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• predicate: statement about set of variables

• EX] $O(n)$: n is an odd natural number $O: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Boolean}$

$D(a,b)$: a divides b $D: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{\text{true, false}\}$

$F(\text{Tom}, \text{Bob})$: Tom fathered Bob $F: \text{People} \times \text{People} \rightarrow \text{Boolean}$

• may have infinite variables, may need inputs strictly specified

• this course: many predicates abstractly defined

• Simple Induction:

• Base Case: $P(x)$

• Induction: $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ // k is arbitrary

• combined these show that P is true for all \mathbb{N}

* PSI: $[P(0) \wedge [\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)]] \rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$

• Writing Proofs with Simple Induction:

1) Define predicate

3) Set up & prove inductive step

2) Prove Base case

④ STATE PSI; conclude proved

• countable: pairing between objects & natural numbers

Ex • Let $\{a_0, a_1, \dots\}$ be sequence of natural numbers st.

$a_0 = 1$; $\forall n \geq 1, a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1$. Prove $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n = 2^{n+1} - 1$.

• Let $P(n): a_n = 2^{n+1} - 1$. Must show $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$.

• $P(0) = 2^{0+1} - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1 = a_0 \therefore P(0)$ is true!

• Assume $P(k)$ is true $\therefore P(k) = 2^{k+1} - 1$ for arbitrary $k \in \mathbb{N}$

We know $P(k+1) = 2a_k + 1 = 2(2^{k+1} - 1) + 1 = 2^{k+2} - 2 + 1 = 2^{k+2} - 1$

$\therefore [P(k+1) = 2^{k+2} - 1] \approx [P(n) = 2^{n+1} - 1 \text{ where } n = k+1]$

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

• We have $[P(0) \wedge [\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)]] \therefore$ via PSI $P(n) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$