

<b>1.1 Proofs</b>	
Double Negative	$\text{not}(\text{not}(P)) \Leftrightarrow P$
Associative Law	$(X \text{ and } (Y \text{ or } Z)) \Leftrightarrow ((X \text{ and } Y) \text{ or } Z)$
Distributive Law	$(X \text{ and } (Y \text{ or } Z)) \Leftrightarrow ((X \text{ and } Y) \text{ or } (X \text{ and } Z))$
Contrapositive	$X \rightarrow Y \Leftrightarrow \text{not}(Y) \rightarrow \text{not}(X)$
Equivalence	$X \leftrightarrow Y \Leftrightarrow (X \rightarrow Y) \text{ and } (Y \rightarrow X)$

**Proof Techniques**  
Exhaustive checking  
Conditional proof  
Proof by contradiction

<b>1.2 Sets</b>	
Natural Numbers (N)	[0], 1, 2, 3...
Integers (Z)	..., -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3...
Rational numbers (R)	A / B, A and B in Z

Two characteristics of sets:  
There are no repeated occurrences of elements  
There is no particular order of elements

**Power sets**  
 $S = \{a, b, \{a, c\}\}$   
 $\text{power}(S) = \{\text{NULL}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{\{a, c\}\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, \{a, c\}\}, \{b, \{a, c\}\}, \{a, b, \{a, c\}\}\}$   
Cardinality( $S$ ) =  $|S| = 3$   
**Subsets:**  
A is a subset of B if A contains all elements in B  
A is a proper subset of B if A is a subset of B and  $A \neq B$   
Two sets are equal if they have the same elements, so A is a subset of B and B is a subset of A

**Set Operations**  
 $A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$   
 $A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

**Set properties**  
 $A \cup \text{NULL} = A$   
 $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap C$   
 $A - B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \text{ not } \in B\}$   
 $A' = U - A$   
 $A \cup (A \cap B) = A, A \cap (A \cup B)$   
 $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$   
 $(A \cup B \cap C \cup D)' = A' \cap B' \cap C' \cap D'$

**1.3 Ordered Structures**  
Tuple: An ordered collection of elements  
Two characteristics of tuples:  
There may be repeated occurrences of elements  
There is an order or arrangement of the elements

$A = \{A, B, C\}, B = \{1, 2\}$   
 $A^*0 = \{\}$   
 $A^*1 = \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}$   
 $A^*2 = \{a, a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, a\}, \{b, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, a\}, \{c, b\}, \{c, c\}$   
 $A^*B = \{a, 1\}, \{a, 2\}, \{b, 1\}, \{b, 2\}, \{c, 1\}, \{c, 2\}$   
  
List: a finite ordered sequence of zero or more elements.  
Two characteristics of lists:  
Elements can be repeated  
Only two accessible elements: element at the head, and the tail which is the list of elements

following the head  
Cartesian Products  
 $\text{cons}(h, L)$  creates a list whose head is h and whose tail is L.  
**1.4 Graphs**  
Graph: a set of nodes that are interconnected by edges  
Adjacent: two nodes share an edge  
n-colorable: if a graph is n-colorable then its edges can be assigned n colors without any adjacent nodes sharing two same colored edges  
Chromatic number: the minmum n-color for a graph  
Complete graph: every node has an edge to every other node  
Path: the series of edges that link one node to another  
Connected graph: all nodes have a path to every other node  
Cycle: a path that starts and ends at the same node

Graph traversal  
Breadth first: visit all unvisited adjacent nodes of a given node, then visit all unvisited nodes adjacent to the adjacent nodes  
Depth first: for some node, visit unvisited node, visit rest of unvisited nodes.  
Tree: a connected graph without cycles  
Rooted tree: a tree with a node designated as root  
Height: the number of edges from root to farthest child  
Leaf: a childless node

**2.1 Functions**  
Function: an association between two sets, A and B, that map exactly one element from set A to set B.  
Given sets A and B and function  $f: A \rightarrow B$

