

HV-7: Mathematical Induction

3) Base case: If  $n=0 \Rightarrow L(0)=0$ , But we know

$$0 = \frac{3^{0+1} - 2 \cdot 0 - 3}{4} = \frac{3^1 - 3}{4} = \frac{0}{4} = 0, \quad L(0) = \frac{3^{0+1} - 2 \cdot 0 - 3}{4}$$

holds ✓ (we have  $L(0)=0$  from recurrence relation)

Let  $f(n) = \frac{3^{n+1} - 2n - 3}{4} \Rightarrow L(0) = f(0)$  (they match)

Inductive Hypothesis: Let  $K > 0$ , suppose as inductive

hypothesis that  $L(K-1) = \frac{3^{K-1+1} - 2(K-1) - 3}{4} \Rightarrow$   
for some  $K > 0$

$$L(K-1) = \frac{3^K - 2K + 2 - 3}{4} = \frac{3^K - 2K - 1}{4} \Rightarrow L(K-1) = \frac{3^K - 2K - 1}{4}$$

Inductive Step: Using the recurrence relation, ( $\frac{\text{nd part}}{\text{1st part}}$ )

$$L(K) = K + 3 \quad L(K-1) = K + \frac{3^{K+1} - 6K - 3}{4} = \frac{3^{K+1} - 6K - 3 + 4K}{4} =$$

$$= \frac{3^{K+1} - 2K - 3}{4} \Rightarrow L(K) = \frac{3^{K+1} - 2K - 3}{4} = f(K) \quad (\text{since } K > 0) \quad (\text{inductive hypothesis})$$

So, by induction,  $L(n) = \frac{3^{n+1} - 2n - 3}{4}$  for all  $n \geq 0$



2) We use first by induction on  $n$  to prove that  
 $H(2n) = H(2n-1)$  for all  $n \geq 1$

Base case:  $H(2) = 1$ , from recurrence definition, and  
 $H(1) = 1$  from recurrence definition  $\Rightarrow H(2-1) = H(2 \cdot 1 - 1)$   
holds  $\checkmark$  True for  $n=1 \checkmark$

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose as inductive hypothesis  
that  $H(2k) = H(2k-1)$ , for some  $k \geq 1$

Inductive Step: Since  $k \geq 1 > 0 \Rightarrow 2k+2 > 2$ , and from  
recurrence definition,  $H(2k+2) = H(2k+1) + H(2k) -$   
 $- H(2k-1)$ . Since from inductive hypothesis,  
 $H(2k) = H(2k-1) \Rightarrow H(2k+2) = H(2k+1)$  becomes true  
Or,  $H(2(k+1)) = H(2(k+1)-1)$  is satisfied  $\checkmark$

Hence, from induction,  $H(2n) = H(2n-1)$  for  $\forall n \geq 1$

$H(2m+3) = H(2m+2) + H(2m+1) - H(2m)$ , where  
 $2m+3 > 2$  where  $m \geq 0 \Rightarrow H(2m+4) = H(2m+3)$  and  
 $H(2m+2) = H(2m+1) \Rightarrow H(2(m+2)) = H(2(m+2)-1)$   
is true for  $m \geq 0$ ,  $m+2 \geq 2 > 1$  and  $m+1 \geq 1 \Rightarrow$   
 $H(2(m+1)) = H(2(m+1)-1)$ ,  $H(2m+3) = H(2m+4)$

$$H(2m+4) = H(2m+2) = H(2m+2) + H(2m+1) - H(2m) = \\ = H(2m+2) + H(2m+2) - H(2m) = 2H(2m+2) - H(2m)$$

$$H(2m+4) + H(2m) = 2H(2m+2), \text{ for } \forall m \geq 0 \quad \text{Now,}$$

$H(0)=0$ , from definition;  $H(2)=1$ , from definition

$$m=0 \Rightarrow H(4) = 2H(2) - H(0) = 2 - 0 = 2, \quad H(4) = 2$$

Let's prove, by strong induction on  $n$  that

$$H(2n) = n \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1 \quad H(4) = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

