

**CSE  
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# Foundations of Computing I

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# Administrivia

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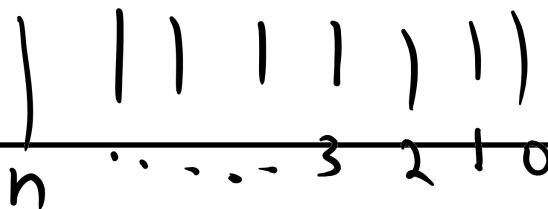
**The midterm will be on Wed, May 4 from 4:30pm – 6:00pm in JHN 102**

**If you cannot make this time, and you haven't already e-mailed me, you need to tell me **right after lecture**.**

**There will be two review sessions:**

- Saturday from 1pm – 3pm in EEB 105**
- Tuesday from 4:30pm – 6:30pm in EEB 105**

# Dominos?



Let  $P(n)$  be "the  $n^{\text{th}}$  domino falls over."

$P(0) \leftarrow$  T push over domino zero.

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

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

Base Case ( $n=0$ ):

$$3 \mid 2^{2 \cdot 0} - 1$$

$$2^{2 \cdot 0} - 1 = 0 = 3 \cdot 0$$

Induction Hypothesis:

Induction Step:

Assume  $P(k)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\text{WTP: } 3 \mid 2^{2 \cdot (k+1)} - 1$$

$$2^{2 \cdot (k+1)} - 1 = \sqrt{2^{2k}} \cdot 2^2 - 1$$

$$= (3p + 1) \cdot 2^2 - 1 \quad \text{by IH}$$

$$= 12p + 4 - 1$$

$$= 12p + 3$$

$$= 3(4p + 1)$$

We know (by IH)...

$$3 \mid 2^{2^k} - 1$$

...which means...

$$2^{2^k} - 1 = 3p$$

We're trying to get...

$$3 \mid 2^{2 \cdot (k+1)} - 1$$

...which is true if...

$$2^{2 \cdot (k+1)} - 1 = 3l$$

# Prove $3^n \geq n^2$ for all $n \geq 3$ .

Let  $P(n)$  be " $3^n \geq n^2$ ". We go by induction on  $n$ .

Base Case ( $n=3$ ): Note  $3^3 = 27 \geq 9 = 3^2$

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose  $P(k)$  is true for some  $k \geq 3$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Induction Step: We want to show  $P(k+1)$ .  $3^{k+1} \geq \dots \geq \dots \geq$

Note that

$3^{k+1} = 3(3^k)$

$3^{k+1} \geq 3k^2$  by IH.

$3^{k+1} \geq 3k^2 \geq k^2 + 2k + 1 = (k+1)^2$

$k \geq 3 > 2$

$k \geq 1$

We know (by IH)...

$$3^k \geq k^2$$

We're trying to get...

$3^{k+1} \geq (k+1)^2$

$\geq k^2$

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

So, the claim is true for all ~~natural numbers~~  $n \geq 3$  by induction.

$$n \geq 3$$

# Prove $3^n \geq n^2$ for all $n \geq 3$ .

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Let  $P(n)$  be " $3^n \geq n^2$ ". We go by induction on  $n$ .

Base Case (n=3): Note that  $3^3 = 27 \geq 9 = 3^2$ . So,  $P(3)$  is true.

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose  ~~$P(k)$~~  is true for some  $k \geq 3$ .  
 $\rightarrow P(3) \wedge P(4) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)$

Induction Step: We want to show  $P(k+1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } 3^{k+1} &= 3(3^k) && \text{[Algebra]} \\ &\geq 3(k^2) && \text{[By IH]} \\ &= k^2 + k \cdot k + k^2 && \text{[Algebra]} \\ &\geq k^2 + 2 \cdot k + k^2 && \text{[} k \geq 2 \text{]} \\ &\geq k^2 + 2 \cdot k + 1^2 && \text{[} k \geq 1 \text{]} \\ &\geq k^2 + 2k + 1 \end{aligned}$$

We know (by IH)...

$$3^k \geq k^2$$

We're trying to get...

$$\begin{aligned} 3^{k+1} &\geq (k+1)^2 \\ &= k^2 + 2k + 1 \end{aligned}$$

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

So, the claim is true for all natural numbers by induction.

# Prove $2n^3 + 2n - 5 \geq n^2$ for all $n \geq 2$ .

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Let  $P(n)$  be " $2n^3 + 2n - 5 \geq n^2$ ". We go by induction on  $n$ .

Base Case (n=2):

Induction Hypothesis:

Induction Step: We want to show  $P(k + 1)$ .

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

So, the claim is true for all natural numbers by induction.

We know (by IH)...

We're trying to get...

# Prove $2n^3 + 2n - 5 \geq n^2$ for all $n \geq 2$ .

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Let  $P(n)$  be " $2n^3 + 2n - 5 \geq n^2$ ". We go by induction on  $n$ .