$f$  maps elements from A to B  
Domain: the set A  
Codomain: the set B  
Range: the subset of B that is mapped to by A  
 $\text{range}(f) = \{f(a) \mid a \in A\}$   
Image: For any set S that is a subset of A, the image is the elements in A that are actually mapped to B  
Injection, one-to-one: if  $f$  maps distinct elements of A onto distinct elements of B. AKA Differentiable.  
Surjection: if  $f$  has a value from A mapped to every value in B. Also,  $\text{range}(f) = \text{codomain}(f)$   
Bijection:  $f$  is injective and surjective  
EG  
 $A = \{a, b, c\}, B = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $f: A \rightarrow B$

$f(a) = 1$   
 $f(b) = 1$   
 $f(c) = 2$   
  
 $\text{domain}(f) = \{a, b, c\}$   
 $\text{codomain}(f) = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $\text{range}(f) = \{1, 2\}$   
  
Images:  
 $f(\{a\}) = \{1\}$   
 $f(\{a, b\}) = \{1\}$   
 $f(\{a, b, c\}) = \{1, 2\}$   
  
Preimages:

$f^{-1}(\{1, 3\}) = \{a, b\}$   
 $f^{-1}(\{3\}) = \text{NULL}$   
  
Partial functions: Functions that are undefined for some values

**2.1 Various functions**  
  
 $\text{Floor}(x) \Rightarrow f: R \rightarrow Z$   
 $\text{Floor}(R) = Z \text{ iff } R \leq Z < R + 1 \text{ iff } Z - 1 < R \leq Z$   
Properties:  
 $\text{Floor}(R + Z) = \text{Floor}(R) + Z$   
 $\text{Floor}(R) < Z \text{ iff } R < Z$   
 $Z \leq \text{Floor}(R) \text{ iff } Z \leq R$   
  
 $\text{Ceiling}(x) \Rightarrow f: R \rightarrow Z$   
 $\text{Ceiling}(R) = Z \text{ iff } R - 1 < Z \leq R \text{ iff } Z \leq R < Z + 1$   
Properties:  
 $\text{Ceiling}(R + Z) = \text{Ceiling}(R) + Z$   
 $Z < \text{Ceiling}(R) \text{ iff } Z < R$   
 $\text{Ceiling}(R) \leq Z \text{ iff } R \leq Z$

$\text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(b, a)$   
 $\text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(b, a - bq) \text{ } q \in Z$   
if  $g = \text{gcd}(a, b)$ , then  $g = ax + by, x, y \in Z$   
algorithm:  
 $a = bq + r, r \in Z, b \neq 0$

**2.4 Countability**  
Given sets A and B, if A biject B, then  $|A| = |B|$   
  
Informally, a set is countable if its elements can be counted in a step by step manner.  
Formally, a set is countable if it is finite or there is a bijection between it and N.

Countable properties:  
Every subset of N is countable  
S is countable iff  $|S| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$   
If  $S_0 \dots S_N$  is a sequence of countable set,  $S_0 \cup \dots \cup S_N$  is countable.  
  
Diagonalization:  
Let A be an alphabet with two or more symbols and let  $S_0 \dots S_N$  be a countable listing of sequences. The sequences are listed as the rows of an infinite matrix

$S_0| a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6,$   
 $S_1| a_{10}, a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{14}, a_{15}, a_{16},$   
 $S_1| a_{20}, a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}, a_{24}, a_{25}, a_{26}$   
  
Then there is a sequence  $S = (a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots)$  over A that is not in the original list. S can be constructed from a diagonal list of elements,  $(a_{00}, a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots)$ .

**3.1 Inductively defined sets**  
  
An inductive definition of a S set consists of three steps:  
Basis: Specify one or more elements of S.  
Induction: Give one or more rules to construct new elements of S from existing elements of S.  
Closure: State that S consists exactly of the elements obtained by the basis and induction steps (assumed).  
  