Base Case: For  $n=1, 2$  we had previously  $H(2)=1$  and  
(above, we proved it)

Inductive Hypothesis: Let  $K > 2$ , suppose as inductive

hypothesis that  $H(2i)=i$  for all  $i$  such that

$$1 \leq i < K$$

Inductive Step: Using the recurrence relation, we're

$$K-2 > 0 \Rightarrow H(2(K-2)+4) + H(2(K-2)) = 2H(2(K-2)+2)$$

and by inductive hypothesis,  $K-2 > 0 \Rightarrow K-2 \geq 1$  or

$1 \leq K-2 < K-1 < K$ , meaning  $H(2(K-2)) = K-2$  and

$$H(2(K-1)) = K-1 \Rightarrow H(2K-4+4) + H(2(K-2)) =$$

$$= 2H(2K-4+2) = 2H(2K-2) = 2H(2(K-1)) = 2(K-1)$$

$$H(2K) + H(2(K-2)) = H(2K) + K-2 = 2K-2 \Rightarrow H(2K) = K$$

Hence, we proved  $H(2K) = K$  as required

Therefore, by strong induction on  $n$ , we concluded

$H(2n) = n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Now, combining this result

with previous one, we find:  $H(2n) = H(2n-1) = n, \forall n \geq 1$

4) We can define an ordering on  $N^+ \times N^+$ , by specifying that  $(x_1, y_1)$  is less than or equal to  $(x_2, y_2)$  if and only if either  $x_1 < x_2$ , or  $(x_1 = x_2 \text{ and } y_1 < y_2)$ ; this is called the lexicographic ordering. From this, we can recursively

-ively define the terms  $f(m, n)$  with  $m, n \in N^+$ , and prove results about them using mathematical induction

Using  $(m, n) = (1, 1)$  as the basis case, we use strong induction: Basis step  $\rightarrow$  Let  $(m, n) = (1, 1)$ , and from recursive definition,  $f(1, 1) = 5 = 2 \cdot 2 + 1 = 2(1+1) + 1$ . So,  $f(1, 1) = 2(1+1) + 1$  and this completes the basis step.

Inductive step  $\rightarrow$  Suppose that  $f(m', n') = 2(m'+n') + 1$  whenever  $(m', n')$  is less than  $(m, n)$  in the lexicographic ordering of  $N^+ \times N^+$ . By the recursive definition, if  $n = 1$ , then  $f(m, n) = f(m-1, n) + 2$  with  $m > 1$ . Because  $(m-1, n)$  is smaller than  $(m, n)$ , inductive hypothesis tells that  $f(m-1, n) = 2(m+n-1) + 1 = 2m+2n-1$ .

So,  $f(m, n) = 2m + 2n - 1 + 2 = 2(m+n) + 1$ , giving us the desired equality. Now, suppose  $n \geq 1$ , then from the definition  $\Rightarrow f(m, n) = f(m, n-1) + 2$  and since  $(m, n-1)$  is smaller than  $(m, n)$ , inductive hypothesis tells us  $f(m, n-1) = 2(m+n-1) + 1 = 2(m+n) - 1$ , so  $f(m, n) = 2(m+n) - 1 + 2 = 2(m+n) + 1$ . This finishes the inductive step  $\Rightarrow \boxed{f(a, b) = 2(a+b) + 1, \forall a, b \in N^+}$  ✓

Note: In inductive step, when we assumed result was true for all  $(m', n') < (m, n)$  in the lexicographic ordering of  $N^+ \times N^+$ , it's easy to see that  $(m, n) \neq (1, 1)$ , as this case was already verified. Therefore, if  $n = 1$ , we had  $m > 1 \Rightarrow$  generalized induction proved the problem. ✓

