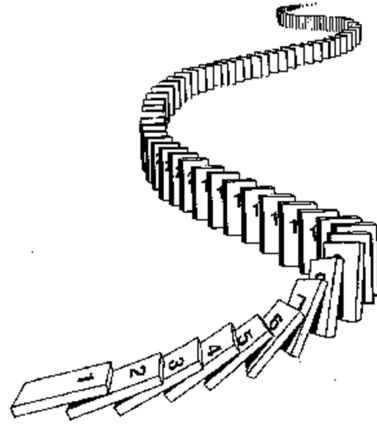


# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Fall 2013

## Lecture 15: Strong Induction & Recursion



# announcements

## Reading assignment

### Induction

5.1-5.2, 7<sup>th</sup> edition

4.1-4.2, 6<sup>th</sup> edition

## review: using the induction rule in a formal proof

$$\frac{P(0) \quad \forall k (P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1))}{\therefore \forall n P(n)}$$

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| 1. Prove $P(0)$                             | <b>Base Case</b>            |
| 2. Let $k$ be an arbitrary integer $\geq 0$ | <b>Inductive Hypothesis</b> |
| 3. Assume that $P(k)$ is true               |                             |
| 4. ...                                      | <b>Inductive Step</b>       |
| 5. Prove $P(k+1)$ is true                   |                             |
| 6. $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$                | Direct Proof Rule           |
| 7. $\forall k (P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1))$    | Intro $\forall$ from 2-6    |
| 8. $\forall n P(n)$                         | Induction Rule 1&7          |

**Conclusion**

## review: 5 steps to inductive proofs in english

### Proof:

1. "By induction we will show that  $P(n)$  is true for every  $n \geq 0$ ."
2. "Base Case:" Prove  $P(0)$
3. "Inductive Hypothesis:"  
Assume  $P(k)$  is true for some arbitrary integer  $k \geq 0$
4. "Inductive Step:" Want to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true:  
Use the goal to figure out what you need.  
Make sure you are using I.H. and point out where you are using it. (Don't assume  $P(k+1)$  !!)
5. "Conclusion: Result follows by induction"

## harmonic numbers

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$$H_m = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{m} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{i}$$

Prove that  $H_{2^n} \geq 1 + \frac{n}{2}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

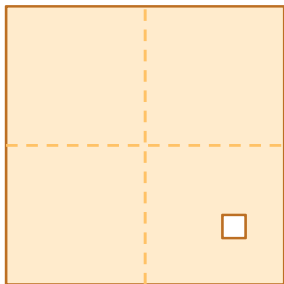
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## checkerboard tiling

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Prove that a  $2^n \times 2^n$  checkerboard with one square removed can be tiled with:



## strong induction

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$P(0)$

$\forall k \left( (P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(k)) \rightarrow P(k+1) \right)$

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$\therefore \forall n P(n)$

Follows from ordinary induction applied to

$Q(n) = P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(n)$

## strong induction english proofs

1. By induction we will show that  $P(n)$  is true for every  $n \geq 0$
2. **Base Case:** Prove  $P(0)$
3. **Inductive Hypothesis:**  
Assume that for some arbitrary integer  $k \geq 0$ ,  $P(j)$  is true for every  $j$  from 0 to  $k$
4. **Inductive Step:**  
Prove that  $P(k + 1)$  is true using the Inductive Hypothesis (that  $P(j)$  is true for all values  $\leq k$ )
5. **Conclusion:** Result follows by induction

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## recursive definitions of functions

- $F(0) = 0; F(n + 1) = F(n) + 1$  for all  $n \geq 0$
- $G(0) = 1; G(n + 1) = 2 \times G(n)$  for all  $n \geq 0$
- $0! = 1; (n + 1)! = (n + 1) \times n!$  for all  $n \geq 0$
- $H(0) = 1; H(n + 1) = 2^{H(n)}$  for all  $n \geq 0$

## fibonacci numbers

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$$f_0 = 0$$

$$f_1 = 1$$

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \text{ for all } n \geq 2$$

## bounding the fibonacci numbers

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**Theorem:**  $2^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \leq f_n < 2^n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ .

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## running time of euclid's algorithm

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**Theorem:** Suppose that Euclid's algorithm takes  $n$  steps for  $\text{gcd}(a, b)$  with  $a > b$ , then  $a \geq f_{n+1}$

Set  $r_{n+1} = a, r_n = b$  then Euclid's algorithm computes

$$r_{n+1} = q_n r_n + r_{n-1}$$

$$r_n = q_{n-1} r_{n-1} + r_{n-2}$$

$\vdots$

$$r_3 = q_2 r_2 + r_1$$

$$r_2 = q_1 r_1$$

each quotient  $q_i \geq 1$   
 $r_1 \geq 1$