

# K-Induction

- Extends bounded model checking to be able to prove properties
- Based on the concept of (strong) mathematical induction
- For increasing values of  $k$ , check:
  - Base Case:  $I(s_0) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^k T(s_{i-1}, s_i) \wedge \neg P(s_k)$
  - Inductive Case:  $(\bigwedge_{i=1}^k T(s_{i-1}, s_i) \wedge P(s_{i-1})) \wedge \neg P(s_k)$
  - If base case is SAT, return a counter-example
  - If inductive case is UNSAT, return TRUE
  - Otherwise, continue

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