1) From recursive definition,  $f(0, n) = n + 1$  and choosing  $n > 0 \Rightarrow f(1, n) = f(0, f(1, n-1))$ , then claim:  $f(1, n) = n + 2$  for all  $n > 0$  ★

Proof: We apply induction on  $n$ . The base case:

For  $n=0$ ,  $f(1, 0) = f(0, 1) = 1 + 1 = 2$ , since we used only recursive definitions, and  $f(1, 0) = 0 + 2$  becomes satisfied  $\therefore$  basic step is proved

Inductive hypothesis: Let  $k > 0$ , and suppose as true inductive hypothesis that  $f(1, k-1) = k-1+2 = k+1$  is true for some  $k > 0$ .

Inductive Step: Using the recurrence relation,  $i > 0$  and  $k > 0 \Rightarrow f(i, k) = f(0, f(i, k-1))$  and since  $f(i, k-1) = k+1$  from inductive hypothesis, we get  $f(i, k) = f(0, k+1) = k+1+i = k+2$  from given recursive definition. Hence,  $f(i, k) = k+2$  and inductive step is proved.

Hence, By induction on  $n \Rightarrow [f(1, n) = n+2, \forall n > 0]$

Claim:  $f(2, m) = 2m+3$ , for all  $m > 0$

Proof: We apply induction on  $m$ . The base step:

$m=0 \Rightarrow f(2, 0) = f(1, 1)$  from recursive definition, and from previous claim,  $f(1, 1) = 1+2 = 3 \Rightarrow f(2, 0) = 2 \cdot 0 + 3$   
The Basis step is satisfied ✓

Inductive Hypothesis: Let  $k > 0$ , and assume as inductive hypothesis that  $f(2, k-1) = 2(k-1)+3 = 2k-2+3 = 2k+1$  is true for some  $k > 0$

Inductive Step: Using the recurrence relation,  $2 > 0$  and  $k > 0 \Rightarrow$

$f(2, k) = f(1, f(2, k-1)) = f(1, 2k+3)$ , from recurrence relation and inductive hypothesis, respectively. Using previous claim that  $f(1, n) = n+2$  for  $\forall n \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(1, 2k+3) = 2k+1+2 = 2k+3$  because  $2k+1 > 1 > 0 \Rightarrow f(2, k) = 2k+3$  and by this, inductive step is done.

Hence, induction on  $m$  concludes  $\boxed{f(2, m) = 2m+3, \forall m \geq 0}$

Claim:  $f(3, t) = 2^{t+3} - 3$  for all  $t \geq 0$

Proof: We apply induction on  $t$ . Base step: For  $t=0$ ,  $f(3, 0) = f(2, 1)$  from definition, and from the previous claim  $\Rightarrow f(2, 1) = 2 \cdot 1 + 3 = 5$ ,  $f(3, 0) = 5$  or  $f(3, 0) = 8 - 3 = 2^3 - 3 = 2^0 + 3$ ,  $f(3, 0) = 2^0 + 3$  is true. Basis step is satisfied  $\checkmark$

Inductive Hypothesis: Let  $k \geq 0$ , and suppose as inductive hypothesis that  $f(3, k-1) = 2^{k-1+3} - 3 = 2^{k+2} - 3$  is satisfied for some  $k \geq 0$   $\checkmark$

Inductive Step: Using the recurrence definition for  $s > 0$  and  $k \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(3, k) = f(2, f(3, k-1))$  and since  $f(3, k-1) = 2^{k+2} - 3$  from inductive hypothesis, we get  $f(3, k) = f(2, 2^{k+2} - 3)$  and  $2^{k+2} - 3 > 2^0 + 3 = 4 - 3 = 1 > 0 \Rightarrow$

from previous claim,  $f(2, 2^{k+2} - 3) = 2(2^{k+2} - 3) + 3 = 2^{k+3} - 6 + 3 = 2^{k+3} - 3$ , hence  $\underline{f(3, k) = 2^{k+3} - 3}$  is true

