

### Exercise 3 (live tutorial): induction

#### Exercise 8

Proof by complete induction:

$$5^n + 7 \quad \text{is divisible by 4} \quad \text{for } n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

#### Solution for exercise 8

**Initial case (i.c.)**  $n=0$ :  $5^0 + 7 = 1 + 7 = 8$  is divisible by 4 ✓

**Induction step (i.s.)** To show  $\underbrace{5^n + 7 \text{ is divisible by 4}}_{\text{induction hypothesis (i.h.)}} \implies 5^{n+1} + 7 \text{ is divisible by 4}$

$$5^{n+1} + 7 = 5 \cdot 5^n + 7 = (4 + 1) \cdot 5^n + 7 = \underbrace{4 \cdot 5^n}_{\text{is divisible by 4}} + \underbrace{5^n + 7}_{\text{is divisible by 4 according to (i.h.)}} \text{ is divisible by 4}$$

□

#### Exercise 9

Proof by using the induction principle:

$$\text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}: \sum_{k=0}^n 2^k = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

- a) Check the initial case,
- b) state the induction hypothesis, and
- c) demonstrate that the induction step holds.

#### Solution for exercise 9

**Claim** for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $\sum_{k=0}^n 2^k = 2^{n+1} - 1$

**(i.c.)**  $n = 0$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{l.h.s.} = \sum_{i=0}^0 2^i = 2^0 = 1 \\ \text{r.h.s.} = 2^{0+1} - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1 \end{array} \right\} \text{l.h.s.} = \text{r.h.s.} \checkmark$$

or also possible  $n = 1$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{l.h.s.} = \sum_{i=0}^1 2^i = 2^0 + 2^1 = 1 + 2 = 3 \\ \text{r.h.s.} = 2^{1+1} - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3 \end{array} \right\} \text{l.h.s.} = \text{r.h.s.} \checkmark$$

(i.s.) To show  $\underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^n 2^k = 2^{n+1} - 1}_{\text{(i.h.)=induction hypothesis}} \implies \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} 2^k = 2^{n+2} - 1$

Proof (i.s.):

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} 2^k &= \left( \sum_{k=0}^n 2^k \right) + 2^{n+1} \\ &\stackrel{\text{(IV)}}{=} (2^{n+1} - 1) + 2^{n+1} \\ &= (2^{n+1} + 2^{n+1}) - 1 \\ &= (2 \cdot 2^{n+1}) - 1 \\ &= 2^{n+2} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark:**

The statement can be illustrated as follows:

$\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1}$  corresponds to a binary number with  $n + 1$  digits, that consist of ones only (since  $2^0 = (1)_2, 2^1 = (10)_2, 2^2 = (100)_2, \dots$ ). This binary number is smaller by 1 than a digit 1 followed by  $n + 1$  zeros, corresponding to  $2^{n+1}$ .