

EECS 203 Discussion 5a

Mathematical Induction & Exam 1 Review

Upcoming Exam

- **Exam 1** is on **Monday, February 19th** from **7:00 - 9:00 PM!**
- **Exam Review Sessions**
 - **Sat, February 17th, 1-4 PM** in CHRY5 220
 - **Topics:** Propositional Logic + Predicates and Quantifiers
 - **Sun, February 18th, 1-4 PM** in CHRY5 220
 - **Topics:** Proof Methods + Sets
- If you have a time conflict, contact the course staff **ASAP!**
- Practice exam questions have been released on Canvas!
 - They can be found on via **Files -> Practice Exams -> Exam 1**
 - See pinned Piazza post @448 for practice exam walkthrough videos

Upcoming Homework

- Homework/Groupwork 5 will be due **Mar. 7th – AFTER SPRING BREAK**
 - **Don't forget to match pages!**
 - Please note as soon as you press submit you've successfully submitted by the deadline. **You can still match pages** with no rush without adding to your submission time.
- Groupwork
 - Groupwork can be done alone, but the problems tend to be more difficult, and the goal is for you to puzzle them out with others!
 - Your discussion section is a great place to find a group!
 - There is also a pinned Piazza thread for searching for homework groups.

Mathematical Induction

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We want to show some statement $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq c$.

- **Base Case**

- First, show that the statement $P(c)$ is true for some initial value c .

- **Inductive Step**

- Next, show that if $P(k)$ is true for an arbitrary integer $k \geq c$, then $P(k+1)$ is also true.
- In other words, we want to prove the implication $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$.
- Since k is arbitrary, we start this step by assuming that $P(k)$ is true.
- When you assume $P(k)$, it's called the **inductive hypothesis**.

- **That's it!**

- You've proven that $\forall (n \geq c) P(n)$, as desired.
- Since $P(c)$ is true and $P(k)$ implies $P(k+1)$, we therefore have:
 $P(c) \rightarrow P(c+1) \rightarrow P(c+2) \rightarrow P(c+3) \rightarrow P(c+4) \dots$

Problem 1

1. Bandar's Blunder ★

Bandar writes a proof for the following statement:

$$n! > n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 4.$$

His proof is incorrect, and it's your task to help him identify his mistake!

Proof:

Inductive step:

Let k be arbitrary. Assume $P(k) : k! > k^2$. We need to show $P(k+1) : (k+1)! > (k+1)^2$

$$\begin{aligned}(k+1)! &= (k+1) \cdot k! \\ &> (k+1) \cdot k^2 && \text{(By the Inductive Hypothesis)} \\ &= (k+1)(k \cdot k) \\ &\geq (k+1)(2 \cdot k) && \text{(Because } k \geq 2\text{)} \\ &= (k+1)(k+k) \\ &\geq (k+1)(k+1) && \text{(Because } k \geq 1\text{)} \\ &= (k+1)^2\end{aligned}$$

This proves $(k+1)! > (k+1)^2$.

Base Case:

Prove $P(0) : 0! > 0^2$, $0! = 1 > 0^2 = 0$

Thus by mathematical induction, $n! > n^2$ for all $n \geq 0$.

What is wrong with Bandar's proof?



Problem 2

2. Sum Mathematical Induction

Using induction, prove that for all integers $n \geq 1$:

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (r+1) \cdot 2^{r-1} = n \cdot 2^n$$

Exam 1 Review

Tautology, Contradiction, Satisfiability (Discussion 1b)

- **Tautology:** A compound proposition that is **always true** regardless of its input values
- **Contradiction:** A compound proposition that is **always false** regardless of its input values
- **Satisfiable:** A compound proposition is satisfiable if it **can be true** (there is at least one set of inputs that makes the proposition true)

Problem 3

3. REVIEW: Satisfiability ★

Determine whether each of these compound propositions is satisfiable.