By this, inductive step is done  $\checkmark$

Hence, By induction on  $t \Rightarrow \boxed{f(3, t) = 2^{t+3} - 3, \forall t \geq 0}$

Henceforth, using mathematical induction iteratively, we conclude  $\boxed{f(3, n) = 2^{n+3} - 3 \text{ for all } n \geq 0}$  and in particular,  $f(3, 4) = 2^{4+3} - 3 = 2^7 - 3 = 128 - 3 = 125$ ,

$$f(3, 4) = 125 \quad \checkmark$$

5) Let  $a_n$  represent the # of ways to climb  $n$  stairs if the person climbing the stairs can take 1, 2, or 3 stairs at a time

First case: The last step is taken by 1 stair, then there are  $a_{n-1}$  ways to climb the first  $(n-1)$  steps

Second case: The last step is taken by 2 stairs, then there are  $a_{n-2}$  ways to climb the first  $(n-2)$  steps

Third case: The final step is taken by 3 stairs, then there are  $a_{n-3}$  ways to climb the first  $(n-3)$  steps.

Since all these 3 cases are mutually distinct, we can add the # of sequences of app. three cases, and get

$$Q_n = Q_{n-1} + Q_{n-2} + Q_{n-3}$$

For  $n=0$ , there's exactly 1 way to climb the stairs (taking 0 steps)  $\Rightarrow Q_0 = 1$

For  $n=1$ , there exists exactly 1 way to climb the stairs (just take 1 step)  $\Rightarrow Q_1 = 1$

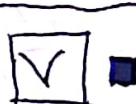
For  $n=2$ , there are exactly 2 ways to climb the stairs (just take 2 steps, or (1 step & 1 step))  $\Rightarrow Q_2 = 2$

For  $n=3$ , there are exactly 4 ways to climb the stairs (1 stair & 1 stair & 1 stair, 2 stairs & 1 stair, 1 stair & 2 stairs, or just 3 stairs)  $\Rightarrow Q_3 = 4$

Notice that  $Q_3 = 4 = 2 + 1 + 1 = Q_2 + Q_1 + Q_0$ , hence the recurrence relation holds for  $n=3$ , and it's not

necessary to be an initial condition. Henceforth,

$Q_0 = 1$ ,  $Q_1 = 1$ ,  $Q_2 = 2$ , and  $Q_n = Q_{n-1} + Q_{n-2} + Q_{n-3}$  for app  $n \geq 3$



6) a) First application: Apply the recursive step on  $(0,0)$ :  
 $(0,0+1) = (0,1) \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  $(0+1,0+1) = (1,1) \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  $(0+2,0+1) =$   
 $= (2,1) \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow \boxed{(0,1), (1,1), (2,1) \in \mathcal{S}}$

Second application: Apply the recursive step on  $(0,1)$ ,  $(1,1)$ , and  $(2,1)$ :  
 $(0,1+1) = (0,2) \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  $(0+1,1+1) = (1,2) \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  $(0+2,1+1) =$   
 $= (2,2) \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  $(1,1+1) = (1,2) \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  $(1+1,1+1) = (2,2) \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  
 $(1+2,1+1) = (3,2) \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  $(2,1+1) = (2,2) \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  $(2+1,1+1) =$   
 $= (3,2) \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  $(2+2,1+1) = (4,2) \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow$  Henceforth,  
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{(0,2), (1,2), (2,2), (3,2), (4,2) \in \mathcal{S}}$

