

EECS 203 Discussion 5a

Mathematical Induction and Review

Admin Notes:

Homework:

- Homework 5 due **Thursday, October 12**
- Checkin 5 due **Thursday, October 12**

Exams:

- **Exam 1** on **Wednesday, October 4th**, 7:00-9:00 pm
- Exam review sessions located in **CHRY5 220**:
 - Saturday, September 30th, 1:00-4:00 pm
 - Sunday, October 1st, 1:00-4:00 pm

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GOAL: Show some statement $P(n)$ is true for all ints $n \geq c$.

- **Base Case**

- Show $P(c)$ is true

- **Inductive Step**

- Show that if $P(k)$ is true for some int $k \geq c$, then $P(k+1)$ is true

$$P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$$

When you assume $P(k)$ it is called the **inductive hypothesis**

- **Now you've shown $\forall n \geq c P(n)$** because $P(c)$ is true and $P(c) \rightarrow P(c+1) \rightarrow P(c+2) \rightarrow P(c+3) \rightarrow P(c+4) \dots$

Problem:

1. Mathematical Induction ★

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Inductive step:

Let k be an arbitrary positive integer. Assume $P(k)$: 3 divides $k^3 + 2k$. We want to show $P(k+1)$: 3 divides $(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1)$.

$$\begin{aligned}(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1) &= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 2k + 2 \\ &= k^3 + 2k + 3k^2 + 3k + 3 \\ &= (k^3 + 2k) + 3(k^2 + k + 1)\end{aligned}$$

3 divides $3(k^2 + k + 1)$. By the inductive hypothesis, 3 divides $k^3 + 2k$. Thus, 3 divides $(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1)$, so $P(k+1)$ is true.

Base case:

Prove $P(1)$: 3 divides $1^3 + 2 \cdot 1$. $1 + 2 = 3$. Since 3 is divisible by 3, $P(1)$ is true.

By mathematical induction, we have proven that for every positive integer n , 3 divides $n^3 + 2n$.

Alternate Solution for Inductive Step: Let k be an arbitrary positive integer. Assume $P(k)$: 3 divides $k^3 + 2k$. We want to show $P(k+1)$: 3 divides $(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1)$.

$$\begin{aligned}3|k^3 + 2k &\rightarrow 3|k^3 + 2k + 3(k^2 + k + 1) \\ &\rightarrow 3|k^3 + 2k + 3k^2 + 3k + 3 \\ &\rightarrow 3|k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 2k + 2 \\ &\rightarrow 3|(k+1)^3 + 2(k+1)\end{aligned}$$

Problem:

2. 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?

Solution:

Solution: The key idea here is that although we have a valid base case, and a valid inductive step, they don't work together. In particular, the inductive step requires $k \geq 4$, but our base case only shows that $k = 0$ is valid (and in fact, $k = 1, k = 2$, and $k = 3$ are false). A valid proof could have used the same inductive step with a base case of $n = 4$.

Some possible explanations:

- The base case and inductive step are individually valid, but the base case can't be used with the inductive step.
- The base case doesn't help prove the statement is true for $n = 4$, and this case can't be proved with the inductive step.
- The inductive step doesn't work with the given base case.

Problem:

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Prove $P(1) : \sum_{r=1}^1 (r+1) \cdot 2^{r-1} = 1 \cdot 2^1$. $LHS = (1+1) \cdot (2)^0 = 2$, $RHS = (1) \cdot (2)^1 = 2$,
so $LHS = RHS$. Therefore, $P(1)$ is true.

Therefore we have shown by mathematical induction that for all integers $n \geq 1$,
$$\sum_{r=1}^n (r+1) \cdot 2^{r-1} = n \cdot 2^n$$

Solution:

Inductive Step:

Let k be an arbitrary integer that is greater or equal to 1.

Assume $P(k) : \sum_{r=1}^k (r+1) \cdot 2^{r-1} = k \cdot 2^k$.

We want to show $P(k+1) : \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r+1) \cdot 2^{r-1} = (k+1) \cdot 2^{k+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} (r+1) \cdot 2^{r-1} \\ &= \left[\sum_{r=1}^k (r+1) \cdot 2^{r-1} \right] + (k+1+1) \cdot 2^{k+1-1} \\ &= \left[\sum_{r=1}^k (r+1) \cdot 2^{r-1} \right] + (k+2) \cdot 2^k \\ &= [k \cdot 2^k] + (k+2) \cdot 2^k \text{ (by Inductive Hypothesis)} \\ &= k \cdot 2^k + k \cdot 2^k + 2^{k+1} \\ &= 2k \cdot 2^k + 2^{k+1} \\ &= k \cdot 2^{k+1} + (1) \cdot 2^{k+1} \\ &= (k+1) \cdot 2^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $P(k+1)$ is true.

Exam Review

Problem:

4. 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) $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow \neg q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow \neg q)$

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Solution:

(a) Satisfiable. The expression is satisfied when p is False and q is False. You could draw up a truth table to help you think through the possible combinations of truth values for p and q .