All Strings over A  
Basis:  $\Lambda \in A^*$   
Induction: if  $s \in A$  and  $a \in A$ , then  $as \in A^*$ .

**3.2 Recursive functions and procedures**  
If S is an inductively defined set, then we can construct a function f with domain S as follows:  
1) For each basis element  $x \in S$ , specify a value for  $f(x)$ .  
2) Give rules that, for any inductively defined element  $x \in S$ , will define  $f(x)$  in terms of previously defined values of f.

**3.3 Grammars**  
  
A grammar is a set of rules used to define the structure of the strings in a language.  
  
If L is a language over an alphabet A, then a grammar for L consists of a set of grammar rules of the form  $a \rightarrow b$ , where a and b denote strings of symbols taken from A and a set of grammar symbols disjoint from A.  
The  $A \rightarrow b$  notation is also known as a production.

The four parts of a grammar  
1) An alphabet N of grammar symbols called nonterminals  
2) An alphabet T of symbols called terminals. Distinct from N.  
3) A specific nonterminal S, called the start symbol.  
4) A finite set of productions of the form  $a \rightarrow b$ , where a and b are strings over the alphabet  $N \cup T$  with the restriction that a is not the empty string.

EG:  
 $S \rightarrow A \mid aS \mid bS \mid cS$   
 $P = \{S \rightarrow \Lambda, S \rightarrow aS, S \rightarrow bS, S \rightarrow cS\}$   
4 tuple = ( $\{S\}, \{a, b, c\}, S, P$ )

**4.1 Properties of binary relations**  
  
For a binary relation R on a set A, we have the following definition  
1) R is reflexive if  $x R x$  for all  $x \in A$   
2) R is symmetric of  $x R y$  implies  $y R x$  for all  $x, y \in A$   
3) R is transitive if  $x R y$  and  $y R z$  implies  $x R z$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$   
4) R is irreflexive if  $(x, x) \notin R$  for all  $x \in A$   
5) R is antisymmetric if  $x R y$  and  $y R x$  implies  $x = y$  for all  $x, y \in A$

If R and S are binary relations, then the coposition of R and S is the following relation:  
R composition  $S = \{(a, c) \mid (a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in S\}$

**4.2 Equivalence relations**  
  
Any binary relation that is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive is called an equivalence relation.  
Intersection Property of Equivalence  
If E and F are equivalence relations on the set A, then  $E \cap F$  is an equivalence relation on A.  
  
Kernel relations  
If f is a function with domain A, then relation ~ defined by  
 $x \sim y \text{ iff } f(x) = f(y)$   
is an equivalence relation on A, and is called the kernel relation of f.

Equivalence class  
Let R be an equivalence relation on a set S. if  $a \in S$ , then the equivalence class of a, denoted by  $[a]$ , is the

subset of S consisting of all elements that are equivalent to a. In other words, we have  
 $[a] = \{x \in S \mid x R a\}$

**4.3 Order Relations**  
  
Definition of a partial order  
A binary relation is called a partial order if it is antisymmetric, transitive, and either reflexive or irreflexive.  
  
Definition of a partially ordered set  
The set over which a partial order is defined is called a partially ordered set, or poset. IF we want to emphasize the fact that R is the partial order that makes S a poset, we can write  $\langle S, R \rangle$ .

Descending chains and minimality  
If A is a well-founded set, then every nonempty subset of A has a minimal element. Conversely, if

## 1 Inductively Defined Sets

$A = \{3, 5, 7, 9, \dots\}$  can be represented as  $A = \{2k+3 \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$   
But we can also describe A by saying  $3 \in A \Rightarrow x+2 \in A$  and nothing else is in A.

