

To receive credit you MUST SHOW ALL YOUR WORK.

1. (10 pts) Use mathematical induction to prove that for every positive integer  $n$

$$1 \cdot 2^1 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + n \cdot 2^n = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2$$

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement:  $1 \cdot 2^1 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + n \cdot 2^n = (n-1)2^{n+1} + 2$   
for a given  $n \geq 1$ .

Basic Step:  $P(1)$  True since  $1 \cdot 2^1 = (1-1)2^{1+1} + 2$

Inductive Step: Assume  $P(n)$  true prove that  $P(n+1)$  is true.

LHS. of  $P(n+1)$

$$= \underbrace{1 \cdot 2^1 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + n \cdot 2^n}_{\text{LHS. of } P(n)} + (n+1) \cdot 2^{n+1} \stackrel{\text{use } P(n)}{=} (n-1) \cdot 2^{n+1} + 2 + (n+1) \cdot 2^{n+1} =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{algebra}}{=} [(n-1) + (n+1)] \cdot 2^{n+1} + 2 = 2n \cdot 2^{n+1} + 2 = n \cdot 2^{n+2} + 2 = \underbrace{(n+1-1) \cdot 2^{n+1+1} + 2}_{\text{RHS. of } P(n+1)}$$

Thus

2. (18 pts) Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that a postage of  $n$  cents can be formed using just 3-cent and 7-cent stamps.

(a) (4 pts) Determine the truth value of  $P(n)$  when  $3 \leq n \leq 20$ .

$P(3)$ T	$3 = 1 \cdot 3$	$P(8)$ F	$P(13)$ T	$13 = 1 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 3$	$P(19)$ T
$P(4)$ F		$P(9)$ T	$9 = 3 \cdot 3$	$P(14)$ T	$14 = 2 \cdot 7$
$P(5)$ F		$P(10)$ T	$10 = 1 \cdot 7 + 1 \cdot 3$	$P(15)$ T	$15 = 5 \cdot 3$
$P(6)$ T	$6 = 2 \cdot 3$	$P(11)$ F		$P(16)$ T	$16 = 1 \cdot 7 + 3 \cdot 3$
$P(7)$ T	$7 = 1 \cdot 7$	$P(12)$ T	$12 = 4 \cdot 3$	$P(17)$ T	$17 = 1 \cdot 7 + 4 \cdot 3$
				$P(18)$ T	$18 = 3 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 7$

(b) (4 pts) Based on part (a), formulate a conjecture of the type: for any  $n \geq n_0$  the statement  $P(n)$  is true. You should determine the value of  $n_0$  as it emerges from part (a).

If  $n \geq 12$ ,  $P(n)$  is true

(c) (10 pts) Use Mathematical Induction to prove your statement from (b).

The inductive step  $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+3)$  is clear since if  $n$  can be formed with 3¢ and 7¢ stamps, then  $n+3$  can be formed by just adding one more 3¢ stamp.  
Since the inductive step is every 3, we should check 3 consecutive basic cases.

But from part (a) we know that  $P(12), P(13), P(14)$  are all true.

Thus  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 12$ .

(Note: You may do this strictly with strong induction, but this form of the strong induction which I presented in class)