

CSE 311 Section 7

Induction

Administrivia



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Match the earlier condition on n in your conclusion!

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Lets walk through part (a) together.

We can “fill in” our induction template to construct our proof by induction.

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Now try part (b) with people around you, and then we'll go over it together!

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Strong Induction



Why Strong Induction?

In **weak induction**, the inductive hypothesis only assumes that $P(k)$ is true and uses that in the inductive step to prove the implication $P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1)$.

In **strong induction**, the inductive hypothesis assumes the predicate holds for every step from the base case(s) up to $P(k)$. This usually looks something like $P(b_1) \wedge P(b_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)$. Then it uses this stronger inductive hypothesis in the inductive step to prove the implication $P(b_1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1)$.

Strong induction is necessary when we have multiple base cases, or when we need to go back to a smaller number than k in our inductive step.

Strong Induction Template

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We show $P(n)$ holds for all $n \geq b_{min}$ by induction on n .

Base Case: Show $P(b_{min}), P(b_{min+1}), \dots, P(b_{max})$ are all true.

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose $P(b_{min}) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)$ hold for an arbitrary $k \geq b_{min}$.

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First, let's construct a formula for $f(n)$. How many rabbits does he have each year? Let's do some calculations, and see if we can find a pattern. Then, we'll use induction to prove the pattern holds for all n !

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It seems like we have a pattern here!

$$f(n) = n$$

But we don’t want to have to check for EVERY n , so let’s see if we can prove it with induction instead!

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Two big clues:

- Multiple base cases in the formula: $f(0) = 0$ and $f(1) = 1$
- Recursively defined step of formula goes back further than just n :
 - $f(n)$ based on both $f(n - 1)$ and $f(n - 2)$
 - for $P(n)$ to be true, both $P(n - 1)$ and $P(n - 2)$ must be true

Problem 3 – Cantelli’s Rabbits

Let $P(n)$ be “(whatever you’re trying to prove)”.

We show $P(n)$ holds for all $n \geq b_{min}$ by induction on n .

Base Case: Show $P(b_{min}), P(b_{min+1}), \dots, P(b_{max})$ are all true.

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose $P(b_{min}) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)$ hold for an arbitrary $k \geq b_{max}$.

Inductive Step: Show $P(k + 1)$ (i.e. get $P(b_{min}) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1)$)

Conclusion: Therefore, $P(n)$ holds for all $n \geq b_{min}$ by the principle of induction.

Fill in the strong induction template to prove the claim!

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Let $P(n)$ be “”.

We show $P(n)$ holds ...

Base Cases:

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Inductive Step:

Conclusion: Therefore, $P(n)$ holds for all ... by the principle of induction.

Problem 3 – Cantelli’s Rabbits

Let $P(n)$ be “ $f(n) = n$ ”.

We show $P(n)$ holds for all $n \geq 0$ by induction on n .

Base Cases:

Inductive Hypothesis:

Inductive Step:

Conclusion: Therefore, $P(n)$ holds for all $n \geq 0$ by the principle of induction.

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Base Cases: ($n = 0, n = 1$): $f(0) = 0$ and $f(1) = 1$ by definition of f .

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i.e. $f(k) = k, f(k - 1) = k - 1, f(k - 2) = k - 2$, etc.

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Inductive Step: Goal: Show $P(k + 1): f(k + 1) = k + 1$

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$$\begin{aligned} f(k + 1) &= 2f(k) - f(k - 1) && \text{definition of } f \\ &= 2(k) - (k - 1) && \text{by I.H.} \\ &= k + 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Structural Induction



Idea of Structural Induction

Every element is built up recursively...

So to show $P(s)$ for all $s \in S$...

Show $P(b)$ for all base case elements b .

Show for an arbitrary element not in the base case, if $P()$ holds for every named element in the recursive rule, then $P()$ holds for the new element (each recursive rule will be a case of this proof).

Structural Induction Template

Let $P(x)$ be “<predicate>”. We show $P(x)$ holds for all $x \in S$ by structural induction.

Base Case: Show $P(x)$

[Do that for every base cases x in S .]

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose $P(x)$ for an arbitrary x

[Do that for every x listed as in S in the recursive rules.]

Inductive Step: Show $P(y)$ holds for y .

[You will need a separate case/step for every recursive rule.]

Therefore $P(x)$ holds for all $x \in S$ by the principle of induction.

Problem 5b – Structural Induction on Trees

Definition of Tree:

Basis Step: \bullet is a Tree.

Recursive Step: If L is a Tree and R is a Tree then $\text{Tree}(\bullet, L, R)$ is a Tree

Definition of leaves():

$\text{leaves}(\bullet) = 1$

$\text{leaves}(\text{Tree}(\bullet, L, R)) = \text{leaves}(L) + \text{leaves}(R)$

Definition of size():

$\text{size}(\bullet) = 1$

$\text{size}(\text{Tree}(\bullet, L, R)) = 1 + \text{size}(L) + \text{size}(R)$

Prove that $\text{leaves}(T) \geq \text{size}(T)/2 + 1/2$ for all Trees T

Work on this problem with the people around you.

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For $x \in S$, let $P(x)$ be “”.

We show $P(x)$ holds for all $x \in S$ by structural induction on x .

Base Case: Show $P(x)$ (for all x in the basis rules)

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose $P(x)$ (for all x in the recursive rules), i.e. (IH in terms of $P(x)$)

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Again, as long as you can get this far, you will get the majority of
points on the problem! Go for this skeleton first, and then think
about what you need to do to complete the proof.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{leaves}(\text{Tree}(\bullet, L, R)) &= \text{leaves}(L) + \text{leaves}(R) && \text{definition of leaves} \\ &\geq (\text{size}(L)/2 + 1/2) + (\text{size}(R)/2 + 1/2) && \text{by Inductive Hypothesis} \\ &= (1/2 + \text{size}(L)/2 + \text{size}(R)/2) + 1/2 \\ &= (1 + \text{size}(L) + \text{size}(R)) / 2 + 1/2 \\ &= \text{size}(T)/2 + 1/2 && \text{definition of size} \end{aligned}$$

So, $P(\text{Tree}(\bullet, L, R))$ holds!

Conclusion: Therefore $P(T)$ holds for all trees T by the principle of induction.

Weak Induction With Inequalities



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Work on this problem with the people around you.

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**Thanks for coming to section this week!
Any questions?**