

## Chapter 12 Solutions

#12.3(b) Induction cannot be used for statements of the form " $\forall$  real numbers ... " because there is no "next" real number after a given real number.

Whenever we assume  $P(n)$  is true and prove that  $P(n+1)$  is true we are showing it's possible to take the next step. This makes sense for integers, but not for real numbers.

#12.8 Claim:  $\forall k \geq 1$  (integers),  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i = 2^k - 1$ .

Proof (by induction): Let  $P(k)$  be the statement that  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i = 2^k - 1$ .

Step 1: Let  $k=1$ . Then  $\sum_{i=0}^{1-1} 2^i = 2^0 = 1$  and  $2^1 - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$ .

so  $P(1)$  is true.

Step 2: Assume  $P(n)$  is true, i.e.  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i = 2^n - 1$ .

Let's look at  $P(n+1)$ : is  $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1-1} 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 1$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i + 2^n \\ &= \underline{\underline{(2^n - 1)}} + 2^n \quad \text{by } P(n) \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^n - 1 \\ &= 2^{n+1} - 1. \quad \text{so } P(n+1) \text{ is true.}\end{aligned}$$

Since by the Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(k)$  is true for all integers  $k \geq 1$ .  $\blacksquare$

#12.12 Claim: Every set with  $n$  elements has  $2^n$  subsets.

Proof (by induction):

For each positive integer  $n \geq 1$ , let  $P(n)$  be the statement that a set with  $n$  elements has  $2^n$  subsets.

Step 1: Let  $n=1$ : A set with one element is  $\{e\}$ .

It has 2 subsets  $\{e\}$  and  $\{\} = \emptyset$ ;  $2^1 = 2$ . so  $P(1)$  is true.

Step 2: Suppose  $P(n)$  is true.

Consider a set with  $n+1$  elements. There are  $2^n$  subsets that do not use the  $(n+1)^{\text{st}}$  element. There are another  $2^n$  subsets of the first  $n$  elements that also have the  $(n+1)^{\text{st}}$  element.  
The total number of subsets is  $2^n + 2^n = 2^n \cdot 2 = 2^{n+1}$   
so  $P(n+1)$  is true.

By the Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for every  $n \geq 1$ . That is, every set of  $n$  elements has  $2^n$  subsets. □

Example:  $n=2$ : subsets of  $\{a, b\}$  are  $\{a, b\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{\} = \emptyset$ .

$n=3$ : subsets of  $\{a, b, c\}$  are  $\{a, b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$   
and  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{\} = \emptyset$

#12.17 Claim:  $(\cos(x) + i \sin(x))^n = \cos(nx) + i \sin(nx)$  for every integer  $n \geq 1$ .

Proof: (by induction)

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that  $(\cos(x) + i \sin(x))^n = \cos(nx) + i \sin(nx)$ .

Step 1: Let  $n=1$ .  $(\cos(x) + i \sin(x))^1 = \cos(1x) + i \sin(1x)$  so  $P(1)$  is true.

Step 2: Suppose  $P(n-1)$  is true (for  $n \geq 2$ ).

That is  $(\cos(x) + i \sin(x))^{n-1} = \cos((n-1)x) + i \sin((n-1)x)$ .

Then to show  $P(n)$  is true:

$$(\cos(x) + i \sin(x))^n = (\cos(x) + i \sin(x))^{n-1} (\cos(x) + i \sin(x))$$

$$(\text{because } P(n-1) \text{ is true}) = (\cos((n-1)x) + i \sin((n-1)x)) (\cos(x) + i \sin(x))$$

$$= (\cos((n-1)x) \cos x - \sin((n-1)x) \sin x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\alpha+\beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\ \sin(\alpha+\beta) &= \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta \end{aligned}$$

with  $\alpha = (n-1)x$  and  $\beta = x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &+ i (\cos((n-1)x) \sin(x) + \sin((n-1)x) \cos(x)) \\ &= \cos((n-1)x + x) + i \sin((n-1)x + x) \\ &= \cos(nx) + i \sin(nx). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $P(n)$  is true.

By the Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$ , i.e.  $(\cos(x) + i \sin(x))^n = (\cos(nx) + i \sin(nx))$ . □