

Defined functions:

$$f(m, n) = \begin{cases} n & m = 0 \\ 0 & n = 0 \\ n \cdot f(m - 1, n) - g(m - 1, n - 1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$g(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y = 0 \\ f(x, y) + g(x, y - 1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Lemma 1: $g(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^y f(x, i)$

Base case ($y = 0$): $g(x, 0) = 0 = \sum_{i=1}^0 f(x, i)$ (defn of g, f)

Induction: Assume for some $k \geq 0$, $g(x, k) = \sum_{i=1}^k f(x, i)$.

$$\begin{aligned} g(x, k + 1) &= f(x, k + 1) + g(x, k) && \text{(defn of g)} \\ &= f(x, k + 1) + \sum_{i=1}^k f(x, i) && \text{(induction hypothesis)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} f(x, i) && \text{(defn of summation)} \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 2: $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^i i^m = \sum_{j=1}^n j^m (n - j)$

Base case ($n = 0$): $\sum_{i=1}^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^i i^m = 0 = \sum_{j=1}^0 j^m (n - j)$

Induction: Assume for some $k \geq 0$, $\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=1}^i i^m = \sum_{j=1}^k j^m (k - j)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^i i^m &= \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=1}^i i^m + \sum_{j=1}^k j^m && \text{(defn of sum)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} i^m (k - i) + \sum_{j=1}^k j^m && \text{(induction hypothesis)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} i^m (k - i) + i^m && \text{(summation property)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k i^m (k - i + 1) && \text{(collection of terms)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^m (k - i + 1) && \text{(summation property)} \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem: $f(m, n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i^m$

Base case ($m = 0$): $f(0, n) = n = \sum_{i=1}^n i^0$ (defn of f)

Induction: Assume for some $k \geq 0$, $f(k, n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i^k$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(k + 1, n) &= n \cdot f(k, n) - g(k, n - 1) && \text{(defn of f)} \\ &= n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (i^k) - g(k, n - 1) && \text{(induction hypothesis)} \\ &= n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (i^k) - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} f(k, j) && \text{(Lemma 1)} \\ &= n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (i^k) - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{c=1}^j i^k && \text{(induction hypothesis)} \\ &= n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (i^k) - \sum_{j=1}^n (n - j) j^k && \text{(Lemma 2)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (n i^k - (n - i) i^k) && \text{(summation property)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n i^{k+1} && \text{(collection of terms)} \end{aligned}$$

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