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Discrete Structure

# Induction

Discrete Mathematics and its Application

Section 5.1, 5.2

# Mathematical Induction

Prove that  $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$  for positive integer  $n$ .

Basis step:  $n=1$   $1 = 1^2$  ✓  $n=2$   $1+3 = 2^2$  ✓  $n=3$   $1+3+5 = 3^2$  ✓  
 $4 = 4$  ✓  $9 = 9$  ✓

Inductive step: IH: Assume  $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = k^2$  for  $k \geq 1$ .  $\leftarrow P(k)$

Want to show  $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2(k+1)-1) = (k+1)^2$ .

$$\underbrace{1 + 3 + 5 + \dots}_{\text{by IH}} + (2k+1) = (k+1)^2$$

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

$$(k+1)^2 = (k+1)^2 \quad \checkmark$$

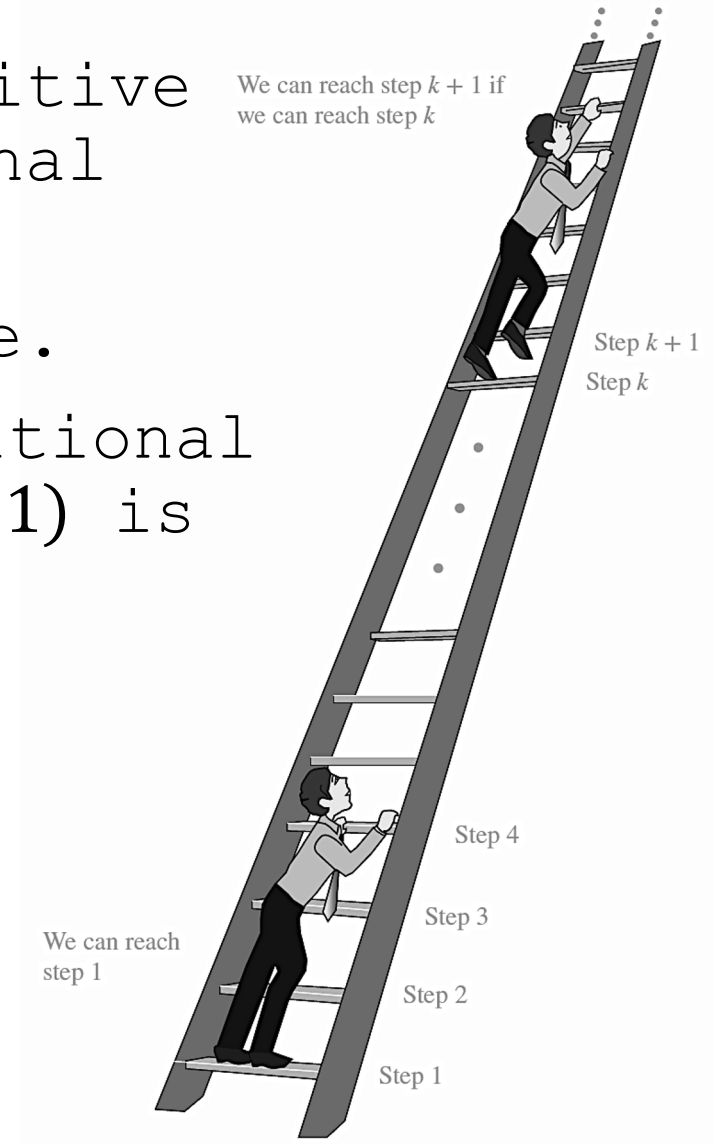
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# Principle of Mathematical Induction

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# Mathematical Induction

Prove that  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  for positive integer  $n$ .

Basis step:  $n=1$

$$1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

$1=1$

Inductive step: IH: Assume  $1+2+3+\dots+k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

WTS  
(want to show)

$$1+2+3+\dots+(k+1) = \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)}{2}$$

$$1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

by IH,  $\frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{2(k+1)}{2} = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$

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

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

□.

# Mathematical Induction

Prove that  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  for positive integer  $n$ .

Basis Step:  $n=1$  :  $1^2 = \frac{1(1+1)(2(1)+1)}{6} = \frac{1(2)(3)}{6} = \frac{6}{6}$   
 $1 = 1 \checkmark$

Inductive Step: IH: Assume  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

Want to show  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (k+1)^2 = \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)(2(k+1)+1)}{6}$ .

