Section 05: Induction

1. GCD

(a) Calculate gcd(100, 50).

(b) Calculate gcd(17, 31).

(c) Find the multiplicative inverse of 6 $\pmod 7$.

(d) Does 49 have an multiplicative inverse $\pmod 7$?

2. Mod Review

(a) Prove that if $n \mid m$, where n and m are integers greater than 1, and if $a \equiv b \pmod m$, where a and b are integers, then $a \equiv b \pmod n$.

3. Modular Multiplication

Write an English proof to prove that for an integer $m > 0$ and any integers a, b, c, d, if $a \equiv b$ (mod m) and $c \equiv d$ (mod m), then $ac \equiv bd$ (mod m).

4. Induction with Equality

(a) Show using induction that $0 + 1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(b) Define the triangle numbers as $\triangle_n = 1 + 2 + \cdots + n$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$. In part (a) we showed $\triangle_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$.

Prove the following equality for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$0^3 + 1^3 + \cdots + n^3 = \triangle_n^2$$

5. Induction with Mod

Prove that the equivalence $4^n \equiv 1 (\text{mod } 3)$ holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by induction

6. Induction with Divides

Prove that $9 \mid (n^3 + (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3)$ for all $n > 1$ by induction.

7. Induction with Inequality

Prove that $6n + 6 < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 6$.

8. Cantelli's Rabbits

Xavier Cantelli owns some rabbits. The number of rabbits he has in any given year is described by the function f:

$$f(0) = 0$$
$$f(1) = 1$$
$$f(n) = 2f(n-1) - f(n-2) \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

Determine, with proof, the number, $f(n)$, of rabbits that Cantelli owns in year n. That is, construct a formula for $f(n)$ and prove its correctness.

9. A Horse of a Different Color

Did you know that all dogs are named Dubs? It's true. Maybe. Let's prove it by induction. The key is talking about groups of dogs, where every dog has the same name.

Let $P(i)$ mean "all groups of i dogs have the same name." We prove $\forall n \; P(n)$ by induction on n.

Base Case: $P(1)$ Take an arbitrary group of one dog, all dogs in that group all have the same name (there's only the one, so it has the same name as itself).

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose $P(k)$ holds for some arbitrary k.

Inductive Step: Consider an arbitrary group of $k+1$ dogs. Arbitrarily select a dog, D, and remove it from the group. What remains is a group of k dogs. By inductive hypothesis, all k of those dogs have the same name. Add D back to the group, and remove some other dog D'. We have a (different) group of k dogs, so the inductive hypothesis applies again, and every dog in that group also shares the same name. All $k+1$ dogs appeared in at least one of the two groups, and our groups overlapped, so all of our $k+1$ dogs have the same name, as required.

Conclusion: We conclude $P(n)$ holds for all n by the principle of induction.

Recalling that Dubs is a dog, we have that every dog must have the same name as him, so every dog is named Dubs.

This proof cannot be correct (the proposed claim is false). Where is the bug?