

A Very Simple L^AT_EX 2_ε Template

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This starts the second part of the course.

Induction

First group of induction arguments.

Second group Strong induction

Third group Proof by considering the least counterexample.

Simple Induction Proving statements of the form $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} P(n)$

basis steps: $P(0)$

induction step: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1))$

conclude that $\forall n P(n)$ holds

Strong induction: Proving statements $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} P(n)$

Prove $\forall n (\forall m < n P(m)) \rightarrow P(n)$

conclude $\forall n P(n)$ holds

Proof by least counterexample: proving $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} P(n)$

argue by contradiction. Assume that $P(n)$ fails for some n . Let n be smallest such that $P(n)$ fails. get a contradiction.

Simple induction proof.

Summation Formulas:

Th. For every Number $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

please rewrite as $\sum_{k=0}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

Proof.

$$\text{basis step } \sum_{k=0}^0 k = 0 = \frac{0(0+1)}{2}$$

induction step. Opponent hands you $n \in \mathbb{N}$ say $P(n)$ holds you need to conclude that $P(n+1)$ holds.

The induction hypothesis in this case that $\sum_{k=0}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ $\sum_{k=0}^{n+1} k = \sum_{k=0}^n k + n+1 = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n+1 = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$

□

Th. For every number $n \in \mathbb{N}$ $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n+1) = (n+1)^2$
rewrite $\sum_{k=0}^n (2k+1) = (n+1)^2$

Proof. This is the proof
basis step: $\sum_{k=0}^0 (2k+1) = 1 = (0+1)^2$
induction step: Opponent hands you $n \in \mathbb{N}$ say $P(n)$ holds you need to conclude that $P(n+1)$ holds.

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (2k+1) = (n+1)^2$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n+1} (2k+1) = \sum_{k=0}^n (2k+1) + 2n+1+1 = (n+1)^2 + 2n+1 = (n+2)^2$$

□

Strong Induction: Fibonacci Numbers.

Defined by recursion:

$$F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_{n+2} = F_n + F_{n+1}$$

Example 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8

Th. for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ $F_n < 2^n$

Proof: assume that this has been checked for all values up to $n \geq 2$

We need to conclude that it is true at n as well

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} < 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} < 2(2^{n-1}) = 2^n$$

$$F_{n-1} < 2^{n-1} \quad F_{n-2} < 2^{n-2}$$

□

other proof for same problem

Proof.

BWOC lest n be smallest n such that $F_n \geq 2^n$ check that $n! = 0$ and $n! = 1$ It has to be that $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} < 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} \dots < 2^n$ This is a contradiction with the initial assumption on n .

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