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2 = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6}$$

by IH,  $\left( \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + (k+1)^2 = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6} \right) \times 6$

$$\begin{aligned} k(k+1)(2k+1) + 6(k+1)^2 &= (k+1)(k+2)(2k+3) \\ (k+1)(k(2k+1) + 6(k+1)) &= (k+1)[(k+2)(2k+3)] \\ (k+1)(2k^2+k+6k+6) &= (k+1)(2k^2+4k+3k+6) \end{aligned}$$

$$(k+1)(2k^2+7k+6) = (k+1)(2k^2+7k+6) \checkmark$$

□

# Mathematical Induction

Prove or disprove that  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = n^4 - n^3 + 1$  for positive integer  $n$ .

$$n=1 \quad 1^3 = 1^4 - 1^3 + 1$$
$$1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$n=2 \quad 1^3 + 2^3 = 2^4 - 2^3 + 1$$
$$1 + 8 = 16 - 8 + 1$$
$$9 = 9 \quad \checkmark$$

$$n=3 \quad 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 = 3^4 - 3^3 + 1$$
$$1 + 8 + 27 = 81 - 27 + 1$$
$$36 \neq 55$$

False.

Assume  $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 = k^4 - k^3 + 1, \dots$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = (k+1)^4 - (k+1)^3 + 1$$

by I.H

$$k^4 - k^3 + 1 + (k+1)^3 =$$

$\neq$

# Mathematical Induction $b^{x+y} = b^x \cdot b^y$

Use mathematical induction to prove that  $7^{n+2} + 8^{2n+1}$  is divisible by 57 for every nonnegative integer  $n$ .

Prove that  $7^{n+2} + 8^{2n+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{57}$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

Basis step:  $n=0$   $7^{0+2} + 8^{2(0)+1} \equiv 7^2 + 8 \equiv 49 + 8 \equiv 57 \equiv 0 \pmod{57}$  ✓

Inductive step: IH: Assume  $7^{k+2} + 8^{2k+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{57}$

WTS  $7^{(k+1)+2} + 8^{2(k+1)+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{57}$

$$7^{(k+1)+2} + 8^{2(k+1)+1} \equiv 7^{k+3} + 8^{2k+3} \equiv 7^{k+2} \cdot 7 + 8^{2k+1} \cdot 8^2 \pmod{57}$$

$$\equiv 7^{k+2} \cdot 7 + 8^{2k+1} \cdot 64 \equiv 7^{k+2} \cdot 7 + 8^{2k+1} \cdot 7$$

$$\equiv 7 \cdot (7^{k+2} + 8^{2k+1}) \underset{\text{by IH}}{\equiv} 7 \cdot 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{57}$$

# Mathematical Induction

Prove that  $f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_n = f_{(n+2)} - 1$  for positive integer  $n$ .

Let  $f_n$  be the  $n$ th Fibonacci number.  $f_1 = 1$ ,  $f_2 = 1$ ,  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$ .

$$f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1, f_3 = 2, f_4 = 3, f_5 = 5, f_6 = 8, f_7 = 13, \dots$$

Basis step:  $n=1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= f_{1+2} - 1 \\ f_1 &= f_3 - 1 \\ 1 &= 2 - 1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Inductive step: IH: Assume  $f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_k = f_{k+2} - 1$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

WTS  $f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_{k+1} = f_{(k+1)+2} - 1$

$$f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_k + f_{k+1} = f_{k+3} - 1$$

by IH  $f_{k+2} - 1 + f_{k+1} = f_{k+3} - 1$

by def.  $f_{k+3} - 1 = f_{k+3} - 1 \quad \checkmark$



# Mathematical Induction

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

$$n! = n(n-1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1 \quad \text{ex: } 4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$$

Basis step:  $n = 4$

$$2^4 < 4! \\ 16 < 24 \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive step: IH: Assume  $2^k < k!$  for  $k \geq 4$ .

