

# Mathematics for Computer Science

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## Lecture 5







- Inference Rules (Deductions);
- Predicate Logic (1st order logic): Predicates,  $\forall$  and  $\exists$ ;
- Order of quantifiers;
- Negating a quantifier;
- Well Ordering Principle

### Well Ordering Principle

Every **nonempty** set of **nonnegative integers** has a smallest element.

Another important “proving” principle is the **Induction Principle**.

## Induction Principle

Let  $P(n)$  be a predicate. IF

- **Base case.**  $P(0)$  is true,
- **Inductive case.**  $P(n)$  IMPLIES  $P(n + 1)$  for all nonnegative integers  $n$ ,

THEN

$P(m)$  is true for all nonnegative integers  $m$ .

## Induction Rule

$$\frac{P(0), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad P(n) \rightarrow P(n + 1)}{\forall m \in \mathbb{N} \quad P(m)}$$

## Theorem

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (1)$$

## Proof.

Let predicate  $P(n)$  be formula (1).

**Base case.** Need to show that  $P(0)$  is true.

$P(0)$  means “sum of zero terms is  $0 = \frac{0 \cdot (0+1)}{2}$ .” This is true!

**Inductive case.** Suppose that  $P(n)$  is true, i.e. (1) holds for an arbitrary  $n$ .

Need to prove that  $P(n+1)$  is also true, i.e. need to prove:

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n + (n+1) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}.$$

## Theorem

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (1)$$

## Proof contd.

From (1) it follows (by adding to both sides  $n+1$ ) that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n + (n+1) &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n+1) \\ &= \frac{n(n+1) + 2(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{n^2 + 3n + 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we proved that  $P(n+1)$  is true.

By Induction Principle, formula (1) holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .



- 1 State that the proof is by Induction Principle (or simply, by induction).
- 2 Define the predicate  $P(n)$ . This is called the induction hypothesis.
- 3 **Base Case.** Prove that  $P(0)$  is true.
- 4 **Inductive Case.** Assume that  $P(n)$  is true and then use this assumption to prove that  $P(n+1)$  is also true. Once this is done we will have the following implications holding:  
$$P(0) \rightarrow P(1), P(1) \rightarrow P(2), P(2) \rightarrow P(3), P(3) \rightarrow P(4), \dots,$$
- 5 Invoke induction to conclude that predicate  $P(n)$  is true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .





Also, the predicate might start not from 0, but say from 5:

$P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 5$ .

In that case, the base case will be not “ $P(0)$  is true”, but “ $P(5)$  is true”.

## Theorem

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n - 1) = n^2, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (1)$$

## Proof.

Proof by induction. Let predicate  $P(n)$  be (1).

**Base case.** Obviously  $P(0)$  is true.

**Inductive case.** Suppose that  $P(n)$  is true, i.e. (1) holds for  $n$ .

Need to prove that  $P(n+1)$  is also true, i.e. need to prove:

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n - 1) + (2n + 1) = (n + 1)^2.$$

Start from left side:

$$\underbrace{1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n - 1)}_{=n^2} + (2n + 1) = n^2 + 2n + 1 = (n + 1)^2.$$

Thus, if  $P(n)$  is true, then  $P(n+1)$  is also true. By Induction Principle QED



## Theorem

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , 3 divides  $n^3 - n$  (written as  $3|(n^3 - n)$ ).

## Proof.

Proof by induction. Let predicate  $P(n)$  be 3 divides  $n^3 - n$ .

**Base case.**  $P(0)$  means: 3 divides  $0 - 0$ . True!

**Inductive case.** Suppose that  $P(k)$  is true, i.e. 3 divides  $k^3 - k$ .

Need to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is also true, i.e. need to prove that 3 divides  $(k+1)^3 - (k+1)$ .

