

Sec 5.1-5.2 Mathematical Induction

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Comp 232

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1. Mathematical Induction is a method of proof:

a) Proof methods:

Direct method	Contraposition
Contradiction	Cases (Exhaustion)
Existence	Uniqueness
Mathematical Induction	

b) Mathematical Induction works on Domain \mathbf{Z}^+ because it is Well Ordered.

Well Ordered Axiom states: Every non empty subset has a smallest member.

Ex: $\{1, 1+1=2\}$ has a smallest member call it 1; $\{2, 2+1=3\}$ has a smallest member call it 2; ...

Using the Well Ordered property we can list \mathbf{Z}^+ in order(smallest to greatest): $\forall k, k \in \mathbf{Z}^+, k < k+1$

c) Two types of reasoning:

Deductive

1. State a general proposition
2. Deduce a specific case

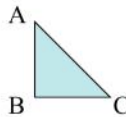
Ex:

(i) In a right angle triangle ABC

$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$$

(ii) If $AB = 3, BC = 4$

$$\text{then } AC^2 = 3^2 + 4^2$$



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Inductive

1. Start with specific cases
2. Infer (not prove) a general proposition

Ex:

(i) since $1+3+5 = 9 = 3^2$

$$1+3+5+7 = 16 = 4^2$$

$$1+3+5+7+9 = 25 = 5^2$$

(ii) Conjecture: Sum of n odd integers $= n^2$
But we have not proved this proposition

e) Mathematical Induction is a proof method so it is a Deductive process. Its name is miss leading

2. a) A new rule of inference to be used: $P(1) \wedge [P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1) \forall k \in \mathbf{Z}^+] \rightarrow P(n) \forall n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$
 Result of the inference: $P(1) = T, P(1) \rightarrow P(2)$ gives $P(2) = T, P(2) \rightarrow P(3)$ gives $P(3) = T, \dots$
 2nd part of hypothesis does not state $\forall k \in \mathbf{Z}^+ P(k)$, it states implication: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ must be T

b) We will break up the Mathematical Induction proofs into 4 steps as we use the above inference:

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| Step 1 Prove | $P(1)$ | Basic step |
| Step 2 Assume | $P(k)$ for any one $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ | Inductive hypothesis |
| Step 3 Identify | what has to be proved: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for all $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ | |
| Step 4 Prove | $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for all $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ | Inductive step |

By Math Induction: $P(1) \wedge [P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1) \forall k \in \mathbf{Z}^+] \rightarrow P(n) \forall n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$

3. A non mathematical illustration of what is happening in the Mathematical Induction inference;

Consider dominos standing on edge on a table. We look at three cases:

Case 1 

The first domino is glued to table. When we try to push first one down to right we cannot:

Equivalent to:

$\neg P(1)$

[Step 1 is False]

Case 2 

The first domino is not glued to table but a gap exists between two of them. We push number 1 down, then 2 falls, then 3 falls but 4 does not fall:



Equivalent to:

$\neg [P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)]$ for all $k \in \mathbf{Z}$

[Step 4 is False]

Case 3 

The first domino is not glued to table and no gap exists between two of them. We push number 1 down, then 2 falls, then 3 falls, then 4 falls 5 falls.....



Equivalent to:

$P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for all $k \in \mathbf{Z}$

[Step 1 and Step 4 are True]

All dominos are knocked down

4. Mathematical induction:

- Does not find new propositions. It can only prove previous conjectures
- If Step 1 or 4 fails then Mathematical Induction proof fails. It does not say the proposition is False.

Ex 1: Recall conjecture: The sum of the first n consecutive integers = $n(n+1)/2$

This Conjecture came from looking at different values of n and detecting a pattern.

