

**CSE
31F**

Foundations of Computing I

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

Administrivia

Token verifications should have been e-mailed to you!

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 $3 \mid 2^{2^n} - 1$ 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): 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 $3 \mid 2^{2^{(k+1)}} - 1$.

Note that $2^{2^{(k+1)}} - 1 = 2^{2^{k+2}} - 1$ [Algebra]

$$= (2^{2^k})(2^2) - 1$$
 [Algebra]

$$= (2^{2^k} - 1 + 1)(2^2) - 1$$
 [Algebra]

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

$$= (3j + 1)(4) - 1 = 3(4j + 1)$$
 [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)...

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

...which means...

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

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 $P(k + 1)$.

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

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 $n \geq 3$ by induction.

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 $P(k + 1)$.

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

[Algebra] }
[By IH]
[Algebra]
[k ≥ 2]

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

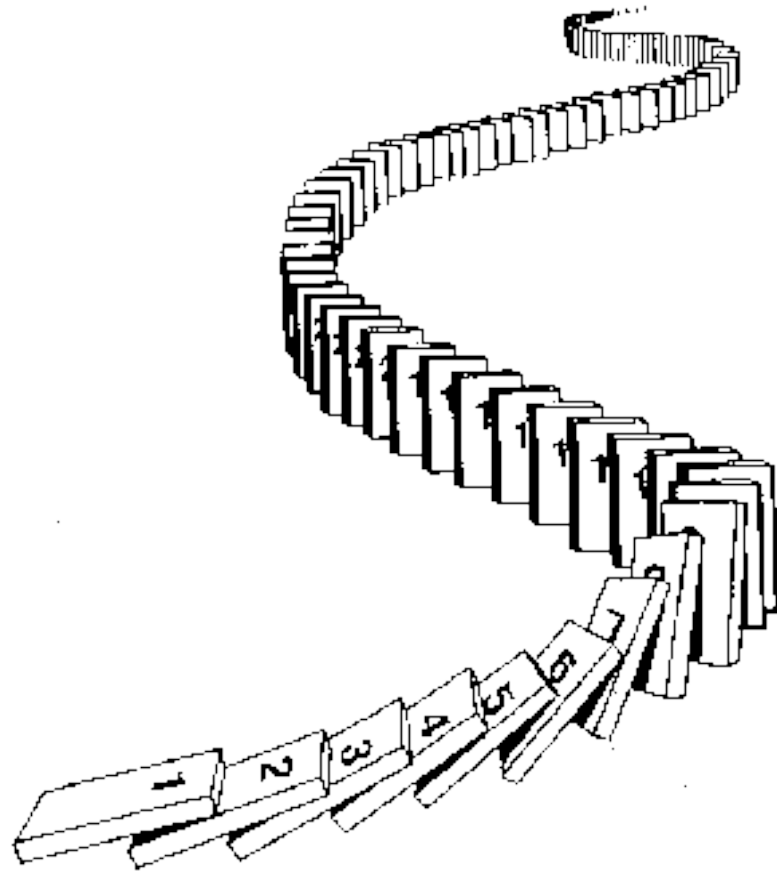
We're trying to get...
 $2(k + 1)^3 + 2(k + 1) - 5 \geq (k + 1)^2$
 $(k + 1)^2 = k^2 + 2k + 1$

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

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

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Lecture 15: Strong Induction



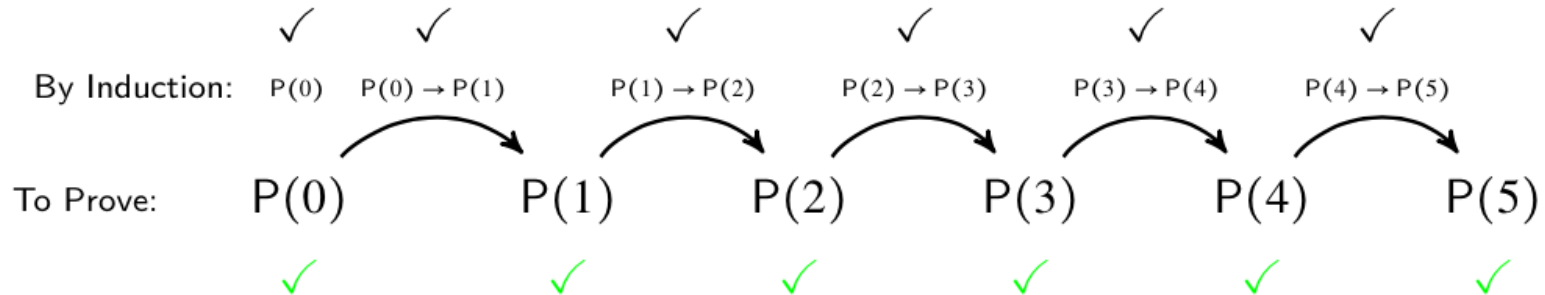
Induction Is A Rule of Inference

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

$$P(0)$$

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

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

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 “ $n = p_0 p_1 \cdots p_j$, 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.