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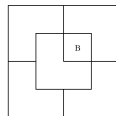
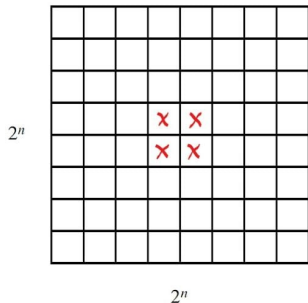
$$\begin{aligned}(k+1)^3 - (k+1) &= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - k - 1 = k^3 + 3k^2 + 2k = \dots \\ &= \underbrace{k^3 - k}_{\text{multiple of 3 by } P(k)} + \underbrace{3k^2 + 3k}_{\text{multiple of 3}}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $P(k)$  is true, then  $P(k+1)$  is also true.

# Courtyard Example



Let a big courtyard with dimensions  $2^n \times 2^n$  and suppose that one of the central squares must be occupied by a statue:



Suppose that the tiles for the courtyard are of L shape. Want to tile the courtyard.  
For  $n = 2$  it is possible.

## Problem

*Is there a way to tile a  $2^n \times 2^n$  courtyard with L-shaped tiles around a statue in the center?*

## Theorem

*For all  $n > 0$  there exists a tiling of a  $2^n \times 2^n$  courtyard with a statue in a central square.*

## Proof.

Proof by induction.

**Base case:**  $P(0)$  is true because statue fills the whole courtyard.

**Inductive step:** Assume that there is a tiling of a  $2^n \times 2^n$  courtyard with statue in the center for some  $n > 0$ .

We must prove that there is a way to tile a  $2^{n+1} \times 2^{n+1}$  courtyard with statue in the center

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**Trouble!** It is not easy to go from  $2^n \times 2^n$  to  $2^{n+1} \times 2^{n+1}$ .

## Useful Rule

If you can't prove something, try to prove something grander!

## Theorem

*For all  $n > 0$ , there exists a tiling of a  $2^n \times 2^n$  courtyard with a statue in any location.*

## Proof.

Proof by induction.

**Base case:**  $P(0)$  is true because statue fills the whole courtyard.

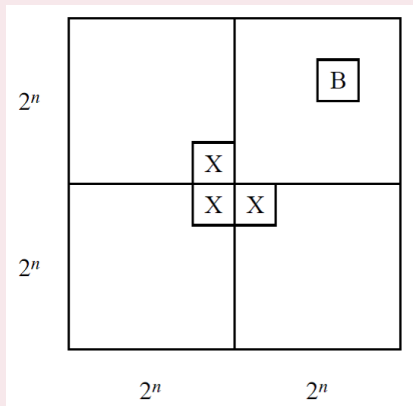
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We must prove that there is a way to tile a  $2^{n+1} \times 2^{n+1}$  courtyard with statue in any location.

Divide the  $2^{n+1} \times 2^{n+1}$  courtyard into 4 quadrants, each of size  $2^n \times 2^n$ .

One quadrant will contain the statue in the desired location.

## Proof contd.



Place a temporary statue in each of the three central squares lying outside this quadrant as shown on the left.

Each of the four quadrants  $2^n \times 2^n$  can be tiled by the induction assumption.

Replacing the 3 temporary statues marked X with a single L-shaped tile completes the job.

This proves that  $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1) \forall n > 0$ .

Thus,  $P(n)$  is true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the theorem follows.

## Theorem (False Theorem)

*All horses are the same color.*

## Theorem (False Theorem – reformulated)

*In every set of  $n \geq 1$  horses, all the horses are the same color.*

## Proof.

The proof is by induction on  $n$ . The induction hypothesis,  $P(n)$ , will be

$P(n)$  : In every set of  $n$  horses, all are the same color.

**Base case:**  $P(1)$  is true, because in a set of horses of size 1, there's only one horse, and this horse is definitely the same color as itself.

**Inductive Case.** Assume that  $P(k)$  is true for some  $k \geq 1$ .

That is, assume that in every set of  $k$  horses, all are the same color.