(a) $(p \vee \neg q) \wedge (\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q)$

(b) $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow \neg q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow \neg q)$



Quantifiers (Discussion 2)

- **Nested Quantifiers:** A nested quantifier is a quantifier that involves the use of two or more quantifiers to quantify a compound proposition $P(x,y)$. In nested quantifiers, order matters...
 - **$P(x,y)$:** some statement about x and y
 - **Example:** $\forall x \exists y P(x,y)$ is different from $\exists y \forall x P(x,y)$
 - **$\forall x \exists y P(x,y)$:** “For all x , there exists y such that...”
 - **$\exists y \forall x P(x,y)$:** “There exists y such that for all x ...”

Problem 4

4. REVIEW: Nested Quantifier Translations

Let $P(x, y)$ be the statement “Student x has taken class y ,” where the domain for x consists of all students in your class and for y consists of all computer science courses at your school. Express each of these quantifications in English.

a) $\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$

b) $\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$

c) $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$

d) $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$

e) $\forall y \exists x P(x, y)$

f) $\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$

Proof Methods (Discussion 2)

- **Direct Proof:**

Proves $p \rightarrow q$ by showing $p \rightarrow \text{stuff} \rightarrow q$

Even and Odd (Discussion 2)

- **Even:** An integer x is even iff there exists an integer k such that $x = 2k$
- **Odd:** An integer x is odd iff there exists an integer k such that $x = 2k + 1$

Problem 5

5. REVIEW: Direct Proof

Use a direct proof to show that the product of two odd numbers is odd.

Proof Methods (Discussion 3)

- **Direct Proof:**

Proves $p \rightarrow q$ by showing $p \rightarrow \text{stuff} \rightarrow q$

- **Proof by Contradiction:**

Proves p by showing $\neg p \rightarrow F$

To prove $p \rightarrow q$, assume the negation: $\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv \neg(\neg p \vee q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$

“Seeking contradiction, assume that...”

Problem 6

6. REVIEW: Proof by Contradiction ★

Prove that for all integers n , if $n^2 + 2$ is even, then n is even using a proof by contradiction.

Note: When using proof by contradiction to prove $p \rightarrow q$, there are multiple places where one could introduce the assumption that is “seeking contradiction”:

1. “Seeking contradiction, assume the negation of the entire claim, including negating the quantifier...”
2. “Let x be an arbitrary element of the domain. Seeking contradiction, assume p and $\text{not}(q)$. [ie negate the if-then] ...”
3. “Let x be an arbitrary element of the domain. Assume p [ie begin direct proof of if p then q]. Seeking contradiction, assume $\text{not}(q)$”



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- **Proof by Contrapositive:**

Proves $p \rightarrow q$ by showing $\neg q \rightarrow \text{stuff} \rightarrow \neg p$

Problem 7

7. REVIEW: Proof by Contrapositive ★

Prove that for all integers x and y , if xy^2 is even, then x is even or y is even.



Proof Methods (Discussion 4)

- **Direct Proof:**

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- **Proof by Contrapositive:**

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- **Proof by Cases:**

Break p into cases and show that each case implies q (in which case $p \rightarrow q$).

Make sure to prove q for every possible case!

$p \rightarrow p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \dots \vee p_n \rightarrow q$

Problem 8

8. REVIEW: Proof by Cases/Disproofs ★

- a) Prove or Disprove that for all integers n , $n^2 + n$ is even
- b) Prove or Disprove that for all integers a and b , $\frac{a}{b}$ is a rational number.



Problem 9

9. REVIEW: Sets ★

Let our domain U be the set of the 26 lowercase letters in the English alphabet. Let $A = \{i, a, n\}$, $B = \{s, h, u, b\}$, $C = \{i, s, a, b, e, l\}$. Compute the following, where complements are taken within U . Write your answers in list notation.

Hint: For parts (b) and (c), simplifying the expressions using set identities may make the sets quicker to compute.

