show that the set S defined by $5 \in S$, and $x + y \in S$ whenever $x \in S$ and $y \in S$ is the set of all positive integers that are multiples of 5. Hint: You need to show that S contains all number that are multiple of 5. You do this by induction over n .

then you use that every number $z \in S$ different from 5 is of the form $z = x + y$. **Answer:**
 We first show that $5 \cdot \mathbb{N} \subseteq S$. We show this by induction. We have $5 \cdot 1 = 5 \in S$. Assume that $5n \in S$. But then $5n + 5 = 5(n + 1) \in S$. By induction we get $5 \cdot n \in S$ for every n , that is $5 \cdot \mathbb{N} \subseteq S$. Now we need to show that $S \subseteq 5 \cdot \mathbb{N}$. This is true for $5 \in S$. Now, if x as well as y are divisible by 5, then $x + y$ is divisible by 5. Thus every element of S is divisible by 5.