

1. Recursively define the set of bit strings that have more 0s than 1s.

Solution: Let S be the set of such strings and $0 \in S$. If $x \in S$ and $y \in S$, then $xy \in S$, $1xy \in S$, $x1y \in S$, $xy1 \in S$.

2. Show that $(w^R)^i = (w^i)^R$ whenever w is a string and i is a nonnegative integer.

Solution: We use Mathematical Induction to prove it.

BASIS STEP: when $i = 1$ we have $(w^R)^1 = (w^1)^R$.

INDUCTIVE STEP: Assume $(w^R)^n = (w^n)^R$ is true for integer n . Then $(w^R)^{n+1} = (w^R)^n w^R = (w^n)^R w^R$. Since $(w_1 w_2)^R = w_2^R w_1^R$, we have $(w^n)^R w^R = (w w^n)^R = (w^{n+1})^R$. Hence, $(w^R)^{n+1} = (w^{n+1})^R$ is true.

This complete the proof.

3. Let f_n be the n th Fibonacci number, prove that $f_1^2 + f_2^2 + \cdots + f_n^2 = f_n f_{n+1}$ whenever n is a positive number.

Solution: We use Mathematical Induction

to prove it.

BASIS STEP: When $i = 1$ we have $f_1 = 1$ and $f_2 = 1$. So $f_1^2 = f_1 f_2$.

INDUCTIVE STEP: Assume it is true for integer n . We want to prove it is true for integer $n + 1$.

$$f_1^2 + f_2^2 + \cdots + f_n^2 + f_{n+1}^2 = f_n f_{n+1} + f_{n+1}^2 = f_{n+1}(f_n + f_{n+1}) = f_{n+1} f_{n+2}.$$

This complete the proof.

4. Give a recursive definition of the sequence $\{a_n\}$ if $a_n = n^2$.

Solution: $a_0 = 0$ and $a_{n+1} = a_n + (2n + 1)$. This is because $(n + 1)^2 = n^2 + (2n + 1)$.

5. Give a recursive definition of the set of positive integers not divisible by 5.

Solution:

$$1, 2, 3, 4 \in S, x + 5 \in S \text{ if } x \in S.$$

6. Give a recursive definition of the set of integers that are congruent to either 2 or 3 modulo 6.

Solution: Let S be the set of integers that

are congruent to either 2 or 3 modulo 6. A recursive definition is:

$2 \in S, 3 \in S$, and

if $x \in S$ then $x + 6 \in S$ and $x - 6 \in S$.

7. Give a recursive definition of the set of bit strings that contain consecutive zeros.

Solution: Let S be the set of bit strings that contain consecutive zeros. A recursive definition is:

$00 \in S$, and

if $x \in S$ then $0x \in S, 1x \in S, x0 \in S$ and $x1 \in S$.

8. Give a recursive definition of the set of bit strings that have even length.

Solution: Let S be the set of bit strings that have even length. A recursive definition is:

$\lambda \in S$, and

if $x \in S$ then $x01 \in S, x10 \in S, x00 \in S$ and $x11 \in S$.

9. Give a recursive definition of the set of bit

strings that are palindromes (i.e. bit strings that read the same forward as backwards).

Solution: Let S be the set of bit strings that are palindromes. A recursive definition is:

$\lambda, 0, 1 \in S$, and

if $x \in S$ then $0x0 \in S$ and $1x1 \in S$.

10. Devise a recursive algorithm to find a^{2^n} where a is a real number and n is a positive number.

Solution:

procedure iterative $fun(a$:real number, n positive integer)

if $n = 1$ then $fun(a, n) = a^2$

else $fun(a, n) = fun(a, n - 1) * fun(a, n - 1)$.

11. Give a recursive for finding the reversal of a bit string.

Solution:

procedure $reverse(w$:bit string)

$n = length(w)$;

if $n \leq 1$ then $reverse(w) = w$

else $reverse(w) =$

$substr(w, n, n)reverse(substr(w, 1, n-1))$.

where

$substr(w, a, b)$ is the substring of w consisting of the symbols in the a th through b th position.