

07/13 Proofs by Induction:

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq b, P(n)$

• Basis: Show $P(b)$

• Inductive hypothesis: for a fixed $k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq b$

Assume $P(k)$

• Inductive step: Show $P(k+1)$

Important! *read the note ch 8

• ALWAYS LABEL EACH STEP!

• ALWAYS tell the variable used
Proof (By induction on n)

• Always say "fixed" on I.H.

Ex) The sum of the first n odd integers is a perfect square.

$$1 = 1 = (1)^2 \quad n \geq 1$$

$$1+3 = 4 = (2)^2$$

$$1+3+5 = 9 = (3)^2$$

$$1+3+5+7 = 16 = (4)^2$$

⋮

First odd number $\rightarrow 2i-1 \quad (i=1)$

Second odd number $\rightarrow 2i-1 \quad (i=2)$

⋮

i th odd number $\rightarrow \boxed{2i-1}$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1) = n^2 \right) \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{what we} \\ \text{have to} \\ \text{prove} \end{array}$$

Proof (by induction on n):

Basis: ($n=1$)

$$\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^1 (2i-1)}_{\text{LHS}} = \underbrace{2(1)-1}_{\text{RHS}} = 1 = 1^2$$

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Inductive Hypothesis:

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \geq 1$ be a fixed number.

Assume that $\sum_{i=1}^k (2i-1) = k^2$

Inductive step:

We need to show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (2i-1) = (k+1)^2$$

from LHS

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (2i-1) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k (2i-1)}_{\text{using I.H.}} + 2(k+1)-1$$

$$= k^2 + 2k + 2 - 1$$

$$= k^2 + 2k + 1$$

$$= (k+1)^2$$

$$\text{ex. 2) } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 0, \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

if $n=3$ then

$$2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 = 2^{3+1} - 1$$

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 = 16 - 1$$

$$15 = 15$$

Proof (by induction on n)

Basis: $n=0$

$$\text{LHS } 2^0 = 1$$

$$\text{RHS } 2^1 - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1 \quad \square$$

Inductive Hypothesis:

Let k be fixed s.t. $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k \geq 0$

Assume $\sum_{i=0}^k 2^i = 2^{k+1} - 1$

Inductive Step:

We want to show $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} 2^i = 2^{(k+1)+1} - 1$
 $= 2^{k+2} - 1$

$$\text{LHS: } \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} 2^i = \sum_{i=0}^k 2^i + 2^{k+1}$$

$$\text{I.H.} = 2^{k+1} - 1 + 2^{k+1}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} - 1$$

$$= 2^{k+2} - 1 \quad \square$$

Ex. 3) $\sum_{i=0}^n ar^i = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r-1} \quad r \neq 1, n \geq 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$

Proof (by induction on n)

Basis: $n=0$

$$\text{LHS: } ar^0 = a$$

$$\text{RHS: } \frac{ar^1 - a}{r-1} = \frac{a(r-1)}{r-1} = a \quad \square$$

Inductive Hypothesis

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ be a fixed number s.t. $k \geq 0$

Assume

$$\sum_{i=0}^k ar^i = \frac{ar^{k+1} - a}{r-1}$$

Inductive step:

We need to show that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} ar^i = \frac{ar^{(k+1)+1} - a}{r-1} = \boxed{\frac{ar^{k+2} - a}{r-1}}$$

$$\text{LHS: } \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} ar^i = \sum_{i=0}^k ar^i + ar^{k+1}$$

$$\text{I.H.} = \frac{ar^{k+1} - a}{r-1} + ar^{k+1}$$

$$= \frac{ar^{k+1} - a + (ar^{k+1})(r-1)}{r-1}$$

$$= \frac{ar^{k+1} - a + ar^{k+2} - ar^{k+1}}{r-1}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{ar^{k+2} - a}{r-1}} \quad \square$$

Ex. 4) $2^n < n!$ $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq 4$

Proof (by induction on n)

Basis ($n=4$)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{LHS } 2^4 = 16 \\ \text{RHS } 4! = 24 \end{array} \quad \rightarrow 16 < 24 \quad \square$$

Inductive Hypothesis:

Let k be fixed ^{int} s.t. $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k \geq 4$

Assume $2^k < k!$

Inductive Step:

We have to show that

$$2^{k+1} < (k+1)!$$

from LHS \rightarrow works fine with summation
 $2^{k+1} \dots ?$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{We know of } 2^k < k! \\ \text{or } 2 < k+1 \end{array} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} 2^{k+1} < (k+1)! \\ 2(2^k) < k!(k+1) \end{array}$$

this is true,

$\forall k \geq 4$

$$\rightarrow 2 \cdot 2^k < (k+1)k!$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{2^{k+1} < (k+1)!} \quad \square$$



Ex. 5) $n^3 - n$ is divisible by 3

$(n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2)$

Basis ($n=2$)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{LHS } 2^3 - 2 = 6 \text{ divisible by } 3 \\ = 3(2) \end{array}$$

Inductive Hypothesis

For a fixed $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \geq 2$

$$\exists s \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } k^3 - k = 3s$$

$$\rightarrow \exists s \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n^3 - n = 3s$$

Inductive Step:

We need to show that

$$(k+1)^3 + (k+1) = 3r \text{ for some } r \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{LHS } (k+1)^3 - (k+1)$$

$$= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - k - 1$$

$$= \underline{k^3 - k} + 3k^2 + 3k$$

$$\text{I.H.} = 3s + 3k^2 + 3k$$

$$= 3(s + k^2 + k)$$

$$= 3r$$

$$\text{where } r = s + k^2 + k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{Ex. 6) } n+1 \leq 2n \quad \forall n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Proof (by induction on n)