Base Case (n=2): Note that  $2(2^3) + 2(2) - 5 = 15 \geq 4 = 2^2$

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose the claim is true for some  $k \geq 2$ .

Induction Step: We want to show  $P(k + 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } 2(k + 1)^3 + (2k + 1) - 5 &= 2(k + 1)(k^2 + 2k + 1) + (2k + 1) - 5 \\ &= 2(k^3 + 2k^2 + k + k^2 + 2k + 1) + (2k + 1) - 5 \\ &= 2k^3 + 4k^2 + 2k + 2k^2 + 4k + 2 + (2k + 1) - 5 \\ &= 2k^3 + 6k^2 + 6k + 2 + (2k + 1) - 5 \\ &= (2k^3 + 2k - 5) + 6k^2 + 6k + 3 \\ &\geq k^2 + 6k^2 + 6k + 3 = 7k^2 + 6k + 3 \\ &= (k^2 + 2k + 1) + 6k^2 + 4k + 3 \\ &= (k + 1)^2 + 6k^2 + 4k + 3 \\ &\geq (k + 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

[Algebra] }  
[By IH]  
[Algebra]  
[k ≥ 2]

**We know (by IH)...**  
 $2k^3 + 2k - 5 \geq k^2$

**We're trying to get...**  
 $2(k + 1)^3 + 2(k + 1) - 5 \geq (k + 1)^2$   
 $(k + 1)^2 = k^2 + 2k + 1$

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

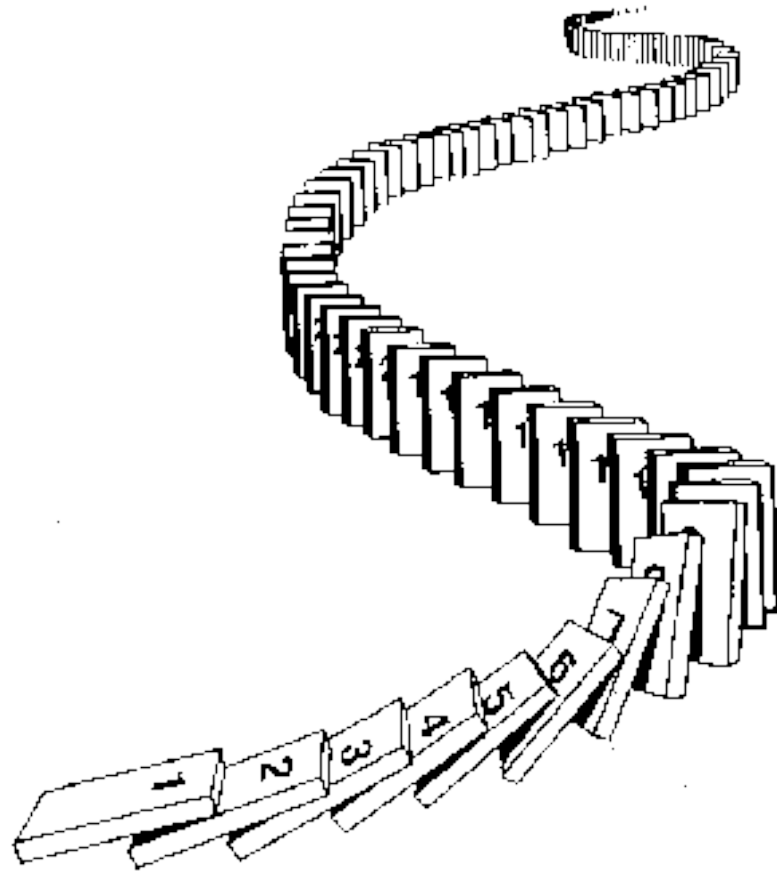
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# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

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## Lecture 15: Strong Induction



# Induction Is A Rule of Inference

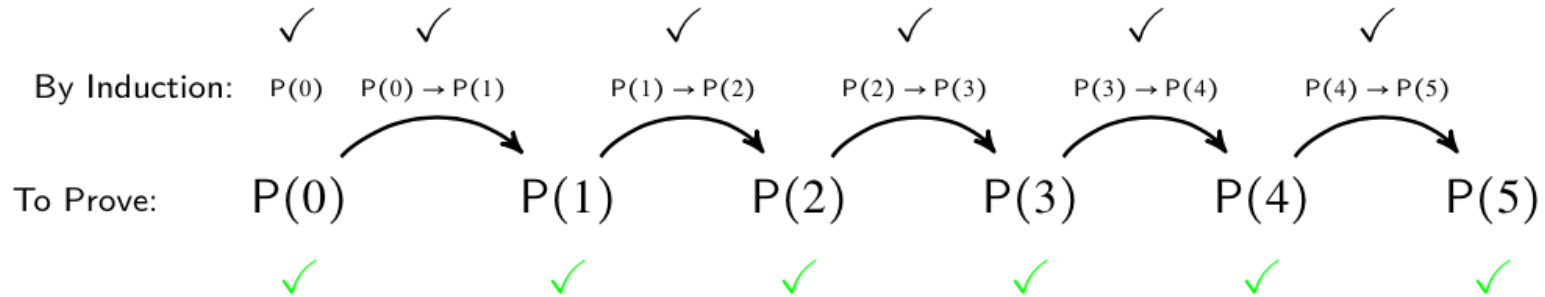
Domain: Natural Numbers

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

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$$\therefore \forall n P(n)$$

How does this technique prove  $P(5)$ ?