Proof: (by Mathematical Induction) Let $P(n)$ represent: $1+2+3+\dots+n = n(n+1)/2, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

1. Step 1 Prove: $P(1)$

2. LHS = 1

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

4. Concl: LHS = RHS $\rightarrow P(1) = T$

5. Step 2 Assume $P(k): 1+2+3+\dots+k = k(k+1)/2$, for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

6. Step 3 Assuming Step 2 prove $P(k+1): 1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1) = (k+1)(k+1+1)/2$

7. Step 4 Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

8. $P(k): 1+2+3+\dots+k = k(k+1)/2$

9. $P(k+1): 1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1) = k(k+1)/2 + (k+1)$

10. $P(k+1): 1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1) = [k(k+1) + 2(k+1)]/2$

11. $P(k+1): 1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1) = (k+1)(k+2)/2$

12. $\rightarrow P(k+1): 1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1) = (k+1)(k+1+1)/2$

13. Conclusion: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

QED: $P(n): 1+2+3+\dots+n = n(n+1)/2, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

1st term of LHS

Substitute $n=1$ in RHS

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line 5, inductive hypothesis

add $(k+1)$ to both sides of $P(k)$

Alg.(lcm) = (low. com. den.)

Factor out $(k+1)$

Algebra. This is $P(k+1)$

Transitive line 8 to line 12
by Mathematical Induction

Ex 2: Form a conjecture concerning the following: $1+3+5 = 9 = 3^2$
 $1+3+5+7 = 16 = 4^2$
 $1+3+5+7+9 = 25 = 5^2$
 $1+3+5+7+9+11 = 36 = 6^2$

Conjecture: The sum of the first n odd integers $= n^2$

Now prove the conjecture:

Proof (by Mathematical Induction) $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ P(n) : 1+3+5+\dots+(2n-1)=n^2$

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Step 1 Prove: $P(1)$ 2. LHS = 1 3. RHS = $1^2 = 1$ 4. Concl: $P(1) = T$ 5. Step 2 Assume $P(k) : 1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1) = k^2$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ 6. Step 3 We must prove $P(k+1) : 1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1)+(2k+1) = (k+1)^2$ 7. Step 4 Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ 8. $P(k) : 1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1)=k^2$ 9. $\rightarrow P(k) : 1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1)+(2k+1)=k^2+(2k+1)$ 10. $P(k+1) \rightarrow P(k) : 1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1)+(2k+1)=(k+1)^2$ | <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>Take 1st term of LHS
 Substitute $n=1$ in RHS
 LHS = RHS</p> <p>$= k^2$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$</p> <p>$= (k+1)^2$</p> <p>Line 5 assumption
 Add $(2k+1)$ both sides
 Factor RHS</p> </div> |
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Conclusion: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$
QED: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ P(n) : 1+3+5+\dots+(2n-1)=n^2$

Ex 3: Geometric Series. $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, r \neq 1$ $P(n): a + ar^1 + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a r^n - a}{r - 1}$

This is a conjecture that has many uses. It is a conjecture for a special sum. Prove this conjecture:

Proof: (Mathematical Induction)

1. Step 1 Prove: $P(1)$

2. LHS = a

1st term of LHS

3. $RHS = \frac{a r^1 - a}{r - 1} = \frac{a(r - 1)}{r - 1} = a$

Subst. $n=1$ in RHS

4. Concl: $P(1) = T$

LHS = RHS

5. Step 2 Assume $P(k): a + ar^1 + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} = \frac{a r^k - a}{r - 1}, r \neq 1$, any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

6. Step 3 Assuming Step 2 prove $P(k+1): a + ar^1 + ar^2 + \dots + ar^k = \frac{a r^{k+1} - a}{r - 1}, r \neq 1$, any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

7. Step 4 Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

8. $P(k): a + ar^1 + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{k-1} = \frac{a r^k - a}{r - 1}, r \neq 1$, any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Line 5 assumption

Add ark both sides
Common Den.
Multiply
Cancel.

Ex 4: Where could we use the previous $P(n)$ for the Geometric Series. ?

Suppose you buy an annuity → You agree to deposit 200\$ each month and receive interest compounded (get interest on previous interest earned) at the rate of 6 % per year.

How much is in your fund after deposit six ?