(b) Unsatisfiable (ie a contradiction)

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \rightarrow \neg q$	$\neg p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow \neg q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow \neg q)$
T	T	T	F	T	T	F
T	F	F	T	T	T	F
F	T	T	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	F	T	F

Since all boolean assignments of p and q result in the expression being False, this is compound proposition is unsatisfiable.

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Alternate Solutions:

- Using Equivalence Laws:

$$\begin{aligned}(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow \neg q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow \neg q) \\&\equiv (\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q) \wedge (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee \neg q) \\&\equiv (\neg p \vee (q \wedge \neg q)) \wedge (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee \neg q) \\&\equiv \neg p \wedge (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee \neg q) \\&\equiv \neg p \wedge (p \vee (q \wedge \neg q)) \\&= \neg p \wedge p \\&= F\end{aligned}$$

- Verbal Argument: In order to show that this statement is not satisfiable, we will consider every possible assignment of p and q and show that in every case, the statement is false. When p is true and q is true, $p \rightarrow \neg q$ is false so the whole statement is false. When p is true and q is false, $p \rightarrow q$ is false, so the whole statement is false. When p is false and q is true, $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ is false, so the whole statement is false. When p is false and q is false, $\neg p \rightarrow q$ is false, so the whole statement is false. Therefore, in every possible assignment of p and q , the statement is false, which means that the statement is not satisfiable.

Problem:

5. 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) $\forall y \exists x P(x, y)$

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Solution:

- a) There is a student in your class who has taken a computer science course [at your school].
- b) There is a student in your class who has taken every computer science course.
- c) Every student in your class has taken at least one computer science course.
- d) There is a computer science course that every student in your class has taken.
- e) Every computer science course has been taken by at least one student in your class.
- f) Every student in your class has taken every computer science course.

Problem:

6. REVIEW: Direct Proof

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Solution: Using a Direct Proof,

Let a and b be arbitrary odd integers. Then, a and b can be written as $a = 2m + 1$ and $b = 2n + 1$ for some integers n and m . Looking at their product, we have

$$\begin{aligned}ab &= (2m + 1)(2n + 1) \\&= 4mn + 2m + 2n + 1 \\&= 2(2mn + m + n) + 1\end{aligned}$$

Since $ab = 2k + 1$, where k is the integer $2mn + m + n$, then by definition ab is odd.

Problem:

7. 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 $\text{not}(q)$”

Solution:

7. 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.

Solution: Let n is an arbitrary integer. For the sake of contradiction, assume $n^2 + 2$ is even and n is odd.

(Note that we could have also assumed the negation of the entire statement: “Assume that there exists some n such that $n^2 + 2$ is even and n is odd”.)

- Since n is odd, we can say $n = 2k + 1$ for some integer k .
- This means $n^2 + 2 = (2k + 1)^2 + 2$.
$$= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 2$$
$$= 2(2k^2 + 2k + 1) + 1$$
$$= 2j + 1, \text{ where } j \text{ is an integer equal to } 2k^2 + 2k + 1$$
- Thus from the definition of an odd number, $n^2 + 2$ is odd. This contradicts our earlier assumption that $n^2 + 2$ is even.

Therefore, using proof by contradiction, we have showed that for all integers n , if n is odd, then $n^2 + 2$ is odd.

Problem:

8. REVIEW: Proof by Contrapositive ★

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Solution:

We will prove the statement via proof by contrapositive. Let x and y be arbitrary integers. Because we are using proof by contrapositive, we want to assume x is odd and y is odd and eventually conclude that xy^2 is odd. First, we will assume x is odd and y is odd. Since x and y are odd, $x = 2k + 1$ and $y = 2n + 1$ where k and n are integers. Therefore, $xy^2 = (2k+1)(2n+1)^2 = (2k+1)(4n^2+4n+1) = 8kn^2+8kn+2k+4n^2+4n+1 = 2(4kn^2+4kn+k+2n^2+2n)+1 = 2j+1$ where j is an integer and $j = 4kn^2+4kn+k+2n^2+2n$. Therefore, xy^2 is odd. Thus, we have shown via proof by contrapositive that for all integers x and y , if xy^2 is even, then x is even or y is even.

Problem:

9. 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.

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

a) We prove the statement via proof by cases. Let x be an arbitrary integer.

- **Case 1:** x is even

Since x is even, $x = 2k$ where k is an integer. Therefore, $x^2 + x = (2k)^2 + 2k = 4k^2 + 2k = 2(2k^2 + k) = 2j$ where j is some integer. Therefore, $x^2 + x$ is even.

- **Case 2:** x is odd

Since x is odd, $x = 2k + 1$ where k is an integer. Therefore, $x^2 + x = (2k + 1)^2 + (2k + 1) = (4k^2 + 4k + 1) + (2k + 1) = 4k^2 + 6k + 2 = 2(2k^2 + 3k + 1) = 2j$ where j is some integer. Therefore, $x^2 + x$ is even.

For all cases of x , we have shown that $x^2 + x$ is even. Therefore, we have shown that for all integers n , $n^2 + n$ is even.

b) We will disprove this statement. Consider the case, $a = 1$ and $b = 0$. In this case, $\frac{a}{b}$ is not a rational number because $b = 0$.