## Proof contd.

Now consider a set of  $k + 1$  horses:

$$\underbrace{h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots, h_{k-1}, h_k}_{k \text{ horses same color}}, h_{k+1}.$$

On the other hand,

$$h_1, \underbrace{h_2, h_3, \dots, h_{k-1}, h_k, h_{k+1}}_{k \text{ horses same color}}.$$

So,  $h_1$  is the same color as  $h_2, \dots, h_k$ , and likewise  $h_{k+1}$  is the same color as  $h_2, \dots, h_k$ .

Since  $h_1$  and  $h_{k+1}$  are the same color as  $h_2, \dots, h_k$ , horses  $h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots, h_{k-1}, h_k, h_{k+1}$  must all be the same color, and so  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Thus,  $P(k)$  implies  $P(k + 1)$ .

By induction principle,  $P(n)$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , in other words: all horses are having the same color. □

## What went wrong?

Actually, we have shown that

$$P(1), \quad P(2) \rightarrow P(3), P(3) \rightarrow P(4), P(4) \rightarrow P(5), \dots$$

without showing  $P(1) \rightarrow P(2)$ .

And our proof cannot be applied to this particular case  $P(1) \rightarrow P(2)$ .

In fact,  $P(1) \not\rightarrow P(2)$ .



A useful variant of induction is called **Strong Induction**.

Strong induction is useful when a simple proof that the predicate holds for  $n + 1$  does not follow just from the fact that it holds for  $n$ , but follows from the fact that it holds for other values  $\leq n$ .

## Strong Induction Principle

Let  $P(n)$  be a predicate. If

- **Base case.**  $P(0)$  is true, and
- **Inductive case.**  $P(0), P(1), P(2), \dots, P(k)$  ALL IMPLY  $P(k + 1)$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
- THEN,  $P(n)$  is true for all nonnegative integers  $n$ .

## Theorem

*Every integer greater than 1 is a product of primes.*

## Proof.

Proof by strong induction. Define predicate:

$$P(n) : n \text{ is a product of primes, } \forall n \geq 2.$$

**Base Case.**  $P(2)$  is true, since 2 is prime and it is a length 1 product.

**Inductive Case.** Suppose  $k \geq 2$ , and every integer from 2 to  $k$  is a product of primes. Need to show that  $P(k+1)$  also holds, i.e.  $k+1$  is also a product of primes.

**Case 1:**  $k+1$  is a prime number. Thus, it is a product of length 1 of primes.

**Case 2:**  $k+1$  is not a prime. Therefore, by definition

$$k+1 = q \cdot m, \quad \text{for some } q \text{ and } m, 2 \leq q, m \leq k$$

By strong induction hypotheses,  $q$  and  $m$  are products of primes.

Thus,  $k+1 = q \cdot m$  is also a product of primes.

So,  $P(k+1)$  is true, which completes the proof by strong induction. □

Important use of induction in Computer Science involves proving that a program, algorithm or process preserves one or more desirable properties as it proceeds.

## Definition

A property that is preserved through a series of operations or steps is called **invariant**.

Induction Principle is used to prove that a property is an invariant:

- Show that the property is true at the beginning (**base step**);
- Show that if it is true after  $n$  steps have been taken, it will also be true after step  $n + 1$  (**inductive step**).

We can then use the induction principle to conclude that the property is indeed an invariant, namely, that it will always hold.

Invariants appear in systems that have a start state (starting configuration) and well-defined steps during which the system can change state.

## Example

Suppose there is a robot that can walk across diagonals on an infinite 2-dimensional grid. The robot starts at position  $(0, 0)$  and at each step it moves up or down by 1 unit vertically and left or right by 1 unit horizontally.

In this example, the state of the robot at any time can be specified by pair  $(x, y)$  that denotes the robot's position.

The start state is  $(0, 0)$ , since the robot starts at that position.