First, we prove  $P(0)$ .

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

Since  $P(0)$  is true and  $P(0) \rightarrow P(1)$ , by Modus Ponens,  $P(1)$  is true.

Since  $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$  for all  $n$ , we have  $P(1) \rightarrow P(2)$ .

Since  $P(1)$  is true and  $P(1) \rightarrow P(2)$ , by Modus Ponens,  $P(2)$  is true.

# Induction Is A Rule of Inference...Again

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|----|---|------------|
| 1. | $P(0)$                                  | ("Given")  |
| 2. | $\forall n (P(n) \rightarrow P(n + 1))$ | ("Given")  |
| 3. | $P(1)$                                  | (MP: 2, 1) |
| 4. | $P(2)$                                  | (MP: 2, 3) |
| 5. | $P(3)$                                  | (MP: 2, 4) |
| 6. | $P(4)$                                  | (MP: 2, 5) |

$P(4) :$

$P(k)$   
 $P(0) \dots P(k-2) P(k-1)$

# Induction Is A Rule of Inference

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## “Induction”

1.  $P(0)$  (“Given”)
2.  $\forall n (P(n) \rightarrow P(n + 1))$  (“Given”)
3.  $P(1)$  (MP: 2, 1)
4.  $P(2)$  (MP: 2, 3)
5.  $P(3)$  (MP: 2, 4)
6.  $P(4)$  (MP: 2, 5)

Notice how when we use regular induction, we’re already proving the things necessary to use strong induction.

This is no extra work with a benefit!

## “Strong Induction”

1.  $P(0)$  (“Given”)
2.  $\forall n ((P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n)) \rightarrow P(n + 1))$  (“Given”)
3.  $P(1)$  (MP: 2, 1)
4.  $P(2)$  (MP: 2, 1, 3)
5.  $P(3)$  (MP: 2, 1, 3, 4)
6.  $P(4)$  (MP: 2, 1, 3, 4, 5)

# Strong Induction

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$$P(0)$$

$$\forall k \left( \left( \cancel{P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)} \right) \rightarrow P(k+1) \right)$$

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$$\therefore \forall n P(n)$$

# Strong Induction English Proof

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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

# Every $n \geq 2$ can be expressed as a product of primes.

Let  $P(n)$  be " $n = p_0 p_1 \cdots p_j$ , where  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_j$  are prime."

We go by <sup>strong</sup> induction on  $n$ .

Base Case ( $n=2$ ):  $2$  is prime

$$420 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$$

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose  $P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(k)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$

Induction Step: We go by cases.

Case 1 ( $k+1$  is prime):  $k+1$  is a product of primes

Case 2 ( $k+1$  is composite):

B) dep we have composite  $1 < a, b < k+1$ , s.t.  $k+1 = ab$ .

B) IH,  $a = p_0 p_1 p_2 \cdots p_j$ ,  $b = p_{j+1} p_{j+2} \cdots p_{i+k}$

$$k+1 = ab = p_0 p_1 p_2 \cdots p_j p_{j+1} p_{j+2} \cdots p_{i+k}$$

We know (by IH)...

All numbers smaller than  $k$  can be expressed as a product of primes.

We're trying to get...

$k$  can be expressed as a product of primes.

# Every $n \geq 2$ can be expressed as a product of primes.

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Let  $P(n)$  be “ $n = p_0 p_1 \cdots p_j$ , where  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_j$  are prime.

We go by induction on  $n$ .

Base Case (n=2): Note that 2 is prime (which means it's a product of primes).

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose that  $P(2), P(3), \dots, P(k - 1)$  are true for some  $k \geq 2$ .

Induction Step: We go by cases.

Case 1 (k is prime):

Then, since  $k$  is prime,  $k$  is a product of primes.

Case 2 (k is composite):

Then, by definition of composite, we have non-trivial  $1 < a, b < k$  such that  $k = ab$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  are between 2 and  $k - 1$ , we know  $P(2)$  and  $P(k - 1)$  are true. So, we have:

$$a = p_0 p_1 \cdots p_j \text{ and } b = p_{j+1} p_{j+2} \cdots p_{j+\ell}$$

Then,  $k = ab = p_0 p_1 \cdots p_j p_{j+1} p_{j+2} \cdots p_{j+\ell}$

So,  $k$  can be expressed as a product of primes.

So,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 2$  is true by induction.

**We know (by IH)...**

All numbers smaller than  $k$  can be expressed as a product of primes.

**We're trying to get...**

$k$  can be expressed as a product of primes.