

1 Inductive Proofs

Prove each of the following claims by induction

Claim 1. *The sum of the first n odd numbers is n^2 . That is, $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) = n^2$*

$$P(n) : \sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) = n^2$$

Let us examine the claim for $n=1$ or $P(1)$:

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

$$(2 * 1 - 1) = 1^2$$

$$1 = 1$$

$$\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

The claim is true for $n=1$, $P(1)$ is true

$$\text{Assume true for the case of } n=k, \text{ or } P(k) \sum_{i=1}^k (2i - 1) = k^2$$

Now let us examine if the proposition holds true for $k+1$

Prove $P(k+1)$ is true:

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

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

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

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

$$= (k + 1)^2 = \text{RHS}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

$P(k+1)$ is true when $P(k)$ is true

Therefore $P(n)$ is true for all $n \geq 1$ by principle of mathematical induction

Claim 2. $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2^i} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$

$$P(n) : \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2^i} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

Let us examine the claim for $n = 1$ or $P(1)$:

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 \frac{1}{2^i} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}$$

The claim is true for $n = 1$, $P(1)$ is true

Assume true for the case of $n = k$, or $P(k)$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{2^i} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^k}$$

Now let us examine if the proposition holds true for k+1

Prove P(k+1) is true:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{2^i} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{2^i} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^k} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^k} * \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

LHS = RHS

P(k+1) is true when P(k) is true

Therefore P(n) is true for all $n \geq 1$ by principle of mathematical induction

Claim 3. $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

$$P(n) : \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Let us examine the claim for n=1 or P(1):

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 i^2 = \frac{1(1+1)(2*1+1)}{6}$$

$$LHS = 1$$

$$RHS = 1 = LHS$$

The claim is true for n=1, P(1) is true

Assume true for the case of n=k, or P(k)

$$\sum_{i=1}^k i^2 = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}$$

Now let us examine if the proposition holds true for k+1

Prove P(k+1) is true:

$$P(k+1) : \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^2 = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2(k+1)+1)}{6}$$

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

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

$$= (k+1)^2 + \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}$$

Expanding this, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{2k^3 + 8k^2 + 13k + 6}{6} \\
RHS &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2(k+1)+1)}{6} \\
&= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6} \\
&\text{Expanding this, we get:} \\
&\frac{2k^3 + 8k^2 + 13k + 6}{6} = LHS \\
LHS &= RHS
\end{aligned}$$

$P(k+1)$ is true when $P(k)$ is true

Therefore $P(n)$ is true for all $n \geq 1$ by principle of mathematical induction

2 Recursive Invariants

The function `minEven`, given below in pseudocode, takes as input an array A of size n of numbers. It returns the smallest *even* number in the array. If no even numbers appear in the array, it returns positive infinity ($+\infty$). Using induction, prove that the `minEven` function works correctly. Clearly state your recursive invariant at the beginning of your proof.

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Function minEven(A,n)
  If n = 0 Then
    Return +
  Else
    Set best To minEven(A,n-1)
    If A[n-1] < best And A[n-1] is even Then
      Set best To A[n-1]
    EndIf
    Return best
  EndIf
EndFunction

```

Let us examine the function `minEven` for an array A of size 0

In this case `minEven(A,0)` will return $+\infty$

Hence the function `minEven` works correctly for $n = 0$

This is the recursive invariant $P(0)$

Let us assume that the `minEven` function works correctly for an array A of size k and returns m

This is $P(k)$ and is assumed to be true.

We have to prove that $P(K+1)$ is true given $P(K)$ is true.

Assume that one more element E is added to the array A increasing its size to $k+1$

This element E will be added in the position $A[n-1]$

E 's value can have three cases:

Case 1: E is odd

Case 2: E is Even and $E \geq m$

Case 3: E is Even and $E < m$

Let us now run $\text{minEven}(A, K+1)$:

$k > 0$, so we go to the **Else** branch

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Set best To minEven(A,n-1): best = m
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If A[n-1] < best And A[n-1] is even Then - Case 3
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Set best To A[n-1]: best = E
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EndIf
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Return best : return m for Case 1 and Case 2, return k for Case 3
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So minEven works correctly for array of size $k+1$ if it works for correctly for size k

for all cases of the added element E

Hence $P(K+1)$ is true given $P(K)$ is true.

Hence this function works correctly for all arrays of integers using the principle of mathematical induction.