

【Theorem 1】 The simple polygon with n sides, where n is an integer with $n \geq 3$, can be triangulated into $n-2$ triangles.

Proof:

Let $T(n)$ be the statement that simple polygon with n sides can be triangulated into $n-2$ triangles

(1) Basis step: $T(3)$ is true.

(2) Inductive step:

Assume that $T(j)$ is true for all integers j with $3 \leq j \leq k$. We must show $T(k+1)$ is true, that is that every simple polygon with $k+1$ sides can be triangulated into $k-1$ triangles.

Suppose that we have a simple polygon P with $k+1$ sides. By Lemma 1, P has an interior diagonal ab . ab splits P into two simple polygon Q , with s ($3 \leq s \leq k$) sides, and R , with t ($3 \leq t \leq k$) sides. **(detail omitted.)**

By strong induction, every simple polygon with n sides, where $n \geq 3$, can be Triangulated into $n-2$ triangles.

LAME'S Theorem Let a and b be positive integers. Then the number of divisions required to find $\gcd(a, b)$ is less than the number of decimal digits in b .

$$r_0 = r_1 q_1 + r_2 \quad 0 \leq r_2 < r_1$$

$$r_1 = r_2 q_2 + r_3 \quad 0 \leq r_3 < r_2$$

...

$$r_{n-2} = r_{n-1} q_{n-1} + r_n \quad 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1}$$

$$r_{n-1} = r_n q_n$$

Proof:

The number of divisions $n \leq 5k$

From the above equations,

$$q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{n-1} \geq 1 \quad q_n \geq 2 \quad \because r_n < r_{n-1}$$

This implies

$$r_n \geq 1 = f_2$$

$$r_{n-1} \geq 2r_n \geq 2f_2 = f_3$$

$$r_{n-2} \geq r_{n-1} + r_n \geq f_3 + f_2 = f_4$$

$$r_{n-3} \geq r_{n-2} + r_{n-1} \geq f_3 + f_4 = f_5$$

...

$$r_2 \geq r_3 + r_4 \geq f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} = f_n$$

$$b = r_1 \geq r_2 + r_3 \geq f_n + f_{n-1} = f_{n+1}$$

$$\therefore f_{n+1} > \alpha^{n-1} \text{ for } n > 2$$

$$\therefore b > \alpha^{n-1}$$

$$\log_{10} b > (n-1) \log_{10} \alpha > \frac{n-1}{5}$$

$$n-1 < 5 \cdot \log_{10} b < 5k$$

$$\therefore n \leq 5k$$

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e.g (HW 5.2T8)

Suppose that a store offers gift certificates in denominations of 25 dollars and 40 dollars. Determine the possible total amounts you can form using these gift certificates. Prove your answer using strong induction.

① 寻找最大公因数, 仅最大公因数^{→k}倍数可被表示, 并将所有数除以最大公因数从小到大得 x_1, x_2, \dots

② 找 $y = k_1x_1 + k_2x_2 + \dots$ 的连续 x_1 个数, 则 $kN (n \geq \lfloor y/x_1 \rfloor)$ 均可被表示. $(P(y) = P(y - x_1))$

↑ Basis

↑ Inductive

prove by well-ordered property

结合 ⇒

s1. 构造一个 well-ordered 的集合, 根据 property 取出 least number k .

s2. 假定这个集合中没有满足条件的 k . (即 k 不满足题设条件), 推出 k 不是这个集合的 least number, 故矛盾, 所以假设不成立

⇒ 有 k 满足题设条件

< prove by contradiction

[[Example 11]] Use generating functions to solve the recurrence relation $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2} + 4^n + 6$ with initial conditions $a_0 = 20, a_1 = 60$.

Solution:

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2} + 4^n + 6 \quad \times x^n$$

$$a_n x^n = 2a_{n-1} x^n + 3a_{n-2} x^n + 4^n x^n + 6x^n$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n + 3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 4^n x^n + 6 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} x^n$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \swarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \searrow \\
 G(x) - a_0 - a_1 x & 2x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n & 3x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n & \frac{1}{1-4x} - 1 - 4x & 6\left(\frac{1}{1-x} - 1 - x\right) \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow & & \\
 & 2x(G(x) - a_0) & 3x^2 G(x) & &
 \end{array}$$

$$(1-2x-3x^2)G(x) = \frac{20-80x+2x^2+40x^3}{(1-4x)(1-x)}$$

$$G(x) = \frac{20-80x+2x^2+40x^3}{(1-4x)(1-x)(1+x)(1-3x)}$$

$$= \frac{16/5}{1-4x} + \frac{-3/2}{1-x} + \frac{31/20}{1+x} + \frac{67/4}{1-3x}$$

$$\frac{16}{5} \times 4^n - \frac{3}{2} \times 1^n + \frac{31}{20} \times (-1)^n + \frac{67}{4} \times 3^n$$

$$a_n = \frac{16}{5} \times 4^n - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{31}{20} \times (-1)^n + \frac{67}{4} \times 3^n$$

〔Example 12〕 Use generating functions to prove Pascal's identity $C(n, r) = C(n - 1, r) + C(n - 1, r - 1)$ when n and r are positive integers with $r < n$.

Proof:

$$G(x) = (1+x)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n C(n,r)x^r$$

$$(1+x)^n = (1+x)(1+x)^{n-1} = (1+x)^{n-1} + x(1+x)^{n-1}$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^n C(n,r)x^r = \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} C(n-1,r)x^r + \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} C(n-1,r)x^{r+1}$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} C(n-1,r)x^r + \sum_{r=1}^n C(n-1,r-1)x^r$$

$$1 + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(n,r)x^r + x^n$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(n-1,r)x^r + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(n-1,r-1)x^r + x^n$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \underline{C(n,r)x^r} = \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \underline{[C(n-1,r) + C(n-1,r-1)]x^r}$$