

# Tutorial 2

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## 1. [Submission problem for Group]

We will be using principal of mathematical induction to prove the three parts.

$$\text{ie, } (P(1) \wedge (P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1))) \Rightarrow (P(k) \forall k \in \mathbb{N})$$

- (a) Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition that  
"A graph with  $n$  vertices and maximum degree  $k$  is  $(k+1)$ -colourable"

Base Case:

$P(1)$  is true since a graph of a single vertex has degree 0, and hence the single vertex can be assigned any <sup>one</sup> of the  $(k+1)$  colours. So it is  $(k+1)$ -colourable.

Induction Hypothesis:

Now, assume  $P(n)$  is true.

Let  $G$  be an  $(n+1)$ -vertex graph with max. degree  $k$ .

We ~~can~~ remove one vertex from  $G$ , say the new graph is  $G_0$  which now has  $n$ -vertices. By our hypothesis,  $G_0$  is  $(k+1)$ -colourable since  $P(n)$  is true.

If we add the removed the vertex back to  $G_0$ , to obtain  $G$ , it can have at max.  $k$  neighbouring vertices  
 $\therefore \text{degree}(G) \leq k$ . Even if ~~the~~ all the  $k$  vertices have different colours, we can colour the re-added vertex with  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  <sup>different</sup> colour without colouring ~~a~~ adjacent vertices with the same colour.

$\therefore G$  is  $(k+1)$ -colourable  $\Rightarrow P(n+1)$  is true

ie,  $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$

$\therefore$  By induction,  $P(n)$  is true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   
ie, any graph with max. degree  $k$  is  $(k+1)$ -colourable.



(b) Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition that "a set of  $n$ -elements has  $2^n$  subsets."

Base Case:

$P(1)$  is true as the set of one element has ~~two~~  $2$  subsets: empty set and the set itself only.

Induction Hypothesis:

Assume  $P(n)$  is true. Let  $S$  be a set of  $(n+1)$ -elements. Let  $a$  be an arbitrary element of  $S$ .

In every subset of  $S$ , we can either have  $a$  or not have  $a$ .

Let  $S' = S \setminus \{a\}$  which has  $n$ -elements

No. of subsets of  $S' = 2^n$  by our hypothesis  
Subsets of  $S'$  will be subsets of  $S$  that will not contain  $a$ .

Subsets of  $S$  that contain  $a$  will be ~~such that~~ of the form  $M \cup \{a\}$  where  $M \subseteq S'$

No. of such  $M \cup \{a\}$  subsets will be the same as no. of  $M$ -subsets which is  $2^n$ .

So total no. of subsets of  $S$

$$= \underbrace{2^n}_{\text{subsets containing } a} + \underbrace{2^n}_{\text{subsets excluding } a}$$

$$= 2^{n+1}$$

$\therefore P(n+1)$  is true i.e.,  $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$

Hence, No. of subsets of a set with  $n$  elements is  $2^n$ .



(C) Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition that "n-elements can be ranked in  $n!$  ways".

Base Case:

$P(1)$  is true as there is only one way to rank a single object,  $1! = 1$ .

Induction Hypothesis: Assume  $P(n)$  is true.

We take  $(n+1)$  objects, ~~and let~~ Let  $x$  be one of the objects.

All objects other than  $x$  ( $n$  objects) can be ranked in  $n!$  ways by our hypothesis.

$x$  can have any rank from  $1^{\text{st}}$  to  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  both included.

Regardless of the rank of  $x$ , the other  $n$  elements can be ranked in  $n!$  ways in the remaining places (ranks).

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways to rank  $(n+1)$ -objects

$$= n! + n! + n! + \dots + n! = (n+1) \cdot n! = (n+1)!$$

$(n+1)$ -times

$\Rightarrow P(n+1)$  is true.

Taking all possible ranks of  $x$  exhaustively gives us all possible ways to rank the  $(n+1)$  objects.

$$\therefore P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$$

Hence,  $n$  elements can be ranked in  $n!$  ways.