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Mathematical Induction

Principle of Mathematical Induction

To prove $P(n)$ is true for all positive integers n , we prove the following 2 steps

Basis step: verify that $P(1)$ is true

Inductive step: show that $P(k)$ is true implies $P(k+1)$ is true

$P(k)$ is true is called the inductive hypothesis

$k = 1$ $P(1)$ true

$P(k)$ true \Rightarrow $P(k+1)$ true

Let, $k = 1$, then $P(1)$, true \Rightarrow $P(2)$ true

Let, $k = 2$, then $P(2)$, true \Rightarrow $P(3)$ true

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Example

Show that $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$, for integers $n \geq 1$

Proof by induction

Let $P(n)$ be the statement $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

Basis step: $P(1)$ is true, since $1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$

Inductive step: suppose $P(k)$ is true. And so $1 + 2 + \dots + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$

Now, $1 + 2 + \dots + k + (k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{2(k+1)}{2} = \frac{(k+1)(k) + (k+1)(2)}{2} = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} = \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)}{2}$

And so, $P(k+1)$ is true

Therefore, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 1$

Example

Show that $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$ for integers $n \geq 1$ (n terms)

Proof by induction

Let $P(n)$ be " $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$ "

Basis step: $P(1)$ is true since $1 = 1^2$

Inductive step: suppose $P(k)$ is true. And so $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) = k^2$

Now, $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) + (2k + 1) = k^2 + (2k + 1) = k^2 + 2k + 1 = (k + 1)^2$

And so, $P(k+1)$ is true

Therefore, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 1$

Example

Show that $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$ for all integers $n \geq 1$

Proof by induction

Let $P(n)$ be " $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$ "

Basis step: $P(1)$ is true, since $1 = 2^{1+1} - 1$

Inductive step: suppose $P(k)$ is true. And so, $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 1$

Now, $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^k + 2^{k+1} = 2^{k+1} - 1 + 2^{k+1} = 2 * 2^{k+1} - 1 = 2^{(k+1)+1} - 1$

And so, $P(k+1)$ is true

Therefore, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 1$

Example

Show that $n < 2^n$ for all integers $n \geq 1$

Proof by induction

Let $P(n)$ be " $n < 2^n$ "

Basis step: $P(1)$ is true since $1 < 2^1$

Inductive step: Suppose $P(k)$ is true. And so, $k < 2^k$

Now, $k + 1 < 2^k + 1 < 2^k + 2^k = 2 * 2^k = 2^{k+1}$

And so, $P(k+1)$ is true

Therefore, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 1$

Example

Show that $2^n < n!$ for all $n \geq 4$

Proof by induction

Let $P(n)$ be " $2^n < n!$ "

Basis step: $P(4)$ is true since $2^4 < 4!$

Inductive step: Suppose $P(k)$ is true. And so, $2^k < k!$

$\Rightarrow 2 * 2^k < 2 * k! < (k + 1)k!$

$\Rightarrow 2^{k+1} < (k + 1)!$

And so, $P(k+1)$ is true

Therefore, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 4$

Example

Let $F_0 = 0$, $F_n = 5 * F_{n-1} + 2$ for $n \geq 1$

Show that $2|F_n$ for all $n \geq 0$

F_0, F_1, F_2, F_3

0, 2, 12, 62

Proof by induction

Let $P(n)$ be the statement " $2|F(n)$ "

Basis step: $P(0)$ is true since $2|0$

Inductive step: Suppose $2|F(k)$. Now, $F_{k+1} = 5F_k + 2$

Since $2|5F_k$ and $2|2$, we have $2|(5F_k + 2)$.

