

1. [10 marks]

For a contradiction, suppose  $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}, \exists m \in \mathbb{N}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, (m+1)^p \neq km+1$ . Consider the set  $S = \{p \in \mathbb{N} : \exists m \in \mathbb{N}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, (m+1)^p \neq km+1\}$ . By our assumption,  $S \neq \emptyset$  so by the principle of well ordering, there is a smallest element  $\hat{p} \in S$ . By definition of  $S$ ,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, (m+1)^{\hat{p}} \neq km+1$ .

- $\hat{p} \neq 0$  because for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(m+1)^0 = 1 = 0 \cdot m + 1$ , *i.e.*,  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, \exists k \in \mathbb{N}, (m+1)^0 = km+1$ .
- So  $\hat{p} > 0$  and  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, \exists k \in \mathbb{N}, (m+1)^{\hat{p}-1} = km+1$  (since  $\hat{p}$  is the smallest element of  $S$ ). However, for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (m+1)^{\hat{p}} &= (m+1)(m+1)^{\hat{p}-1} \\ &= (m+1)(\hat{k}m+1) \\ &= \hat{k}m^2 + \hat{k}m + m + 1 \\ &= (km + m + 1)m + 1 \\ &= k'm + 1 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{k}$  is the natural number whose existence is guaranteed by  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, \exists k \in \mathbb{N}, (m+1)^{\hat{p}-1} = km+1$ . Hence,  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, \exists k \in \mathbb{N}, (m+1)^{\hat{p}} = km+1$ , which contradicts the definition of  $\hat{p}$ .

Therefore, it must be the case that  $S$  is empty, *i.e.*, the original statement is true.

2. [10 marks]

Claim: For all  $n \geq 1$ , every set of size  $n$  has exactly  $2^{n-1}$  even-sized subsets.

Proof: By induction on  $n$ .

**Base Case:** Let  $S$  be a set of size 1, *i.e.*,  $S = \{a\}$ . Then,  $S$  has subsets  $\emptyset$  and  $\{a\}$ , and only one of them has even size:  $\emptyset$ . Hence,  $S$  has exactly  $1 = 2^{1-1}$  even-sized subsets.

**Ind. Hyp.:** Let  $n \geq 1$  and suppose that every set of size  $n$  has exactly  $2^{n-1}$  even-sized subsets.

**Ind. Step:** Let  $S$  be a set of size  $n+1$ , *i.e.*,  $S = \{a_1, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1}\}$ . Then, the even-sized subsets of  $S$  that do not contain  $a_{n+1}$  are exactly the same as the even-sized subsets of  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ , so there are  $2^{n-1}$  many such subsets by the IH. In addition, the even-sized subsets of  $S$  that contain  $a_{n+1}$  are exactly the same as the odd-sized subsets of  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  to which  $a_{n+1}$  has been added, so there are  $2^{n-1}$  many such subsets by the IH (since there are  $2^n$  many subsets, as proved in class, and  $2^{n-1}$  many even-sized subsets by the IH). Therefore,  $S$  has exactly  $2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} = 2^n = 2^{(n+1)-1}$  even-sized subsets, as desired.

3. [10 marks]

- $P(n)$  holds for all even  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $P(0)$  holds,  $P(2)$  holds because  $P(0) \rightarrow P(2)$ ,  $P(4)$  holds because  $P(2) \rightarrow P(4)$ , ... Also,  $P(1) \rightarrow P(3)$ ,  $P(3) \rightarrow P(5)$ , ..., but we do not know that  $P(n)$  holds for any odd value of  $n$ .
- $P(n)$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $P(0)$  holds,  $P(1)$  holds because  $P(0) \rightarrow P(1)$ ,  $P(2)$  holds because  $P(1) \rightarrow P(2)$ , ...
- $P(n)$  holds for  $n = 0$  only:  $P(0)$  holds. Also,  $P(1) \rightarrow P(2)$ ,  $P(2) \rightarrow P(3)$ , ... but we cannot say  $P(n)$  holds for any  $n > 0$ .
- $P(n)$  holds for all  $n \geq 1$ :  $P(1)$  holds,  $P(2)$  holds because  $P(1) \rightarrow P(2)$ ,  $P(3)$  holds because  $P(2) \rightarrow P(3)$ , ... However, we do not know whether  $P(0)$  holds.
- $P(n)$  holds for all  $n \geq 1$ :  $P(2)$  holds,  $P(1)$  holds because  $P(2) \rightarrow P(1)$ ,  $P(3)$  holds because  $P(1) \rightarrow P(3)$ ,  $P(4)$  holds because  $P(2) \rightarrow P(4)$ , ... However, we do not know whether  $P(0)$  holds.

4. [10 marks]

We prove that for all  $k \geq 1$ , there is a walk that visits  $k^2 - k + 1$  sub-triangles and that ends at a corner of the triangle array of size  $k$ .

**Base Case:** For  $k = 1$ , there is only one sub-triangle in the triangle array, and only one possible “walk” that starts and ends on the sub-triangle (which happens to be a corner). This walk visits exactly  $1 = 1^2 - 1 + 1$  sub-triangles.

**Ind. Hyp.:** Let  $k \geq 1$  and suppose that for all triangle arrays of size  $k$ , there is a walk that visits at least  $k^2 - k + 1$  sub-triangles and that ends at a corner.

**Ind. Step:**

Consider a triangle array of size  $k+1$ . This consists of a sub-array of size  $k$  above one last row of sub-triangles. By the Ind. Hyp., there is a walk that visits  $k^2 - k + 1$  sub-triangles and that ends at a corner of the sub-array of size  $k$ . Without loss of generality, we can ensure that the last corner of that walk is the rightmost one on the bottom row of the sub-array of size  $k$  (by rotating and/or flipping the walk as needed). Then, the walk can be extended to the last row in the “obvious” way, to visit  $(k^2 - k + 1) + 2k = (k^2 + 2k + 1) - k - 1 + 1 = (k + 1)^2 - (k + 1) + 1$  sub-triangles and end at a corner. This is illustrated on the right.