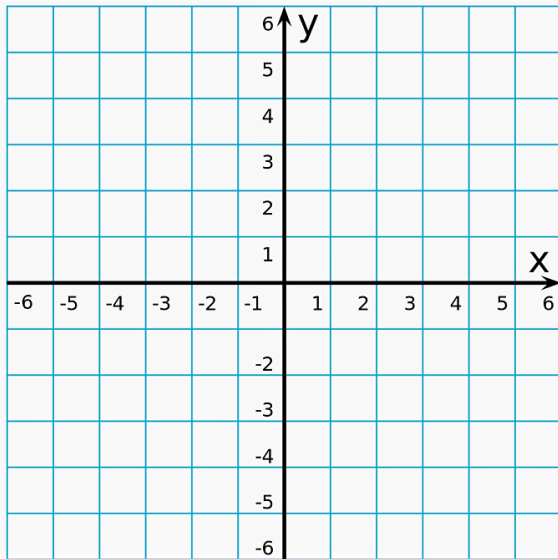
After the first step, the robot could be in states  $(1, -1), (1, 1), (-1, 1), (-1, -1)$ .

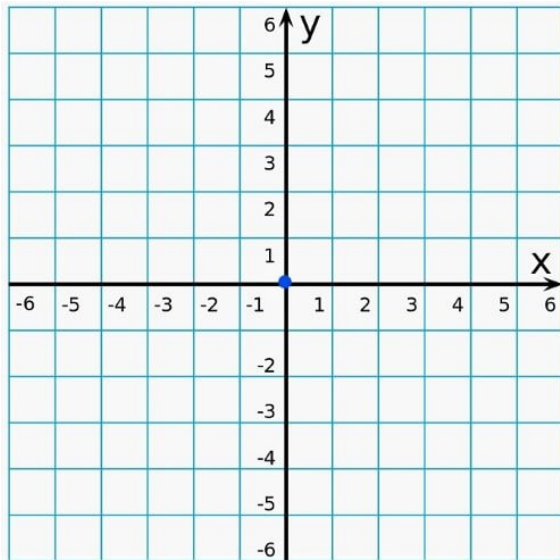
After the second step, the robot could be in states  $(0, 0), (2, 0), (-2, 0), (0, 2), (0, -2), (2, 2), (2, -2), (-2, 2), (-2, -2)$ .

**Question:** After a finite number of moves, can robot ever reach position  $(1, 0)$ ?

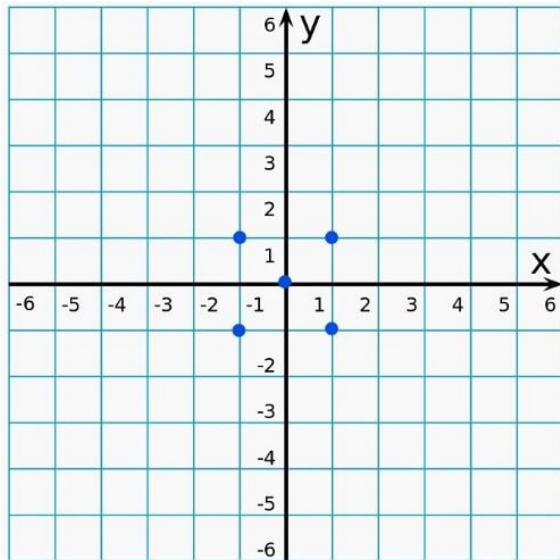
Answer: NO!

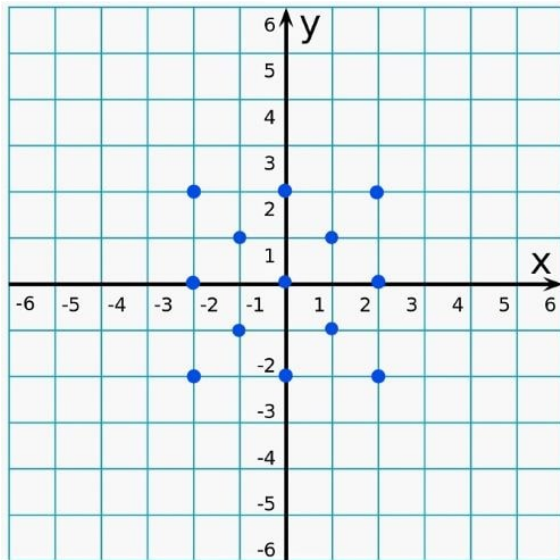
It is based on the observation that the sum of coordinates of positions that can be reached is always an even number.