And so $P(k+1)$ is true

Therefore, $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 0$

Suppose $f : A \rightarrow B$ $g : B \rightarrow C$

f and g injective $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ injective

f and g surjective $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ surjective

f and g bijective $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ bijective

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Strong Induction and Well-ordering

Strong Induction

To prove $P(n)$ is true for all positive integers, we prove the following 2 steps

Basis step: we verify that $P(1)$ is true

Inductive step: We show that $P(1), P(2), \dots, P(k)$ are true imply that $P(k+1)$ is true

$P(1), P(2), P(k)$ are true is called the inductive hypothesis

$P(1)$ true

$P(1)$ true $\Rightarrow P(2)$ true

$P(1), P(2)$ true $\Rightarrow P(3)$ $k + 1 = 3$

$P(1), P(2), P(3) \Rightarrow P(4)$ true

Example

Show that every integer $n \geq 2$ can be written as a product of primes

Proof by strong induction

Let $P(n)$ be "n can be written as a product of primes"

Basis step: $P(2)$ is true, since $2 = 2 \leftarrow$ prime factor form

Inductive step: Suppose $P(2), P(3), P(4), \dots, P(k)$ are true, meaning 2, 3, 4, ..., k can be written as products of primes

case 1: if $k+1$ is prime, then $k+1 = k+1 \leftarrow$ already in prime factor form

case 2: if $k+1$ is composite, then $k+1 = a * b$, where $2 \leq a < k+1$ and $2 \leq b < k+1$. But we know $P(a)$ and $P(b)$ are true, meaning a and b can be written as products of primes by the inductive hypothesis. And so

$$a = P_1 P_2 \dots P_r$$

$$b = q_1 q_2 \dots q_s$$

$$\text{This means } k+1 = a * b = (P_1 P_2 \dots P_r)(q_1 q_2 \dots q_s)$$

And so $P(k+1)$ is true

Therefore $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 2$

Example

Show that every postage of 12 cents or more can be formed using 4-cent and 5-cent stamps

$$12 = 4 + 4 + 4 \quad 14 = 4 + 5 + 5$$

$$13 = 4 + 4 + 5 \quad 15 = 5 + 5 + 5$$

Proof by strong induction

Let $P(n)$ be "n cents can be formed using 4-cent and 5-cent stamps"

Basis step: $P(12), P(13), P(14)$, and $P(15)$ are true

Inductive step: suppose $P(12), P(13), P(14), P(15), \dots, P(k)$ are true

For $P(k+1)$, we know $P(k-3)$ is true by the inductive hypothesis. And so just add one 4-cent stamp to the combination of stamps used to make $(k-3)$ cents, we have the mix needed to make $(k+1)$ cents. And so $P(k+1)$ is also true.

Therefore, the statement $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 12$

Practice

1. Show that $1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3n-2) = \frac{(3n-1)(n)}{2}$ by induction

Proof

$P(n)$ is " $1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3n-2) = \frac{(3n-1)(n)}{2}$ " by induction

Basis step: $P(1)$ is true, since $1 = \frac{(3*1-1)(1)}{2}$

Induction step: Suppose $P(k)$ is true.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3k-2) + (3(k+1)-2) &= \frac{(3k-1)(k)}{2} + (3(k+1)-2) = \frac{(3k-1)(k) + (2)(3k+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(3k^2 - k) + (6k + 2)}{2} = \frac{3k^2 + 5k + 2}{2} = \frac{(3k+2)(k+1)}{2} = \frac{(3(k+1)-1)(k+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$3k + 3 - 1 = 3k + 2$ (show on side to algebraically prove the last part)

$$\text{And so } 1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + (3k-2) + (3(k+1)-2) = \frac{(3(k+1)-1)(k+1)}{2}$$

And so $P(k+1)$ is true

Therefore $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 1$

2. Show that $n < 3^n$ for all integers $n \geq 1$ by induction

Proof

$P(n)$ is $n < 3^n$

Basis step: $P(1)$ is true, since $1 < 3^1$

Induction step: Suppose $P(k)$ is true, And so, $k < 3^k$

$$\Rightarrow k + 1 < 3^k + 1 < 3^k + 3^k + 3^k = 3 * 3^k = 3^{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow k + 1 < 3^{k+1}$$

And so $P(k+1)$ is true

Therefore $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 1$