Third application: Apply the recursive steps on  $(0,2)$ ,  $(1,2)$ ,  $(2,2)$ ,  $(3,2)$ ,  $(4,2)$ :  
 $(0,2+1) = (0,3) \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $(0+1,2+1) = (1,3) \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $(0+2,2+1) =$   
 $= (2,3) \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $(1,2+1) = (1,3) \checkmark$   $(1+1,2+1) = (2,3) \checkmark$   
 $(1+2,2+1) = (3,3) \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $(2,2+1) = (2,3) \checkmark$   $(2+1,2+1) = (3,3) \checkmark$   
 $(2+2,2+1) = (4,3) \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $(3,2+1) = (3,3) \checkmark$   $(3+1,2+1) = (4,3) \checkmark$   
 $(3+2,2+1) = (5,3) \in \mathcal{S}$

$$(q, 2+1) = (q, 3) \vee (q+1, 2+1) = (5, 3) \vee (q+2, 2+1) = (6, 3) \in S$$

Hence,  $\boxed{(0, 3), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 3), (4, 3), (5, 3), (6, 3) \in S}$

Fourth application: Apply the recursive step on  $(0, 3), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 3), (4, 3), (5, 3), (6, 3)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (0, 3+1) &= (0, 4) \in S, \quad (0+1, 3+1) = (1, 4) \in S, \quad (0+2, 3+1) = \\ &= (2, 4) \in S; \quad (1, 3+1) = (1, 4) \vee (1+1, 3+1) = (2, 4) \vee \end{aligned}$$

$$(1+2, 3+1) = (3, 4) \in S; \quad (2, 3+1) = (2, 4) \vee (2+1, 3+1) = (3, 4) \vee$$

$$(2+2, 3+1) = (4, 4) \in S; \quad (3, 3+1) = (3, 4) \vee (3+1, 3+1) = (4, 4) \vee$$

$$(3+2, 3+1) = (5, 4) \in S; \quad (4, 3+1) = (4, 4) \vee (4+1, 3+1) = (5, 4) \vee$$

$$(4+2, 3+1) = (6, 4) \in S; \quad (5, 3+1) = (5, 4) \vee (5+1, 3+1) = (6, 4) \vee$$

$$(5+2, 3+1) = (7, 4) \in S; \quad (6, 3+1) = (6, 4) \vee (6+1, 3+1) = (7, 4) \vee$$

$$(6+2, 3+1) = (8, 4) \in S \Rightarrow \text{Hence, from } 4^{\text{th}} \text{ application,}$$

$\boxed{(0, 4), (1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4), (4, 4), (5, 4), (6, 4), (7, 4), (8, 4) \in S}$

B) Proof By induction: Let  $P(n)$  be " $a \leq 2^b$  is true in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  application of the recursive step"

Basis step: For  $n=0$ , notice  $(0, 0) \in S$  and  $0 \leq 2 \cdot 0 = 0$   
Thus,  $P(0) = \text{True}$

Inductive step: We assume that  $a \leq 2b$  whenever  $(a, b) \in S$

is obtained by  $k$  or fewer applications of the recursive step  
and consider an element obtained with  $(k+1)$  applications of  
the recursive step.

We have to show that  $P(k+1)$  is also true. Let

$(a, b) \in S$  in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  application of the recursive step with  $a \leq 2b$ , then we get  $(a, b+1) \in S$ , and

$(a+1, b+1) \in S$ , and  $(a+a, b+1) \in S$  in the  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  application  $\Rightarrow a \leq 2b \leq a(b+1)$ ,  $\boxed{a \leq 2(b+1)}$

$a \leq 2b \leq 2b+1$  or  $a+1 \leq 2b+2 = 2(b+1)$ ,  $\boxed{a+1 \leq 2(b+1)}$

$a \leq 2b \Rightarrow a+a \leq 2b+a = 2(b+1)$ ,  $\boxed{a+a \leq 2(b+1)}$  implying  
that  $P(k+1)$  is true  $\checkmark$

From the strong induction,  $\boxed{P(n) \text{ is true for all } n \geq 0}$

which states  $\boxed{a \leq 2b \text{ whenever } (a, b) \in S} \quad \checkmark$

Note: In the inductive step, because the final application  
of the recursive step to an element  $(a, b)$  needed to be  
applied to an element obtained with fewer applications  
of the recursive step, we knew that  $a \leq 2b$  was true.  
The rest was to use inequalities  $\blacksquare \oplus$