Basis: ($n=1$)

$$2 \leq 2$$

I.H.: Let k be an arbitrary fixed number, $k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 1$

$$\text{Assume } k+1 \leq 2k \quad \& \quad 1 < 2$$

I.S.: We want to show

$$(k+1)+1 \leq 2(k+1)$$

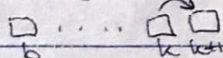
$$\boxed{k+2 \leq 2k+2}$$

$$\text{I.H.} \begin{cases} k+1 \leq 2k \\ 1 < 2 \end{cases}$$

$$k+1+1 \leq 2k+2$$

$$\boxed{k+2 \leq 2k+2}$$

Strong Induction



I.S. $\begin{cases} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{cases}$ $\begin{matrix} \text{Assume:} \\ \text{Property true} \\ \text{for every possible} \\ \text{value } \leq k \end{matrix}$

$$P_1 \leq k \text{ and } P_2 \leq k$$

\hookrightarrow Property P_1 is true

+

\hookrightarrow Property P_2 is true

Combine

\Rightarrow Property P is true

Inductive Hypothesis:

→ given a fixed $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \geq b$

Assume the property is true

$$\forall b \leq r \leq k$$

Inductive Step:

Show that the property is true for $k+1$

* Basis: we might need to show for several values

ex) $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n > 1 \rightarrow n$ can be written as a product of primes

Proof (by (Strong) induction on n)

Basis: $n=2$ $n=(2)$ prime

I.H.: Let k be a fixed number $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k \geq 1$

Assume $\forall 1 < r \leq k$ (r can be written as a product of primes)

I.S.: We want to show that

$k+1$ can be written as a product of primes

Case A) $k+1$ is prime

→ $k+1$ is a product of primes

Case B) $k+1$ is not prime (composite)

$$\rightarrow k+1 = ab \begin{cases} a \geq 2 \\ b \geq 2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{b} \end{cases}$$

$$[n+1 \leq 2n] \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(n+1) \leq n$$

$$\rightarrow k+1 = ab$$

$$a = (k+1) \frac{1}{b} \leq (k+1) \frac{1}{2} \leq k$$

$$\therefore a \leq k$$

Same in the case of $b \leq k$

→ I.H. is true for a and b

→ a can be written as a product of primes & b can be written as a product of primes

$$k+1 > 2$$

$$k > 1$$

$$1 < r \leq k$$

$$\hookrightarrow 1 < \underline{k} \leq k$$

∴ $k+1 = ab$ can be written as a product of primes.

~~*~~ Study this example + exam 2 #5

Ex. 2) Every postage of ≥ 12 cents can be formed using only 4 cent stamps and 5 cent stamps.

Formally, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 12$

$\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n = 5a + 4b$

$\begin{cases} a \text{ is number of 5 cent stamps} \\ b \text{ " " " 4 " " "} \end{cases}$

Proof (by induction on n)

Basis: $n = 12$

$$n = 4(3) \quad \begin{cases} b = 3 \\ a = 0 \end{cases}$$

I.H.: Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ be a fixed number s.t. $k \geq 12$

Assume: $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{s.t. } k = 5a + 4b$$

I.S.: Need to show that

$$k+1 = 5a' + 4b' \quad \text{for some } a', b' \in \mathbb{N}$$

From I.H. we know $\exists a, b$ s.t. $k = 5a + 4b$

Case: A) $b \geq 1$

$$5(a+1) + 4(b-1)$$

$$= 5a + 4b + 5 - 4$$

$$= 5a + 4b + 1$$

$$\text{I.H.} = k+1 = 5a' + 4b'$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \underline{a+1} & \underline{b-1} \\ a' & b' \end{array}$$

case B) $b = 0 \rightarrow$ all stamps must be 5 cent stamps

$$k \geq 15 \quad [k = 5a + 4b]$$

$$b = 0 \quad a \geq 3$$

\hookrightarrow Then, replace 3 5 cent stamps with 4 4 cent stamps

$$k+1 = 5\underbrace{a-3}_{a'} + 4\underbrace{b+4}_{b'}$$

$$k+1 = 5(a-3) + 4(b+4)$$

$$= \underbrace{5a + 4b}_{\text{I.H.}} - 15 + 16 =$$

$$k+1 \rightarrow = 5a' + 4b'$$

Proof (by Strong Induction)

Basis: same as before

I.H.: given a fixed $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \geq 12$

$$\forall 12 \leq r \leq k \rightarrow r = 5a + 4b$$

for some $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

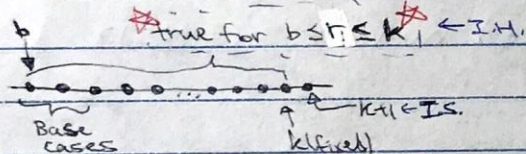
I.S.: show that for $k+1$, it is true.

we need to show:

$$k+1 = 5a' + 4b' \text{ for some } a', b' \in \mathbb{N}$$

Very Important!

7/18 Strong Induction: use several base cases to show that everything up to k works / is true



I.S.: show that the property is true for $k+1$

↳ Postage ≥ 12 with $4c$ & $5c$

Idea: any postage k (property true)

I can make $k+1$ if I subtract 3 from k

$$\text{ex) } k-3 + 4c = k+1$$

Base cases: Postage

	12	13	14	15
4c	3	2	1	0
5c	0	1	2	3

I.H.: Assume that for a fixed $12 \leq k$, we can generate the $\forall 12 \leq r \leq k$ using $4c$ stamps and $5c$ stamps.

I.S.: We need to show that we can generate postage of $k+1$ using $4c$ and $5c$.