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# INDUCTION & COMMAND LINE

Exercises #18





# What we will do today

In the first part of today's exercises, we are going to deal with the concept of mathematical induction, which is a mathematical proof technique.

In the second part, we will exercise our command line skills.



# Mathematical Induction

Mathematical induction is a mathematical proof technique. It is used to prove that a statement  $P(n)$  holds for every natural number  $n = n \in \mathbb{N} = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ; that is, the overall statement is a sequence of infinitely many cases  $P(0), P(1), P(2), \dots$ .

The method can be extended to prove statements about more general well-founded structures, such as trees; this generalisation, known as structural induction, is used in mathematical logic and computer science. Mathematical induction in this extended sense is closely related to recursion.

## Structure of Proof

1. **Proof the initial/ base case:** Proof that the statement holds for the most basic example, usually  $P(0)$  or  $P(1)$
2. **Perform the inductive step, also: induction step:** Assume that the statement holds for some arbitrary natural number  $k$ , and prove that the statement holds for  $k+1$

## 1

# Proof by Mathematical Induction

For each integer  $n$  with  $n \geq 1$ , prove the following statement using mathematical induction

$$2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n = n^2 + n$$

Hint:

1. First show, that the statement holds for the base-case,  $P(1)$
2. Next, assume that the statement holds for any  $k$ , st.  $P(k)$ . Write this statement (inductive hypothesis)
3. Perform the inductive step, and write  $P(k + 1)$ . Use basic tools of mathematics to show that the statements holds.

# 2 Fibonacci Sequence

Let the *Fibonacci Sequence* be defined by  $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$  and  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Prove that  $F_n < 2^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  (the set of all positive integers).

## 3

# Proof by Mathematical Induction

For each integer  $n$  with  $n \geq 2$ , prove the following statement using mathematical induction

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

Hint:

1. First show, that the statement holds for the base-case,  $P(2)$
2. Next, assume that the statement holds for any  $k$ , st.  $P(k)$ . Write this statement (inductive hypothesis)
3. Perform the inductive step, and write  $P(k+1)$ . Use basic tools of mathematics to show, that the statements holds.

## 4

# Proof by Mathematical Induction

For each integer  $n$  with  $n \geq 0$ , prove the following statement using mathematical induction

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i \cdot 2^i = n \cdot 2^{n+2} + 2$$

Hint:

1. First show, that the statement holds for the base-case,  $P(0)$
2. Next, assume that the statement holds for any  $k$ , st.  $P(k)$ . Write this statement (inductive hypothesis)
3. Perform the inductive step, and write  $P(k+1)$ . Use basic tools of mathematics to show, that the statements holds.

# Command line tools

Most tasks in this part can be solved fastest by searching the internet for solutions, or by looking at the man pages of commands, for example `man tail`



# 5 Exploring file properties

Use the command line to enter the folder that contains the files accidents.csv, dsalphabet.txt, and variable\_lookup.xls from the lecture.

Then, write a command to list in the console the file properties and sizes of these 3 files in long format (not human-readable)

## Solution: ls -l

Expected output (a few numbers or strings may be different):

```
total 32928
-rw-r--r--@ 1 mszell  staff 16021264 Aug 24 14:09 accidents.csv
-rw-r--r--@ 1 mszell  staff      83 Aug 24 14:29 dsalphabet.txt
-rw-r--r--@ 1 mszell  staff 829952 Aug 24 14:10 variable_lookup.xls
```

# 6 Saving to files

Save the previous console output without the first line in a new file called 'fileproperties.txt'

Hint: Use a pipe and the command "tail"

**Solution: `ls -l | tail -n +2 > fileproperties.txt`**

Expected content of fileproperties.txt (a few numbers or strings may be different):

```
-rw-r--r--@ 1 mszell  staff 16021264 Aug 24 14:09 accidents.csv
-rw-r--r--@ 1 mszell  staff      83 Aug 24 14:29 dsalphabet.txt
-rw-r--r--  1 mszell  staff      0 Oct  2 15:00 fileproperties.txt
-rw-r--r--@ 1 mszell  staff 829952 Aug 24 14:10 variable_lookup.xls
```

# 7

## String replacements

Squeeze multiple occurrences of spaces in fileproperties.txt into one space, then replace the spaces by commas, and save the output in file properties.csv

Hint: Use pipes and the -s option of tr

**Solution: `cat fileproperties.txt | tr -s " " | tr " " "," > fileproperties.csv`**

Expected content of fileproperties.csv:

```
-rw-r--r--@,1,mszell,staff,16021264,Aug,24,14:09,accidents.csv
-rw-r--r--@,1,mszell,staff,83,Aug,24,14:29,dsalphabet.txt
-rw-r--r--,1,mszell,staff,0,Oct,2,15:00,fileproperties.txt
-rw-r--r--@,1,mszell,staff,829952,Aug,24,14:10,variable_lookup.xls
```

# 8 awk sum

Use awk to display the total size of files listed in fileproperties.csv

Expected output: 16851299

**Solution: `awk -F, '{s+=$5} END {print s}' fileproperties.csv`**



# 9 Sort

Display the contents of fileproperties.csv sorted by file size, largest files first

Hint: Search the internet for "sort file by field unix"

**Solution: `sort -t, -nk5 -r fileproperties.csv`**

Expected output:

```
-rw-r--r--@,1,mszell,staff,16021264,Aug,24,14:09,accidents.csv
-rw-r--r--@,1,mszell,staff,829952,Aug,24,14:10,variable_lookup.xls
-rw-r--r--@,1,mszell,staff,83,Aug,24,14:29,dsalphabet.txt
-rw-r--r--,1,mszell,staff,0,Oct,2,15:00,fileproperties.txt
```

# 10 Sort and extract data

Display the filenames in fileproperties.csv sorted by file size, largest files first, in one line separated by commas.

**Solution:** `sort -t, -nk5 -r fileproperties.csv | awk -F, '{print $NF}' | tr "\n" ","`

Expected output:

```
accidents.csv,variable_lookup.xls,dsalphabet.txt,fileproperties.txt,%
```



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**DONE FOR TODAY!**