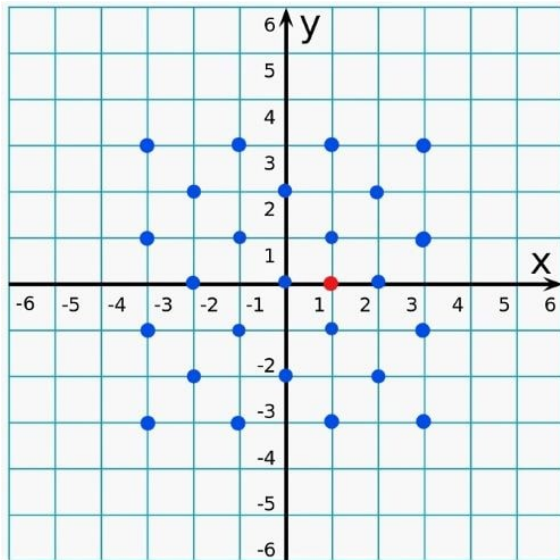












## Theorem

*The sum of robot's coordinates is always even.*

## Proof.

Define predicate  $P(t)$ : if the robot is at  $(x, y)$  after  $t$  steps, then  $x + y$  is even.

We will prove that  $P(t)$  is invariant (i.e. holds) using induction.

**Base step.**  $P(0)$  is true, since robot starts at  $0, 0$  and  $0 + 0 = 0$  is even.

**Inductive step.** Assume that  $P(t)$  is true. Let  $(x, y)$  be robot's position after  $t$  steps. Since  $P(t)$  is assumed to be true, it means that  $x + y$  is even.

There are four possible next positions for the robot:

$(x + 1, y + 1)$ . Then, the sum of coordinates is  $x + y + 2$ , which is even.

$(x + 1, y - 1)$ . The sum is  $x + y$ , which is even.

$(x - 1, y + 1)$ . The sum is  $x + y$ , which is even.

$(x - 1, y - 1)$ . The sum is  $x + y - 2$ , which is even.

In every case,  $P(t + 1)$  is true and so we have proved that  $P(t) \rightarrow P(t + 1)$ .

By induction,  $P(t)$  should be true for any  $t$ .

Suppose that you would like to show that some property NICE holds for every step of some process or program.

Then it might be helpful to consider the following method:

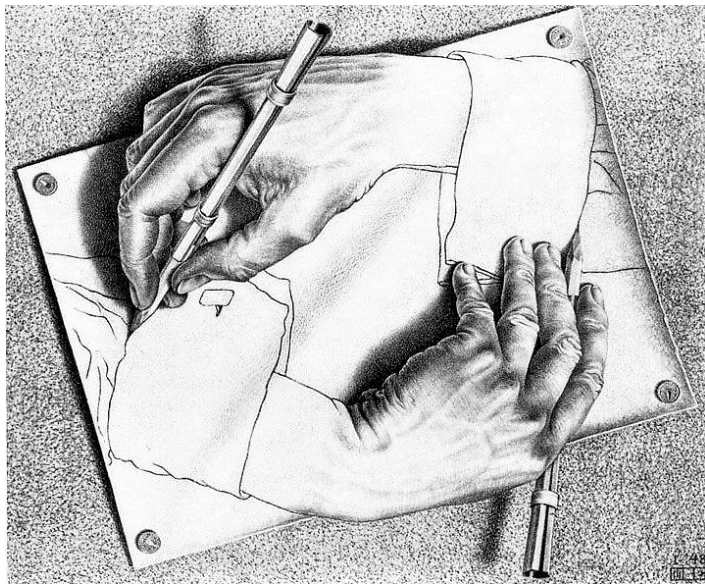
## Invariant Method

- Define  $P(t)$  to be the predicate that NICE holds after step  $t$ .
- Show that  $P(0)$  is true, i.e. show that NICE holds at the start state.
- Show that

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{N} \quad P(t) \rightarrow P(t+1),$$

i.e. show that for any  $t \geq 0$ , if NICE holds after step  $t$ , then NICE must also hold after the following step  $t+1$ .





