CSE 390z: Mathematics for Computation Workshop

QuickCheck: Induction Proofs

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0. Weak Induction, Strong Induction, ... What's The Difference?

Recall that the nth Fibonacci Number is given by:

$$f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$$

for all natural numbers $n \ge 2$, where f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1.

Prove that
$$f(n) \leq 2^n$$
 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(a) Prove this using weak induction.

Note: You may find the following observation useful for the inductive step:

$$f(n+1) = f(n) + f(n-1) \le f(n) + f(n) = 2 \cdot f(n)$$

- (b) Prove this using *strong induction*.
- (c) How are the weak and strong induction proofs the same? What parts are different?

1. Video Solution

Watch this solution video after making an initial attempt. Then, answer the following questions.

- (a) What is one thing you took away from the video solution?
- (b) What topic from the quick check or lecture would you most like to review in workshop?