Step 1

After 1 month: original 200\$ has grown to: $200 + 200 \times (.06/12) = 200 \times 1.005$

→ after every month each previous amount

Step 2

deposit number:	#6	#5	#4	#3	#2	#1
Total	=	$200 + 200(1.005) + 200(1.005)^2 + 200(1.005)^3 + 200(1.005)^4 + 200(1.005)^5$				

(After dep 6) This is the Geometric Series with $a=200$, $r=1.005$, $n=6$

Step3 Using the result previously proved:

Total in your fund after deposit 6 =

This is how the value of an annuity with compound interest is calculated.

Note we could factor out a on the RHS in the Geometric series $P(n)$ then it could be written:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, r \neq 1, P(n): a + ar^1 + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} =$$

Note: (i) After 20 years (240 deposits): fund = $200(1.005^{240} - 1)/(1.005 - 1) = \92408.185

You deposited 48 000\$, the remaining was interest: $\$92408.18 - \$48000 = \$44408.18$

(ii) After 30 years (360 deposits): fund = $\frac{200(1.005^{360} - 1)}{1.005 - 1} = \200903.01

You deposited 72 000\$: $\$200903.01 - \$72000 = \$128903.01$ (interest earned)

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Ex 5: An example with inequality:

Form a conjecture concerning the comparison of the following pairs:

1,	2^1
2,	2^2
3,	2^3

Conjecture: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad n < 2^n$

Now prove the conjecture:

Proof (Mathematical Induction) $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad P(n) : n < 2^n$

1. Step 1 Prove $P(1)$

2. LHS = 1

3. RHS = $2^1 = 2$

4. Concl: LHS < RHS $\rightarrow 1 < 2^1 \rightarrow P(1) = T$

Substitute $n = 1$ in LHS

Substitute $n = 1$ in RHS

LHS < RHS

5. Step 2 Assume $P(k)$: $k < 2^k$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

6. Step 3 From Step 2 assumption we must prove $P(k+1)$: $k+1 < 2^{k+1}$

7. Step 4 Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Line 5

8. $P(k)$: $k < 2^k$

9. $\rightarrow P(k+1)$: $(2)k < (2)2^k$

$$k+k < 2^k(k+1)$$

$$k+1 < 2^k(k+1)$$

$$1 \leq k$$

Conclusion: $P(k) : k < 2^k$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Line 9 to 11

QED: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad P(n) : n < 2^n$

Ex 6: An example with inequality:

Form a conjecture concerning the comparison of the following pairs:

$2+1$	2^2
$3+1$	3^2
$4+1$	4^2
$5+1$	5^2

Conjecture: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad n > 1, n+1 < n^2$

Now prove the conjecture:

Proof (Mathematical Induction) $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad n > 1, n+1 < n^2$

1. Step 1 Prove $P(2)$

2. LHS = $2+1 = 3$

3. RHS = $2^2 = 4$

4. Concl: LHS < RHS $\rightarrow P(1) = T$

Substitute $n = 2$ in LHS

Substitute $n = 2$ in RHS

5. Step 2 Assume $P(\underline{k})$: $\underline{k}+1 < k^2$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

6. Step 3 From Step 2 assumption we must prove $P(\underline{k+1})$: $\underline{k+2} < (k+1)^2$

7. Step 4 Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

8. $P(\underline{k})$: $k+1 < k^2$

9. $\rightarrow P(\underline{k+1})$: $k+1+1 < k^2+1$

10. $k+2 < k^2+2k+1$

11. $k+2 < (k+1)^2$

Concl: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

QED $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n > 1, P(n): n+1 < n^2$

Line 5

Add 1

Factor

Transitive 9 to 11

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Ex 7: An example with a factorial and initial n does not equal 1

Recall the Definition of the Factorial function: $f(n) = n! = (1)(2)(3)\dots(n)$
Hence: $4! = (1)(2)(3)(4) = 24$
 $1! = 1$ and $0! = 1$ also by definition

Form a conjecture concerning the comparison of the following pairs:

$1^2, 1$ $2^2, 2$ $3^2, 6$ $4^2, 24$ $5^2,$

Conjecture: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n > 3: P(n) \quad n^2 < n!$

Proof (Mathematical Induction) $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n > 3, P(n): n^2 < n!$ [Note: $P(n) = F$ if $1 \leq n \leq 3$]