**Recursive data types** are used extensively in CS, and their mathematical foundation is induction.

Recursive data types are specified by **recursive definitions** — how to construct new data elements from previous ones.

## Definition

The set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  is a recursive data type defined:

**Base case.**  $0 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Constructor case.** If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the **successor**  $S(n)$  of  $n$  is also in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

$$S(0) \equiv 1 \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$S(S(0)) = S(1) \equiv 2 \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$S(S(S(0))) = S(S(1)) = S(2) \equiv 3 \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$S(S(S(S(0)))) = S(S(S(1))) = S(S(2)) = S(3) \equiv 4 \in \mathbb{N}.$$



## Example (Factorial function)

**Base case.**  $\text{Fact}(0) = 1$ .

**Constructor case.**  $\text{Fact}(n + 1) = (n + 1) \cdot \text{Fact}(n), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Fact}(7) &= 7 \cdot \text{Fact}(6) \\ &= 7 \cdot 6 \cdot \text{Fact}(5) \\ &= 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot \text{Fact}(4) \\ &= 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot \text{Fact}(3) \\ &\quad \dots\dots\dots \\ &= 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\ &= 7!\end{aligned}$$

## Example (Summation notation)

Let  $\text{Sum}(n)$  be the abbreviation of  $\sum_{i=1}^n f(i)$ .

**Base case.**  $\text{Sum}(0) = 0$ .

**Constructor case.**  $\text{Sum}(n) = f(n) + \text{Sum}(n-1), \quad \forall n \geq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum}(7) &= f(7) + \text{Sum}(6) \\ &= f(7) + (f(6) + \text{Sum}(5)) \\ &= f(7) + f(6) + (f(5) + \text{Sum}(4)) \\ &\quad \dots\dots\dots \\ &= f(7) + f(6) + f(5) + (f(4) + f(3) + f(2) + f(1)). \end{aligned}$$



## Example (Fibonacci numbers)

**Base case.**  $\text{Fib}(0) = 1.$

$\text{Fib}(1) = 1.$

**Constructor case.**  $\text{Fib}(n) = \text{Fib}(n-1) + \text{Fib}(n-2), \quad \forall n \geq 2.$

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 134, 223, 357, ...

## Example

1  $f_1(n) = 2 + f_1(n - 1)$

This “definition” has NO base case.

2 
$$f_2(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n = 0, \\ f_2(n + 1), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This “definition” has a base case, but it is not uniquely defined.

3 
$$f_3(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is divisible by 2,} \\ 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is divisible by 3,} \\ 2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This “definition” has base case, but it is inconsistent:  $f_3(6) = 0$  and  $f_3(6) = 1$ .

## Example (Collatz function)

$$f_4(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \leq 1, \\ f_4(n/2), & \text{if } n > 1 \text{ is even,} \\ f_4(3n+1), & \text{if } n > 1 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $f_4(0) = f_4(1) = 1$ , and,  $f_4(2) = f_4(1) = 1$ .

Compute the next value:  $f_4(3) = f_4(10) = f_4(5) = f_4(16) = f_4(8) = f_4(4) = f_4(2) = 1$ .

Also,  $f_4(4) = 1$ ,  $f_4(5) = 1$ ,  $f_4(6) = f_4(3) = 1$ .

## Collatz Conjecture

$$f_4(n) \equiv 1, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Collatz conjecture was checked for all integers  $n$  up to over  $10^{18}$ .

Definitions of recursive data types have 2 parts, similar to induction principle or definition of recursive functions:

**Base case.** Specify that some initial elements (usually known) are in data type.

**Constructor case.** Specify how to construct new data elements from base elements or from previously constructed elements.

## Definition

Let  $\Sigma \neq \emptyset$  be a set of symbols, called **alphabet**, whose elements are usually called **letters** or **characters** or **symbols**.