**Sets specified as unions of inductively defined sets:**  
 $A = \{2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16, \dots\}$  can be expressed as  $B \cup C$ ,  
 $B = \{2, 4, 8, 16, \dots\}$  and  $C = \{3, 7, 11, 15\}$   
**Basis:**  $2, 3 \in A$

**Induction:** If  $x \in A$  and  $x$  is odd, then  $x+4 \in A$   
If  $x \in A$  and  $x$  is even, then  $2x \in A$

### 1.1 Strings

**All Strings over A:** **Basis:**  $\Lambda \in A$ , **Induction:** If  $s \in A^*$  and  $a \in A$ , then  $as \in A^*$

**Inductive Definition of Languages:**  $S = \{a^n, ab, abb, abbb\} = \{ab^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$   
**Basis:**  $a \in S$ , **Induction:** If  $x \in S$ , then  $xb \in S$

### 1.2 Lists

$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \text{cons}(x, \langle y, z \rangle) =$   
 $\text{cons}(\text{head}(\langle x, y, z \rangle), \text{tail}(\langle x, y, z \rangle))$   
Don't forget,  $\text{cons}(x, \langle y, z \rangle) = x :: \langle y, z \rangle$

**All lists over A:** **Basis:**  $\langle \rangle \in \text{lists}(A)$ , **Induction:** If  $x \in A$  and  $L \in \text{lists}(A)$ , then  $\text{cons}(x, L) \in \text{lists}(A)$

### 1.3 Binary Trees

**All Binary Trees over A:** **Basis:**  $\langle \rangle \in B$ , **Induction:** If  $x \in A$  and  $L, R \in B$ , then  $\text{tree}(L, x, R) \in B$

### 1.4 Cartesian Products of Sets

**Cartesian Product:** **Basis:**  $(0, a) \in \mathbb{N} \times A \forall a \in A$ , **Induction:** If  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{N} \times A$ , then  $(x+1, y) \in \mathbb{N} \times A$

**Part of a plane:** Let  $S = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x \leq y\}$ . S is set of points in first quadrant, on or above the main diagonal.  
**Basis:**  $(0, 0) \in S$ , **Induction:** If  $(x, y) \in S$ , then  $(x, y+1), (x+1, y+1) \in S$

## 2 Recursive Functions

A function or procedure is recursively defined if defined in terms of itself. Constructing a recursively defined function: if S is inductively defined set, then construct function  $f$  with domain S as follows: 1. for each basis element  $x \in S$ , specify value for  $f(x)$ ; 2. give rules that for any inductively defined element  $x \in S$ , specify a value for  $f(x)$ .

### 2.1 Numbers

Let  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be defined in terms of floor as follows:  
 $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(n) = f(\text{floor}(n/2)) + n$  for  $n > 0$ , then:

$f(25) = f(12) + 25 = f(6) + 12 + 25 = f(3) + 6 + 12 + 25 = f(1) + 3 + 6 + 12 + 25 = f(0) + 1 + 3 + 6 + 12 + 25 = 0 + 1 + 3 + 6 + 12 + 25 = 47$

### 2.2 Lists

Consider  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{lists}(\mathbb{N})$  which computes the backward sequence:  $f(n) = \langle n, n-1, \dots, 1, 0 \rangle$ . We can define this recursively as:  $f(0) = \langle 0 \rangle$ ,  $f(n) = n :: f(n-1)$  for  $n > 0$ .

**The pairs function:**

$\text{pairs}(\langle (a, b, c), (1, 2, 3) \rangle) = \langle (a, 1), (b, 2), (c, 3) \rangle =$   
 $\langle a, 1 \rangle :: \langle (b, 2), (c, 3) \rangle = \langle a, 1 \rangle :: \text{pairs}(\langle (b, c), (2, 3) \rangle)$ . So pairs can be defined recursively as:  
 $\text{pairs}(\langle \rangle, \langle \rangle) = \langle \rangle$ ,  $\text{pairs}(x :: T, y :: U) = (x, y) :: \text{pairs}(T, U)$

### 2.3 Binary Trees

**Preorder traversal:** visit(root), preorder(L), preorder(R).  
**Inorder traversal:** inorder(L), visit(root), inorder(R).  
**Postorder traversal:** postorder(L), postorder(R), visit(root).

