

- Read Chapters 7 and 8 for Week 3. Quiz in Week 3.
- What governs how fast an algorithm can run?
 - The complexity of the problem; a problem has a theoretical best solution
 - The efficiency of the algorithm; an algorithm can give a close enough solution in a fraction of the time
- Sometimes writing a program that always guesses the correct solution is not always good enough.
 - Time complexity; a program taking too long for its answer; keep in mind timescales

Properties of Exponents

- $x^a * x^b = x^{a+b}$
- $(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$
- $x^a / x^b = x^{a-b}$

Properties of Logarithms

- $x^a = b$ iff $\log_x b = a$
- $\log_a b = \log_c b / \log_c a$ if $a, b, c > 0, a \neq 0$
 - Let $x = \log_c b, y = \log_c a, z = \log_a b$
 - $b = c^x, a = c^y \rightarrow b = c^x = a^z$
 - $a = c^y$
 - $b = c^x = c^{yz}$
 - $x = yz \rightarrow z = x/y$
- $\log ab = \log a + \log b$
 - Let $x = \log_2 a, y = \log_2 b, z = \log_2 ab$ if $a, b > 0$
 - $2^x = a, 2^y = b, 2^z = ab$
 - $2^x * 2^y = 2^z$
 - $2^{x+y} = 2^z$
 - $x + y = z$
- $\log_2(a/b) = \log_2 a - \log_2 b$ if $a, b > 0$
 - Let $x = \log_2 a, y = \log_2 b, z = \log_2(a/b)$
 - $2^x = a, 2^y = b, 2^z = a/b$
 - $2^x / 2^y = 2^z$
 - $x - y = z$

Disproof

- Only need to find one counter example
- Example: $n! < n^2 + n^5$

Pick $n = 9$

$$9! = 362880 \qquad 9^2 = 81 \quad 9^5 = 59130$$

$$362880 < 81 + 59130 \quad \text{FALSE!}$$

Proof by Induction

- Use proof by Induction for discrete types only.
- Happens in 3 steps:
 1. Start with a (very small) base case.
 2. Inductive Hypothesis: “Since we showed a base case in Step 1, let’s assume it holds true for values through k ”
 3. Show that if the Hypothesis works for value k , the Hypothesis holds for $k + 1$

Example of Induction

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

1. Let $n = 1 \rightarrow 1 = 1$
2. Assume the property is true for $1, 2, \dots, k$
3. Show if true for k , then true for $k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i &= \sum_{i=1}^k i + k + 1 \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + k + 1 \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{2(k+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{k(k+1) + 2(k+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2 of Induction

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$$

1. Let $n = 1 \rightarrow 2 = 2$
2. Assume the property is true for $1, 2, \dots, k$
3. Show if true for k , then true for $k+1$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i(i+1) &= \sum_{i=1}^k i(i+1) + (k+1)(k+2) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + \frac{3(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2) + 3(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)(k+1+2)}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Example 3 of Induction

Fibonacci Numbers $\rightarrow F_0 = 1, F_1 = 1, \dots, (F_i = F_{i-1} + F_{i-2})$

Prove that $F_i < (\frac{5}{3})^i$, for $i \geq 1$

1. $F_1 = 1 < (\frac{5}{3})^1$
2. Assume this is true for $1, \dots, k$
3. Show if true for k , then true for $k+1$

$$\begin{aligned}F_{k+1} &= F_k + F_{k-1} \\ F_{k+1} &< \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^k + \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{k-1} \\ F_{k+1} &< \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{k+1} + \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{k+1} \\ F_{k+1} &< \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{k+1} * \left(\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) \\ F_{k+1} &< \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{k+1} * \left(\frac{15}{25} + \frac{9}{25}\right) \\ F_{k+1} &< \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{k+1} * \frac{24}{25} < \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{k+1}\end{aligned}$$