1. Step 1 Prove $P(4) = T$

2. $LHS = 4^2 = 16$

3. $RHS = 4! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$

4. $16 < 24 \rightarrow P(4) = T$

Substitute $n = 4$ in LHS
Substitute $n = 4$ in RHS
 $LHS < RHS$

5. Step 2 Assume $P(k): k^2 < k!$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 3$

6. Step 3 From Step 2 assumption prove $P(k+1): (k+1)^2 < (k+1)!$

7. Step 4 Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 3$

8. $P(k): k^2 < k!$

Line 5 assumption

9. $\rightarrow P(k+1): (k+1)k^2 < (k+1)k!$

Multiply by $(k+1)$

10. $(k+1)k^2 < (k+1)!$

Def of !

11. $(k+1)(k+1) < (k+1)k^2 < (k+1)!$

$(k+1) < k^2$ (see Ex 6)

12. $(k+1)^2 < (k+1)!$

Transitive line 10-12

Conclusion: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 3$

QED: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n > 3, P(n): n^2 < n!$

By Math Induction

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Ex 8: An example with a Divisibility.

Proof (Mathematical Induction) $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, P(n): 2 \mid (n^2 + n)$

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| <p>1. Step 1 Prove $P(1)$:</p> <p>2. $2 \mid 2$</p> <p>3. $2 \mid (1^2 + 1)$</p> <p>4. Concl: $P(1) = T$</p> | $\left \right.$ | $2 = 1^2 + 1$ |
| <p>5. Step 2 Assume $P(k): 2 \mid (k^2 + k)$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$</p> <p>6. Step 3 From Step 2 assumption we must prove $P(k+1): 2 \mid [(k+1)^2 + (k+1)]$</p> | | |
| <p>7. Step 4 Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$</p> <p>8. $P(k): 2 \mid (k^2 + k) \rightarrow (k^2 + k) = 2q, q \in \mathbb{Z}$</p> <p>9. Consider: $(k^2 + k) + 2(k+1) = 2q + 2(k+1)$</p> <p>10. $(k^2 + k) + 2(k+1) = 2[q + (k+1)]$</p> <p>11. $(k+1)^2 + (k+1) = 2[q + (k+1)]$</p> <p>12. $\rightarrow 2 \mid (k+1)^2 + (k+1)$</p> <p>13. Conclusion: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">QED $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, P(n): 2 \mid n^2 + n$</p> | $\left \right.$ | <p>Line 5 assumption, Def divides</p> <p>Add $2(k+1)$ (backward reasoning below)</p> <p>Factor RHS</p> <p>See backward reasoning below</p> <p>def divides</p> |

Backward reasoning to determine what to add in line 10

In the end to get $2 \mid (k+1)^2 + (k+1)$ we need dividend:
 $(k+1)^2 + (k+1) = k^2 + 2k + 1 + k + 1 = (k^2 + k) + 2(k+1)$

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Ex 9: Another example with a Divisibility..

Proof (Mathematical Induction) $P(n): 3 \mid (n^3 - n) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Step 1 Prove $P(1)$: 2. $3 \mid 0$ 3. $\rightarrow 3 \mid (1^3 - 1)$ 4. Concl: $P(1) = T$ | | $\begin{aligned} 0 &= 3 \times 0 \\ 0 &= 1^3 - 1 \end{aligned}$ |
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5. Step 2 Assume $P(k): 3 \mid (k^3 - k)$ for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
 6. Step 3 From Assumption in line 2 we must prove $P(k+1): 3 \mid [(k+1)^3 - (k+1)]$
 7. Step 4 Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
 8. $P(k): 3 \mid (k^3 - k) \rightarrow (k^3 - k) = 3q, \quad q \in \mathbb{Z}$
 9. Consider $(k^3 - k) + 3(k^2 + k) = 3q + 3(k^2 + k)$ Def. divides
 10. $k^3 - k + 3k^2 + 3k = 3[q + (k^2 + k)]$ Add $3(k^2 + k)$ (Backward reasoning)
 11. $(k+1)^3 - (k+1) = 3[q + (k^2 + k)]$ Expand LHS, Factor RHS
 12. $\rightarrow 3 \mid (k+1)^3 - (k+1)$ See Backward reasoning result
 13. Conclusion: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ Def Div
 - QED: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, P(n): 3 \mid (n^3 - n)$

Backward reasoning to determine what to add in line 9:

In end for dividened we want:

$$(k+1)^3 - (k+1) = k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - (k+1) = (k^3 - k) + 3(k^2 + k)$$

Ex 10: Divisibility with $n \geq 0$.