## 3 Grammars

Example:  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ , the grammar for the language  $A^*$  has 4 productions:  $\{S \rightarrow \Lambda, S \rightarrow aS, S \rightarrow bS, S \rightarrow cS\}$ . A Grammar is a 4-tuple:

1. alphabet  $N$  of nonterminals, 2. alphabet  $T$  of terminals, distinct from nonterminals, 3. specific nonterminal  $S$  called start symbol, 4. finite set of products of form  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are strings over  $N \cup T$  and  $\alpha \neq \Lambda$ .

### 3.1 Derivations

If  $x$  and  $y$  are sentential forms and  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  is a production, then replacement of  $\alpha$  by  $\beta$  in  $x\alpha y$  is called a derivation step, written:  $x\alpha y \Rightarrow x\beta y$ .

$\Rightarrow$  derives in one step;  $\Rightarrow^+$  derives in one or more steps;  $\Rightarrow^*$  derives in zero or more steps

**The language of a grammar:** if  $G$  is a grammar with start symbol  $S$  and set of terminals  $T$ , then language of  $G$  is the set  $L(G) = \{s \mid s \in T^* \text{ and } S \Rightarrow^+ s\}$

A grammar is **recursive** if it contains a recursive production or indirectly recursive production.  $S \rightarrow b \mid aA$ ,  $A \rightarrow c \mid bS$  is indirectly recursive because  $S \Rightarrow aA \Rightarrow abS$ , and  $A \Rightarrow bS \Rightarrow baA$ .

**Constructing an inductive definition for  $L(G)$ :**  $G: S \rightarrow \Lambda \mid aB, B \rightarrow b \mid bB$ . 2 derivatives don't contain recursive productions:  $S \rightarrow \Lambda$ , and  $S \Rightarrow aB \Rightarrow ab$ . This is basis:  $\Lambda, ab \in L(G)$ . Only recursive production of  $G$  is  $B \rightarrow bB$ . Any element of  $L(G)$  whose derivation contains  $B$  must have form  $S \Rightarrow aB \Rightarrow^+ ay$  for some string  $y$ . Then we can say  $S \Rightarrow aB \Rightarrow abB \Rightarrow^+ aby$ . **Induction:** If  $ay \in L(G)$ , then put  $aby$  in  $L(G)$ .

**Constructing grammars:**  $L = \{\Lambda, ab, aabb, \dots, a^n b^n, \dots\} = \{a^n b^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Grammar:  $S \rightarrow \Lambda \mid aSb$ .

## 1 Proofs, Sets, Graphs, and Trees

conjunction  $\Rightarrow A \cup B$ , disjunction  $\Rightarrow A \cap B$ , converse if  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > 0$  or if  $x + y > 0 \Rightarrow x > 0 \cup y > 0$ ,  
' $(A \cup B) = (A \cap B)$ ', ' $(A \cap B) = (A \cup B)$ '

## 2 Functions

## 3 Construction Techniques

## 4 Equivalence, Order, Induction

### Binary Relation Relation properties

R is *reflexive* if  $xRy$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . R is *symmetric* if  $xRy$  implies  $yRx$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . R is *transitive* if  $xRy$  and  $yRz$  implies  $xRz$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . R is *irreflexive* if  $(x, y) \notin R$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . R is *antisymmetric* if  $xRy$  and  $yRx$  implies  $x = y$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . The  $<$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  is transitive, symmetric, reflexive, and antisymmetric. The  $\leq$  relation on  $\mathbb{R}$  is reflexive, transitive and antisymmetric. The "is parent of" relation is irreflexive and antisymmetric.

