Book of Proof: Part III, More on Proof

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If-and-Only-If Proof

Outline for If-and-Only-If Proof

Proposition P if and only if Q.

Proof.

"Only if"

[Prove $P \Rightarrow Q$ by whatever means you can.]

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Equivalent Statements

Theorem Suppose A is an $n \times n$ matrix. The following statements are equivalent:

a. A is invertible.

b. $Ax = b$ has a unique solution for every $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

c. $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution.

d. The reduced row echelong form of A is I_n.

e. $\det(A) \neq 0$.

f. The matrix A does not have 0 as an eigenvector.

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$$1^3 + 12^3 = 1729$$
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Consider the set $A = \{ax + by : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.
A contains positive integers and 0.
Let $d \in A$ be the smallest positive integer.
$d = ak + b\ell$ for some $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$.
We will show that $d = \gcd(a, b)$.
First, prove that $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$.
Then show that it is the largest such number.

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Proof. $d = ak + b\ell$ is the smallest positive element of
$A = \{ax + by : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Show that $d \mid a$.
Use division algorithm: $a = qd + r$.

$$\begin{aligned} r &= a - qd \\ &= a - q(ak + b\ell) \\ &= a(1 - qk) + b(-q\ell) \end{aligned}$$

So $r \in A$, $0 \leq r < d$, so $r = 0$.
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A similar argument shows $d \mid b$.

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$A = \{ax + by : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, and $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$.

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\begin{aligned}
a &= \gcd(a, b) \cdot m \\
b &= \gcd(a, b) \cdot n \\
d &= ak + b\ell \\
&= \gcd(a, b) \cdot mk + \gcd(a, b) \cdot n\ell \\
&= \gcd(a, b)(mk + n\ell) \\
d &\geq \gcd(a, b) \\
d &= \gcd(a, b)
\end{aligned}
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Proofs involving sets

How to show $a \in \{x : P(x)\}$

Show that $P(a)$ is true.

How to show $a \in \{x \in S : P(x)\}$

1. Verify that $a \in S$.
2. Show that $P(a)$ is true.

Proofs involving sets

How to Prove $A \subseteq B$
(Direct approach)

Proof. Suppose $a \in A$.
$\vdots$
Therefore $a \in B$. ∎

How to Prove $A \subseteq B$
(Contrapositive approach)

Proof. Suppose $a \notin B$.
$\vdots$
Therefore $a \notin A$. ∎

Proofs involving sets

How to Prove $A = B$

Proof.
[Prove that $A \subseteq B$.]
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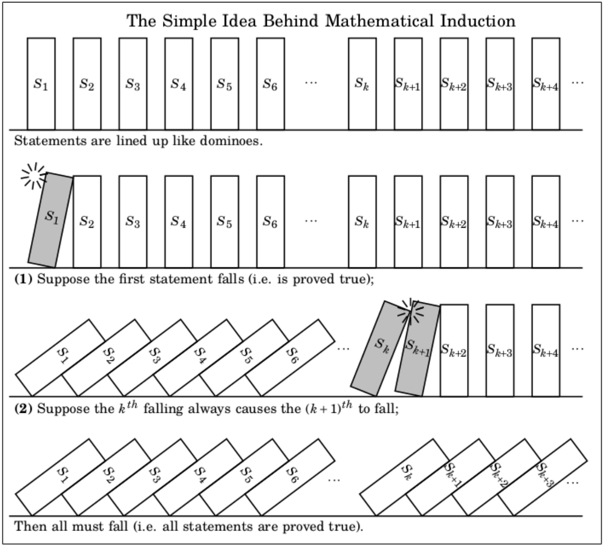
How to disprove $P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$**:**
Produce an example of x where $P(x)$ is true but $Q(x)$ is false.

Mathematical Induction

n	sum of the first n odd natural numbers	n^2
1	$1 = \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	1
2	$1+3 = \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	4
3	$1+3+5 = \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	9
4	$1+3+5+7 = \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	16
5	$1+3+5+7+9 = \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	25
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
n	$1+3+5+7+9+11+\cdots+(2n-1) = \dots\dots\dots$	n^2
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

Mathematical Induction



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Outline for Proof by Induction

Proposition The statements $S_1, S_2, S_3, \ldots$ are all true.

Proof.

(1) Prove that S_1 is true.

(2) Prove that for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $S_k \Rightarrow S_{k+1}$ is true. ■

Example Proof by Induction

Proposition If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + ... + (2n - 1) = n^2$.
(1) If $n = 1$, then we need to prove $1 = 1^2$, which is obviously true.
(2) Assume

$$1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + ... + (2k - 1) = k^2 \qquad \text{for some } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$\vdots$$

Therefore,

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Then

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + ... + 2(k+1) - 1 &= \\ 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + ... + (2k - 1) + (2(k+1) - 1) &= k^2 + (2(k+1) - 1) \\ &= k^2 + 2d + 1 \\ &= (k+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

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Example Proof by Induction

Proposition If $n \in \mathbb{N}^0$, then $5 \mid (n^5 - n)$.

Proof.

(1) If $n = 0$, then we need to prove $5 \mid (0^5 - 0)$, which is true.

(2) Assume $5 \mid (k^5 - k)$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}^0$.

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Therefore $5 \mid ((k+1)^5 - (k+1))$. ∎

What can we get from definitions?

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Then $(k^5 - k) = 5a$ for some $a \in \mathbb{N}$.

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$$\begin{aligned}
(k+1)^5 - (k+1) &= k^5 + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k + 1 - k - 1 \\
&= (k^5 - k) + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k \\
&= 5a + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k \\
&= 5(a + k^4 + 2k^3 + 2k^2 + k)
\end{aligned}$$

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Strong Induction

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Outline for Proof by Strong Induction

Proposition The statements $S_1, S_2, S_3, \ldots$ are all true.

Proof.

(1) Prove that S_1 is true. (Or the first several S_n.)

(2) Prove that for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $(S_1 \wedge S_2 \wedge S_3 \wedge \ldots \wedge S_k) \Rightarrow S_{k+1}$ is true.

■

Smallest Counterexample

Outline for Proof by Induction

Proposition The statements $S_1, S_2, S_3, \ldots$ are all true.

Proof.

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Outline for Proof by Smallest Counterexample

Proposition The statements $S_1, S_2, S_3, \ldots$ are all true.

Proof.

(1) Prove that S_1 is true.

(2) Suppose that not every S_n is true.

(3) Let S_k be the smallest false one.

(4) Then S_{k-1} is true and S_k is false.

(5) Use this to get a contradiction. ■