The recursive data type  $\Sigma^*$  of **strings** or **words** over alphabet  $\Sigma$  is defined as follows:

**Base case.** The empty string  $\lambda \in \Sigma^*$ .

**Constructor case.** If  $a \in \Sigma$  and  $s \in \Sigma^*$ , then pair  $(a, s) \in \Sigma^*$ .

## Definition

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## Example

The set  $\{0, 1\}^*$  is the set of binary strings.

The alphabet is  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ .

Usually, we write elements of  $\{0, 1\}^*$  as a consecutive sequence of 0 and 1.

For example,  $1101001 \in \{0, 1\}^*$ .

According to the recursive definition this string is:

$$1101001 = (1, (1, (0, (1, (0, (0, (1, \lambda))))))).$$

## Definition

Let  $s \in \Sigma^*$  be some string over alphabet  $\Sigma$ .

The **length**  $|s|$  of string  $s$  is defined recursively based on definition of  $\Sigma^*$  as follows:

**Base case.**  $|\lambda| = 0$ .

**Constructor case.**  $|(a, s)| = |s| + 1$ .

## Example

$$|\lambda| = 0$$

$$|1| = |(1, \lambda)| = 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$|01| = |(0, (1, \lambda))| = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$|001| = |(0, (0, (1, \lambda)))| = 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$|1001| = |((1, 0, (0, (1, \lambda))))| = 3 + 1 = 4$$

...

$$|1101001| = |(1, (1, (0, (1, (0, (0, (1, \lambda)))))))| = 6 + 1 = 7.$$



Another operation defined on strings is concatenation.

## Definition

Let  $s, t \in \Sigma^*$  be 2 strings. The **concatenation**  $s \cdot t$  is defined recursively as follows:

**Base case.**  $\lambda \cdot t = t$ .

**Constructor case.**  $(a, s) \cdot t = (a, s \cdot t)$ .

## Example

Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . What is  $bb \cdot abab$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}bb \cdot abab &= (b, (b, \lambda)) \cdot abab = (b, (b, \lambda) \cdot abab) \\&= (b, (b, \lambda \cdot abab)) \\&= (b, (b, abab)) \\&= (b, babab) \\&= bbabab.\end{aligned}$$

Structural induction is a method for proving that all the elements of a recursively defined data type have some property.

A structural induction proof has 2 parts:

- 1 Prove that base case elements have the property.
- 2 Prove that each constructor case elements have the property, when the constructor rules are applied to elements that have the property.

## Theorem

For all  $s, t \in \Sigma^*$ ,

$$|s \cdot t| = |s| + |t|.$$

$$|s \cdot t| = |s| + |t| \quad \forall s, t \in \Sigma^*.$$

**Proof.**

Proof by structural induction.

Induction hypothesis is

$$P(s) : \quad \forall t \in \Sigma^*, \quad |s \cdot t| = |s| + |t|.$$

**Base Case.** ( $s = \lambda$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} |s \cdot t| &= |\lambda \cdot t| \\ &= |t| && \text{(def of } \cdot, \text{ base case)} \\ &= 0 + |t| \\ &= |s| + |t| && \text{(def of length, base case)} \end{aligned}$$

## Proof.

### Inductive Case.

Suppose  $s = (a, r)$  and assume the induction hypothesis  $P(r)$  holds.

Need to show that  $P(s)$  also holds.

$$\begin{aligned} |s \cdot t| &= |(a, r) \cdot t| \\ &= |(a, r \cdot t)| && \text{(concat def, constructor case)} \\ &= 1 + |r \cdot t| && \text{(length def, constructor case)} \\ &= 1 + (|r| + |t|) && \text{(since } P(r) \text{ holds)} \\ &= (1 + |r|) + |t| && \text{(associative law for } +) \\ &= |(a, r)| + |t| && \text{(length def, constructor case)} \\ &= |s| + |t|. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that  $P(s)$  holds. By structural induction, the proof is completed. □

Expression evaluation is a key feature of programming languages.