### Composition of Relations

If  $R \circ S = \{(a, c) \mid (a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in S \text{ for some element } b\}$ . To construct the "isGrandparentOf" relation we can compose "isParentOf".  $\text{isGrandparentOf} = \text{isParentOf} \circ \text{isParentOf}$ . If we try to combine relations, ie:  $x(> <)y$  iff there is some number  $z$  such that  $x > y$  and  $z < y$ . With  $\mathbb{R}$  we know there is always another number  $z$  that is less than both. So the whole composition must be  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

### Properties of combining Relations

$R \circ (S \circ T) = (R \circ S) \circ T$   
 $R \circ (S \cup T) = R \circ S \cup R \circ T$   
 $R \circ (S \cap T) = R \circ S \cap R \circ T$

### Equivalence Relations

Any binary relation that is reflexive, symmetric and transitive is called an *equivalence relation*. The intersection property of equivalence follows: if E and F are equivalence relations on the set A, then  $E \cap F$  is an eq. rel. on A. We can also say  $x \sim y$  iff  $xEy$  and  $xFy$  which can also be said,  $x \sim y$  iff  $(x, y) \in E \cap F$

### Kernel Relations: eq rel on functions

Notice that we can show  $x \sim y$  iff  $f(x) = f(y)$ . This is called the kernel relation of  $f$ . Mod is one function that can be defined  $x \sim y$  iff  $x \bmod n = y \bmod n$ .

### Equivalence Classes

Let R be an eq rel on a set S. If  $a \in S$ , then the eq class of  $a$  by [a] is the subset of S consisting of all elements that are eq to  $a$ . In other words we have  $[a] = \{x \in S \mid xRa\}$ . The property of equivalences is as follows: Let S be a set with

an equivalence relation R. If  $a, b \in S$ , then either  $[a] = [b]$  or  $[a] \cap [b] = \emptyset$ . Partitions are the collection of nonempty subsets that are disjoint whose union is the whole set. For example  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$  can be partitioned in many ways, one of which consists of  $\{0, 1, 4, 9\}$ ,  $\{2, 5, 8\}$ ,  $\{3, 6, 7\}$ . We could also say  $[0] = \{0, 1, 4, 9\}$ ,  $[2] = \{2, 5, 8\}$ ,  $[3] = \{3, 6, 7\}$ . This is generalized into the rule: If R is an eq. rel on the set S, then the eq classes form a partition of S. Conversely, if P is a partition of a set S, then there is an eq rel on S whose eq classe are sets of P.

### Partial Orders

A binary relation is called a *partial order* if it is antisymmetric, transitive, and either reflexive or irreflexive. The set over which a partial order is defined is called a *partially ordered set* or *poset* for short. If we want to emphasize that R is the partial order that makes S a poset, we'll write (S, R). Symbols used: *irreflexive partial order* or  $<$  and *reflexive partial order* or  $\leq$ . These are read as  $a < b$  or  $a$  is less than  $b$  and  $a \leq b$  or  $a$  is less than or equal to  $b$ . We can define them with each other too:  $\leq = < \cup \{(x, x) \mid x \in A\}$  and  $< = \leq - \{(x, x) \mid x \in B\}$ . We talk of *predecessors* like so:  $\{z \in A \mid x < z < y\} = \emptyset$ . We can also say that  $y$  is an *immediate successor* of  $x$  here. An element in a poset is considered a *minimal* element of S if it has no predecessors. An element is the *least* if  $x \leq y$  for all  $y \in S$ . The *maximal* element and *greatest* elements are simply the reverse.

### Inductive Proof

The important thing to remember about applying inductive proof techniques is to *make an assumption* then *use the assumption* just made. The **Principle of Mathematical Induction** follows: Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . To prove that  $P(n)$  is true for all integers  $n \geq m$ , perform the following two steps:

1. Prove that  $P(n)$  is true.
2. Assume that  $P(k)$  is true for an arbitrary  $k \geq m$ . Prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

**Second Principle of Induction:** Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . To prove that  $P(n)$  is true for all integers  $n \geq m$ , perform the following two steps:

1. Prove that  $P(m)$  is true.
2. Assume that  $n$  is an arbitrary integer  $n > m$ , and assume that  $P(k)$  is true for all  $k$  in the interval  $m \leq k < n$ . Prove that  $P(n)$  is true.