



LECS

Strong Induction

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Good Proofs are

- correct

- brief

- complete

- elegant

- clear

- well ~~orig~~ organized

- in order

good proofs are very like good codes!

Ex: Problem

square

Find a ~~sequence~~ of moves to go from

A	B	C
D	E	F
H	G	

to

A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	

legal moves: slide a letter into adjacent blank ~~sequence~~ squareThm: There is no sequence of legal moves

to invert G & H and return all other letters to their original position



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Lemma 1: A row move doesn't change the order of the items in natural number $1, 2, 3, \dots, 9$

Proof

In a row move, we move an item from i into an adjacent cell $i+1$, nothing else move. Hence the order of items is preserved. check

Column moves:

Lemma 2: A column move changes the relative order of precisely 2 pairs of items

Proof: In a column move, we move an item from cell i to a blank spot in cell $\overline{i-3}, \overline{i+3}, i+3, i-3$ when an item moves 3 positions, it changes order with 2 items ($i-1, i-2$ or $i+1, i+2$)

Def A pair of Letters L_1 & L_2 is an inversion (also, inverted pair) if L_1 precedes L_2 in alphabet, but L_1 is after L_2 in puzzle



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Lemma 3: during the move, the # of inversions can only increase by 2, decrease by 2 or stay same

PF: Row move: no changes (by Lemma 1)

~~Row~~ column move: 2 pairs change order (Lemma 2)

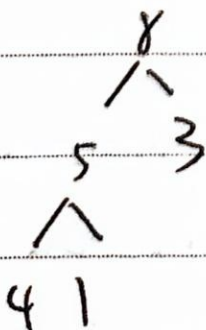
Cases

~~A. both pairs in order \Rightarrow # inverse~~

Strong induction Axiom

Let $P(n)$ be any predicate, if $P(0)$ is true, & $\forall n$ $(P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n)) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$ is true. then $\forall n$ $P(n)$ is true.

Ex: Unstacking Game

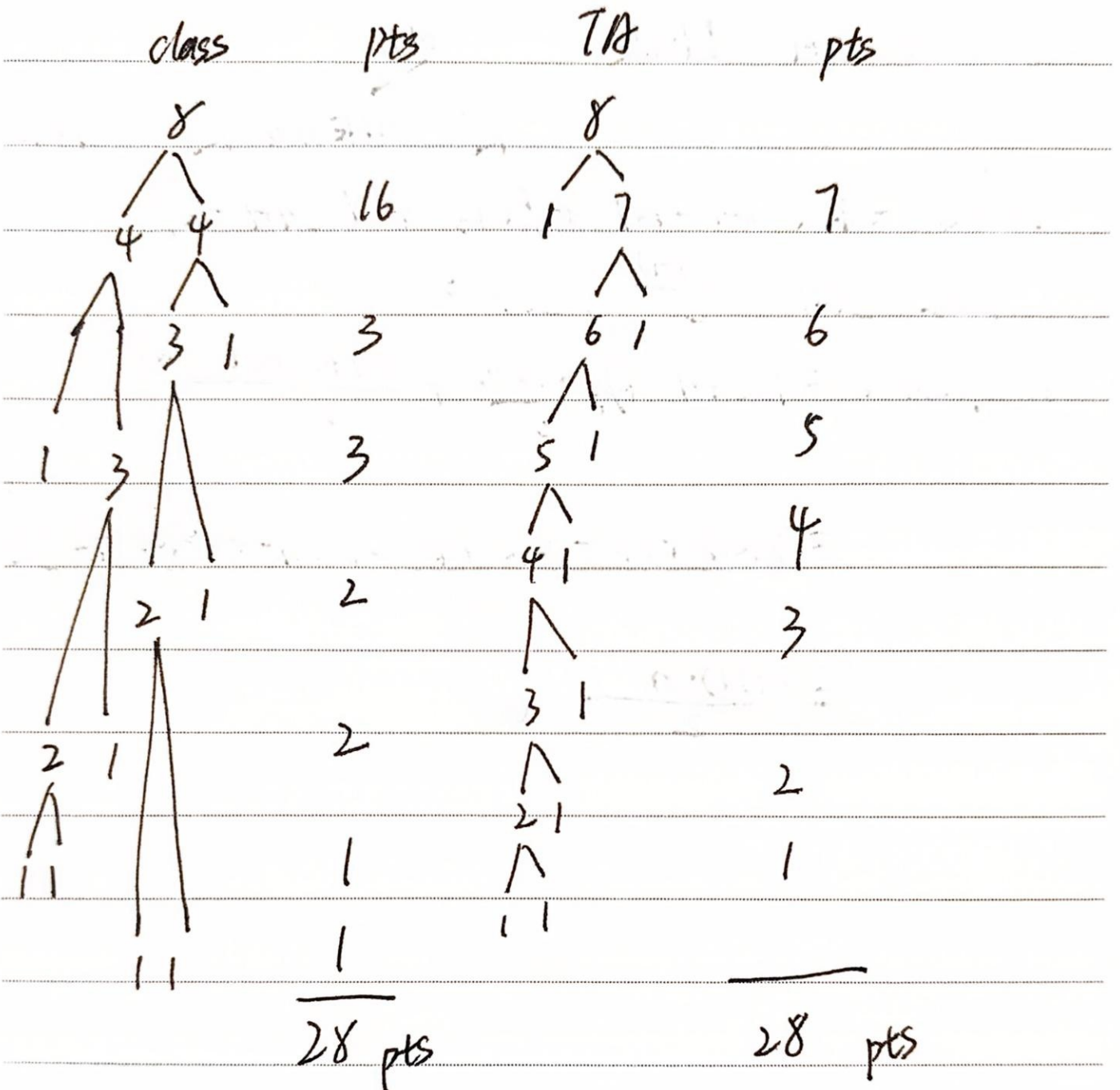




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Thm: All strategies for the n -block games produce the same score $S(n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

Ex: $S(8) = 28$.

Pf: By strong induction

Base case: $n=1, S(1)=0$

IH $P(n)$

Inductive step: assume $P(1), P(2), \dots, P(n)$ to prove

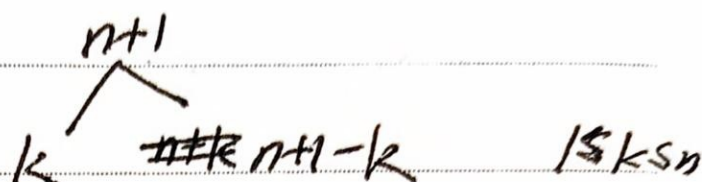


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look at $n+1$ block



$s(n+1)$

$$\text{score} = k(n+1-k) + P(k) + P(n+1-k)$$

guess $s(n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$, $s(0) = 0 \checkmark$

$$\Rightarrow P(n+1) = k(n+1-k) + \frac{k(k-1)}{2} + \frac{(n+1-k)(n-k)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2kn + 2k - 2k^2 + k^2 - k + n^2 + n - kn - k - kn}{2} + k^2$$

$$= \frac{(n+1) \cdot n}{2} \checkmark$$