Recognition of expressions as a recursive data type is a key to understanding how they can be processed.

To illustrate this approach let's take a look at a simple example:

Consider an arithmetic expressions involving only one variable  $x$ :

$$3x^2 + 2x + 1.$$

Arithmetic expressions involve:

- Numerals (symbols for numbers);
- Variable;
- Symbols for arithmetic operations.

Such arithmetic expressions in one variable are collected in data type called *Aexp* defined recursively on the next page.

## Definition

**Base case.** Variable  $x \in Aexp$ .

Arabic numeral  $k \in Aexp$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Constructor case.** Let  $\forall e, f \in Aexp$ . Then,

- $[e + f] \in Aexp$ . Expression  $[e + f]$  is called a **sum**, and  $e, f$  are called **summands**.
- $[e * f] \in Aexp$ . Expression  $[e * f]$  is called a **product**, and  $e, f$  are called **multipliers** or **multiplicands**.
- $-[e] \in Aexp$ . Expression  $-[e]$  is **negative**.

## Example

Expression  $3x^2 + 2x + 1$  officially is written as:

$$[[3 * [x * x]] + [[2 * x] + 1]].$$

Evaluating an arithmetic expression for a given value is standard operation.

For example, if the value of  $x$  is 3, then the value of  $3x^2 + 2x + 1$  is 34.

Generally, if  $e \in Aexp$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is the value of  $x$ , we evaluate expression  $e$  to find its value  $eval(e, n)$ .

In other words,

$$eval\left(\underbrace{[[[3 * [x * x]] + [[2 * x] + 1]]}_{=e}, 3\right) = 34.$$

Evaluation process is defined using a recursive definition

(see next page).

## Definition

The **evaluation function**  $eval : Aexp \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined for  $\forall e \in Aexp$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$  as follows:

**Base case.**

- $eval(x, n) = n$ , (value of variable  $x$  is  $n$ ).
- $eval(\mathbf{k}, n) = k$ , (value of numeral  $\mathbf{k}$  is  $k$ ).

**Constructor case.**

- $eval([e + f], n) = eval(e, n) + eval(f, n)$ .
- $eval([e * f], n) = eval(e, n) \cdot eval(f, n)$ .
- $eval(-e, n) = -eval(e, n)$ .



**Base case.** ■  $eval(x, n) = n$ , (value of variable  $x$  is  $n$ ). (1)

■  $eval(\textcolor{red}{k}, n) = k$ , (value of numeral  $\textcolor{red}{k}$  is  $k$ ). (2)

**Constructor case.** ■  $eval([e + f], n) = eval(e, n) + eval(f, n)$ . (3)

■  $eval([e * f], n) = eval(e, n) \cdot eval(f, n)$ . (4)

■  $eval(-e, n) = -eval(e, n)$ . (5)

Example (Evaluation of  $5 + x^2$  when  $x = 3$ )

$$eval([ \textcolor{red}{5} + [x * x] ], 3) = eval(\textcolor{red}{5}, 3) + eval([x * x], 3) \quad \text{Use (3)}$$

$$= 5 + eval([x * x], 3) \quad \text{Use (2)}$$

$$= 5 + (eval(x, 3) \cdot eval(x, 3)) \quad \text{Use (4)}$$

$$= 5 + (3 \cdot 3) \quad \text{Use (1)}$$

$$= 5 + 9 = 14.$$

- Induction Principle;
- Strong Induction Principle;
- Invariant Principle;
- Recursive Data Type;
- Recursive Functions;
- Recursive Definitions;
- Structural Induction.

## Theorem

*1 is the smallest positive number.*

## Proof.

Let the smallest positive number be called  $x$ .

Clearly,  $x^2$  is also positive. Since  $x$  is the smallest positive number, then

$$x^2 \geq x.$$

Divide both sides by the positive number  $x$  to get

$$x \geq 1.$$

Since  $x$  is the smallest positive number, and 1 is positive, it follows that  $x = 1$ .  
Thus 1 is the smallest positive number. □