



Foundations of Computing I

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

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

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 ($n=0$): Note that $2^{2 \cdot 0} - 1 = 2^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$.

We know $3 \mid 0$, by definition of divides, because $3 \cdot 0 = 0$. So, $P(0)$ is true.

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

Induction Step: We want to show $P(k+1)$. That is, WTS $3 \mid 2^{2(k+1)} - 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } 2^{2(k+1)} - 1 &= 2^{2k+2} - 1 && \text{[Algebra]} \\ &= (2^{2k})(2^2) - 1 && \text{[Algebra]} \\ &= (2^{2k} - 1 + 1)(2^2) - 1 && \text{[Algebra]} \end{aligned}$$

By IH, we know $3 \mid 2^{2k} - 1$. So, by definition of divides, we know $2^{2k} - 1 = 3j$ for some j .

$$= (3j + 1)(4) - 1 = 3(4j + 1) \quad \text{[Algebra]}$$

So, by definition of divides, $3 \mid 2^{2(k+1)} - 1$.

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)...
 $3 \mid 2^{2k} - 1$
...which means...
 $2^{2k} - 1 = 3j$

We're trying to get...
 $3 \mid 2^{2(k+1)} - 1$
...which is true if...
 $2^{2(k+1)} - 1 = 3k$

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 that $3^3 = 27 \geq 9 = 3^2$. So, $P(3)$ is true.

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose $P(k)$ is true for some $k \geq 3$.

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

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

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

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

We know (by IH)...
 $3^k \geq k^2$

We're trying to get...
 $3^{k+1} \geq (k+1)^2$
 $= k^2 + 2k + 1$

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

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 $P(k+1)$.

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

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

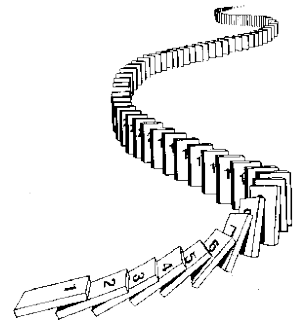
So, the claim is true for all $n \geq 2$ by induction.

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

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

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Lecture 15: Strong Induction

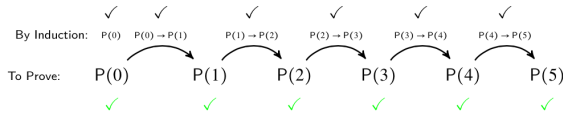


Induction Is A Rule of Inference

Domain: Natural Numbers $P(0)$
 $\forall k (P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1))$

$\therefore \forall n P(n)$

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

“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

$P(0)$
 $\forall k ((P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)) \rightarrow P(k + 1))$
 $\therefore \forall n P(n)$

Strong Induction 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 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 “ $n = p_0 p_1 \dots p_j$, 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:
 $a = p_0 p_1 \dots p_j$ and $b = p_{j+1} p_{j+2} \dots p_{j+\ell}$
 Then, $k = ab = p_0 p_1 \dots p_j p_{j+1} p_{j+2} \dots p_{j+\ell}$
 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.