



Foundations of Computing I

* All slides are a combined effort between previous instructors of the course

Administrivia

If you want to use a token on HW1-HW3, you need to sign up for it by 11:30pm tonight.

Midterm practice materials are up on the website.

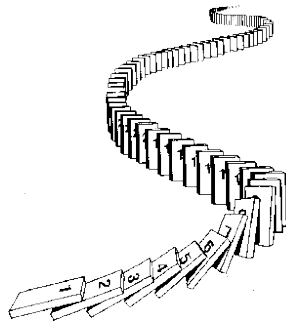
The midterm will be on Wed, May 4 from 4:30pm – 6:00pm in JHN 102

If you cannot make this time, I need to know by **Friday** to schedule a make-up exam.

There will be two review sessions time/location TBD.

CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 14: Induction



Mathematical Induction

Method for proving statements about all natural numbers

- A new logical inference rule!
 - It only applies over the natural numbers
 - The idea is to **use** the special structure of the naturals to prove things more easily

- Particularly useful for reasoning about programs!

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for(int i=0; i < n; i++) { ... }
  • Show P(i) holds after i times through the loop
public int f(int x) {
    if (x == 0) { return 0; }
    else { return f(x - 1); }
}
  • f(x) = x for all values of x ≥ 0 naturally shown by induction.
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Prove $\forall(a, b \in \mathbb{Z}) \forall(n \in \mathbb{N}) (a \equiv b \pmod{n} \rightarrow a^i \equiv b^i \pmod{n})$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ be arbitrary. Let $i \in \mathbb{N}$ be arbitrary.
Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$.

We know $(a \equiv b \pmod{n} \wedge a \equiv b \pmod{n}) \rightarrow a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{n}$
by multiplying congruences. So, applying this repeatedly, we have:

$$(a \equiv b \pmod{n} \wedge a \equiv b \pmod{n}) \rightarrow a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{n}$$

$$(a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{n} \wedge a \equiv b \pmod{n}) \rightarrow a^3 \equiv b^3 \pmod{n}$$

...

$$(a^{i-1} \equiv b^{i-1} \pmod{n} \wedge a \equiv b \pmod{n}) \rightarrow a^i \equiv b^i \pmod{n}$$

The “...”s is a problem! We don’t have a proof rule that allows us to say “do this over and over”.

So, make one!

Domain: Natural Numbers

$$P(0)$$

$$\forall k (P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1))$$

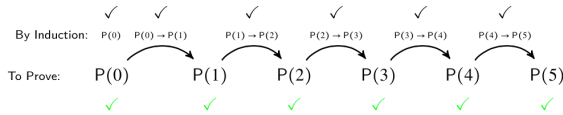
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Induction Is A Rule of Inference

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How does this technique prove P(5)?



First, we prove $P(0)$.

Since $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$ for all n , we have $P(0) \rightarrow P(1)$.

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Translating to an English Proof

$P(0)$
 $\forall k (P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1))$

$\therefore \forall n P(n)$

1. Prove $P(0)$ **Base Case**
 2. Let k be an arbitrary integer ≥ 0 **Inductive Hypothesis**
 - 3.1. Assume that $P(k)$ is true
 - 3.2. ...
 - 3.3. Prove $P(k+1)$ is true **Inductive Step**
 3. $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ **Direct Proof Rule**
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 5. $\forall n P(n)$ **Induction: 1, 4**
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Induction Proof Template

[...Define $P(n)$...]
 We will show that $P(n)$ is true for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by Induction.
Base Case: [...proof of $P(0)$ here...]
Induction Hypothesis:
 Suppose $P(k)$ is true for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$.
Induction Step:
 We want to prove that $P(k+1)$ is true.
 [...proof of $P(k+1)$ here...]
 The proof of $P(k+1)$ must invoke the IH somewhere.
 So, the claim is true by induction.

5 Steps To Inductive Proofs In English

Proof:

1. "We will show that $P(n)$ is true for every $n \geq 0$ by Induction."
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"

Prove $1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$

- We could try proving it with properties of summations?
- We could use calculus?
- Could this be induction?

Let $P(n)$ be " $\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 1$ ". We go by induction on n .

Base Case ($n=0$):

Note that $2^0 = 1 = 2 - 1 = 2^{0+1} - 1$, which is exactly $P(0)$.

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Induction Step:

We want to show $P(k+1)$. That is, we want to show:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} 2^i = \dots = \dots = 2^{k+1} - 1.$$

One of these steps must use the IH.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} 2^i &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^k 2^i \right) + 2^{k+1} && \text{[Splitting the summation]} \\ &= (2^{k+1} - 1) + 2^{k+1} && \text{[By IH]} \end{aligned}$$

Don't bother justifying the "obvious" steps. But make sure you say "by IH" somewhere.

$$= (2^{k+1} + 2^{k+1}) - 1 \quad \text{[Assoc. of +]}$$

$$= (2(2^{k+1})) - 1 \quad \text{[Factoring]}$$

$$= 2^{k+2} - 1 \quad \text{[Simplifying]}$$

This is exactly $P(k+1)$. So, $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$.

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We know (by IH)...

$$\sum_{i=0}^k 2^i = 2^{k+1} - 1$$

We're trying to get...

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} 2^i = 2^{(k+1)+1} - 1$$

Our goal is to find a sub-expression of the left that looks like the left side of the IH.

Prove $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = n(n+1)/2$

Let $P(n)$ be " $\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ ". We go by induction on n .

Base Case ($n=0$): Note that $\sum_{i=0}^0 i = 0 = \frac{0(0+1)}{2}$, which is exactly $P(0)$.

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose $P(k)$ is true for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Induction Step: We want to show $P(k+1)$. That is, we want to show: $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} i = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} i &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^k i \right) + (k+1) && \text{[Splitting the summation]} \\ &= \left(\frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right) + (k+1) && \text{[By IH]} \end{aligned}$$

$$= (k+1) \left(\frac{k}{2} + 1 \right) = (k+1) \left(\frac{k+2}{2} \right) \quad \text{[Algebra]}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad \text{[Algebra]}$$

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Prove $3 \mid 2^{2n} - 1$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Let $P(n)$ be " $3 \mid 2^{2n} - 1$ ". We go by induction on n .

Base Case ($n=0$):

Induction Hypothesis:

Induction Step:

We know (by IH)...

...which means...

We're trying to get...

...which is true if...