Proof (Mathematical Induction) $P(n): 57 \mid (7^{n+2} + 8^{2n+1}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad n \geq 0$

1. Step 1 Prove: $P(0)$: Note if $n=0$ we have to prove $57 \mid (7^{0+2} + 8^{2(0)+1})$, prove $57 \mid (7^2 + 8^1)$

$$2. \quad 49 + 8 = 57$$

$$3. \quad \rightarrow 7^2 + 8^1 = 57 \times 1$$

$$4. \quad \rightarrow 57 \mid (7^2 + 8^1)$$

Def of Division

Concl: $P(0) = T$

5. Step 2 Assume $P(k): 57 \mid (7^{k+2} + 8^{2k+1})$ for any one $k \geq 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

6. Step 3 We must prove $P(k+1): 57 \mid (7^{k+3} + 8^{2k+3})$

7. Step 4 Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for any one $k \geq 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$8. \quad 57 \mid (7^{k+2} + 8^{2k+1})$$

$$9. \quad \rightarrow 7^{k+2} + 8^{2k+1} = 57 \times q, q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$10. \quad \rightarrow 8^2 (7^{k+2} + 8^{2k+1}) = 57 \times 8^2 \times q$$

$$11. \quad \rightarrow 8^2 \times 7^{k+2} + 8^2 \times 8^{2k+1} = 57 \times q_1$$

$$12. \quad \rightarrow (57+7) \times 7^{k+2} + 8^{2k+3} = 57 \times q_1$$

$$13. \quad \rightarrow 57 \times 7^{k+2} + 7 \times 7^{k+2} + 8^{2k+3} = 57 \times q_1$$

$$14. \quad \rightarrow 7^{k+3} + 8^{2k+3} = 57 \times q_1 - 57 \times 7^{k+2}$$

$$15. \quad \rightarrow 7^{k+3} + 8^{2k+3} = 57(q_1 - 7^{k+2})$$

$$16. \quad \rightarrow 57 \mid (7^{k+3} + 8^{2k+3})$$

Concl: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

Assumption line 5

Def of Division

Multiply by 8^2

Algebra: distributive, $8^2 \times q = q_1$

$$8^2 = 64 = 57 + 7$$

Algebra: Distributive

Algebra, subtract & factor

Algebra: factor

Def of Division

QED $P(n): 57 \mid (7^{n+2} + 8^{2n+1}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad n \geq 0$

By Math Induction

5. Strong Mathematical Induction. This is a variation of the Mathematical Induction method
 a) The only difference is in Step 2 assumption and hence Step 1:

To prove by Strong Mathematical Induction that $P(n) = T \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n > n_0$

Step 1: Prove $P(k_0) \dots P(k)$, Where k_0 is the initial n value

Step 2 Assume $P(j)$ for $j = k_0 \dots k$ for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Step 3 We must prove $P(k+1)$ for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Step 4 Prove $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

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- b) Comparison:

Mathematical Induction
 Assume $P(k)$ for any value of k

Strong Mathematical Induction
 Assume $P(j)$ for all $j \leq$ any value of k

- c) The two forms are logically equivalent which means that if one method works the other method works also. The reason for both methods: it is sometime easier to construct a proof with one method rather than the other.

