

Strong induction Practice

Example 1:

(Rosen, №6, page 342)

- a) Determine which amounts of postage can be formed using just 3-cent and 10-cent stamps.

- b) Prove your answer to a) using the principle of mathematical induction. Be sure to state explicitly your inductive hypothesis in the inductive step.

- c) Prove your answer to a) using strong induction. How does the inductive hypothesis in this proof differ from that in the b)?

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a) Determine which amounts of postage can be formed using just 3-cent and 10-cent stamps.

$3c$, $2 \times 3c = 6c$, $3 \times 3c = 9c$, $10c$, $4 \times 3c = 12c$,
 $3c + 10c = 13c$, $5 \times 3c = 15c$, $2 \times 3c + 10c = 16c$,
 $6 \times 3c = 18c$, $3 \times 3c + 10c = 19c$, $2 \times 10c = 20c$,
 $7 \times 3c = 21c$, $4 \times 3c + 10c = 22c$, ...

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– it is enough, because next case will be $7 \times 3c = 21c$

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 - this covers all the possible cases

We showed that $P(k+1)$ is also true. **This completes the ind. step.**

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By mathematical induction we proved that any postage of 18 or more cents can be formed using just 3-cent and 10-cent stamps.

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By strong induction, for any $n \geq 18$, $P(n)$ is true.

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