

Principle of Simple Induction

$$\underbrace{P(0) \wedge (\forall n, P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1))}_{\text{what we prove}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\forall n, P(n)}_{\text{what we conclude}}$$

Example: What amounts of money n that can be made up using only 3¢ and 7¢ coins?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	17	18	19...												
✓	✓	✓	✓												

Intuition: 0¢ - 11¢: case varies
starting at 12¢: always yes

12	$\xrightarrow{+3¢}$	15	\rightarrow	18	...	} Induction!
13	\rightarrow	16	\rightarrow	19	...	
14	\rightarrow	17	\rightarrow	20	...	
					...	

Formalize

Predicate:

• For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $P(n)$ be:

\uparrow ~~$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$~~ , $\exists t, s \in \mathbb{N}, n = 3t + 7s$

Cannot quantify n inside, or else it becomes a dummy variable

W T P : $\forall n \geq 12, P(n)$

($\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 12 \Rightarrow P(n)$)

Inductive structure :

$P(12) \wedge$

$P(13) \wedge$

$P(14) \wedge$

$\forall n \geq 15, P(n-3) \Rightarrow P(n)$

$\forall n \geq 12, P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+3)$

} equivalent statements!
(see prep 2)

Homework: write the proof

Formalize as code :

pre (n) : $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \geq 12$ (pre-condition)

Return (t, s) such that Post (n, t, s) : $t, s \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n = 3t + 7s$

(post-condition)

def change (n) :

if $n == 12$: return (4, 0)

if $n == 13$: return (2, 1)

if $n == 14$: return (0, 2)

else ($n \geq 15$)

(t, s) = change (n - 3)

return t + 1, s

Recursion

Induction

- structure
 - ↳ no ∞ loop
 - ↳ no crashing

- structure
 - ↳ simple vs. complete

- correctness (postcond.)

- predicate (result)

Pre(n): $n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n \geq 12$

return $t, s \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n = 3t + 7s$ Post(n, t, s)

def change(n):

if $n == 12$: return (4, 0)

if $n == 13$: return (2, 1)

if $n == 14$: return (0, 2)

else KNOWN: $n \geq 15$

NEEDED: • Pre(n-3): $n-3 \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n-3 \geq 12$

• $n-3 < n$

smaller problem

If we meet these conditions,
then we know our recursive
structure is sound

↕
no ∞ loop,
no crashing

(t, s) = change(n-3)

"Recursive Hypothesis": Post(n-3, t, s): $n-3 = 3t + 7s$

return (t+1, s)

t+1, s satisfies Post(n, t+1, s)

Formalizing as proof:

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 12 \Rightarrow \exists t, s \in \mathbb{N}, n = 3t + 7s$

$\equiv \forall n \geq 12, \underbrace{\exists t, s \in \mathbb{N}, n = 3t + 7s}_{P(n)}$

Pf.

Algorithm starts w/ n that meets $\text{Pre}(n)$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq 12$.

Two equally good
ways to prove

• Case $n = 12$: Then, $12 = 3 \cdot 4 + 7 \cdot 0$

• Case $n = 13$: Let $t=2, s=1$. Then, $t, s \in \mathbb{N}$ and $3t+7s = 3 \cdot 2 + 7 \cdot 1 = 6 + 7 = 13$

• Case $n = 14$: (Similarly)

• Case $n \geq 15$:

Assume $P(n-3)$. (Inductive hypothesis)

This is the justification in algorithm.

(Why? $\begin{array}{ll} n-3 \in \mathbb{N} & \because n \in \mathbb{N} \\ n-3 \geq 12 & \because n \geq 15 \\ n-3 < n \end{array} \right)$

Let $t, s \in \mathbb{N}$ witness $P(n-3)$, so $n-3 = 3t + 7s$.

So, $n = 3t + 3 + 7s = 3(t+1) + 7s$

so, $t+1, s \in \mathbb{N}$ and witness $P(n)$