Ex 10: All postage amounts 12 cents or more can be made using 4 and 5 cent stamps

$P(n): \forall n \in \mathbf{Z} \quad n \geq 12 \quad \exists (q_1, q_2) \in \mathbf{Z} \quad q_1 \geq 0, q_2 \geq 0$ such that $n = 4q_1 + 5q_2$

Proof (by Strong Mathematical Induction)

Step 1 Prove $P(12)$:

LHS = 12

RHS = $4 \times 3 + 5 \times 0$

Concl: $P(12) = T$

Similarly $P(13) = 4 \times 2 + 5 \times 1 \rightarrow P(13) = T$

$P(14) = 4 \times 1 + 5 \times 2 \rightarrow P(14) = T$

$P(15) = 4 \times 0 + 5 \times 3 \rightarrow P(15) = T$

Step 2 Assume $P(k): P(j)$ for $j=12, \dots, k$ for any $k \in \mathbf{Z}, k \geq 15$

Step 3 Prove $P(k+1)$ for any $k \in \mathbf{Z}, k \geq 15$

Step 4 Since we have $P(j)$ for $j=12, \dots, k$ for any $k \in \mathbf{Z}, k \geq 15$

Step 2 assumption $\rightarrow P(k-1) = P(k-2) = P(k-3) = T$

$P(k-3): k-3 = 4q_1 + 5q_2, \quad q_1, q_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$

Consider: $k-3+4 = 4q_1 + 5q_2 + 4$

$k+1 = 4(q_1+1) + 5q_2$

Conclusion: $P(k+1) = T$

$P(j)$ for $j=12, \dots, k \wedge [P(j)$ for $j=12, \dots, k \rightarrow P(k+1)]$

$\rightarrow P(n): \forall n \in \mathbf{Z}, n \geq 12 \quad \exists (q_1, q_2) \in \mathbf{Z}, q_1 \geq 0, q_2 \geq 0$ such that $n = 4q_1 + 5q_2$

Substitute in LHS

Substitute in RHS

Step 2

3 Prop. before $P(k)$ also T

$P(k-3) = T$ by assumption

Add 4 both sides

Factor. This is $P(k+1)$

Note: We could have proved the previous example with the standard Mathematical Induction but it requires 2 cases. Case 1 at least one 4-cent stamp is used, Case 2 no 4 cent stamps are used. (p 287)

6. Errors to be avoided:

Error 1: Consider the proof of $P(n): \forall n \in \mathbf{Z}^+ \quad n > n+1$

Proof (by Mathematical Induction)

Assume $P(k)$ for any one $k \in \mathbf{Z}^+$, Prove $P(k+1)$

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$P(k): k > k+1$

$\rightarrow k+1 > k+1+1$

$k+1 > k+2$

$P(k+1)$

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

QED $P(n): \forall n \in \mathbf{Z} \quad n > n+1$

What is the error ?

Step 1 in Math Induction has not been proved. $P(1)=T$ was not proved. In fact $P(1)=F$. Then you cannot make the Assumption because you have no values for n for which the $P(k)=T$ and hence cannot get the Math Induction process started. (the first Domino cannot be knocked down in our non Mathematical example.)

Error 1: Recall the conjecture: The sum of the first n consecutive integers $= \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$.

Proof: (by Mathematical Induction) $P(n): 1+2+3+4+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

1. Step 1 Prove $P(1)$:

2. LHS = 1

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

4. Concl: $P(1) = T$

1st LHS term

Substitute in RHS

LHS = RHS

5. Step 2 Assume $P(k): 1+2+3+4+\dots+k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$, for any one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

6. Step 3 We must prove $P(k+1): 1+2+3+4+\dots+k+(k+1) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$

7. Step 4 Prove: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for any one value $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

8. Since $P(k): 1+2+3+4+\dots+k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$

9. Substitute $k+1$ for k in line 5:

10. $P(k+1): 1+2+3+4+\dots+(k+1) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$

11. Concl: $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

QED: $P(n): 1+2+3+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

What is the error ?

Line 5

Algebra

by Mathematical Induction

This is the classic error (lines 9,10): If you simply substitute $(k+1)$ for k in the assumed $P(k)$ you are also assuming that $P = T$ for $(k+1)$ which is what you are trying to prove ! Instead you must alter the proposition with valid logic to get the proposition in the form of $P(k+1)$ without assuming $P(k+1) = T$.

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