WTS.  $2^{k+1} < (k+1)!$

$$2^k \cdot 2 < (k+1) \cdot k!$$

$$2^k < k! \\ \text{by IH}$$

$$2 < k+1 \\ \text{by IH, } k \geq 4$$

□

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{k+1} &= 2^k \cdot 2 < \overset{\text{by IH}}{k!} \cdot 2 \\ &\quad \downarrow \text{by IH, } k \geq 4 \\ &< k! \cdot (k+1) \\ &= (k+1)! \end{aligned}$$

# Mathematical Induction $\text{F.T.O.A.}$

Show that if  $n$  is an integer greater than 1, then  $n$  can be written as a prime or product of primes.

Basis step:  $n=2$        $2=2$  prime  $\checkmark$        $2 \leq j \leq k$        $2=2$   
 $3=3$

Inductive step: IH: Assume  $j = \text{prime or product of primes}$   $k > 1$ .  
 $k \geq 2$ .       $4=2 \cdot 2$   
 $5=5$

WTS:  $k+1 = \text{prime or product of prime.}$        $6=2 \cdot 3$   
 $7=7$   
 $8=2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$

C1:  $k+1$  is prime       $k+1 = k+1$  prime  $\checkmark$

C2:  $k+1$  is not a prime, 'it's a composite.

$$k+1 = a \cdot b \quad a, b \neq 1, k+1, \quad 1 < a, b < k+1 \rightarrow 2 \leq a, b \leq k.$$

by IH:  $a = \text{prime or product of primes}$ ,  $b = \text{prime or product of primes}$

$k+1 = a \cdot b = (\text{prime or product of primes})(\text{prime or product of primes}) = \text{product of prime.}$

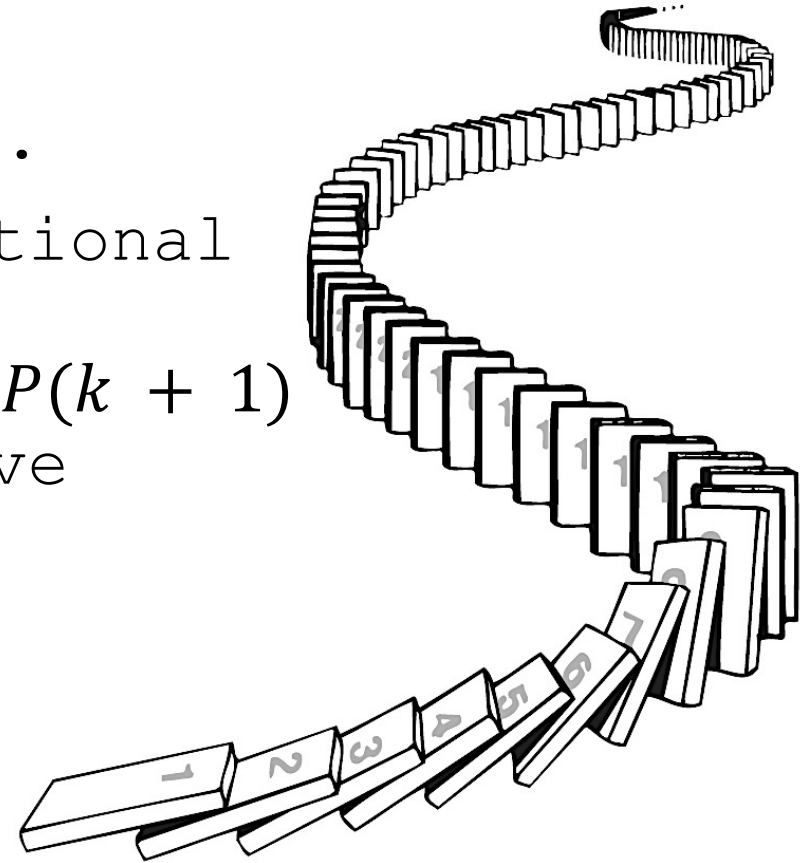


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is true for all positive integers  $k$ .



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## Strong Induction

**BASIS STEP:** We verify that  $P(1)$  is true.

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# Mathematical Induction

Prove that every amount of postage of 12 cents or more can be formed using just 4-cent and 5-cent stamps.

By Mathematical Induction ( $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ ):

Basis Step:  $n=12$  : 12 cents postage can be formed by three 4-cent stamps.

Inductive Step: IH: Assume  $k$  cents postage can be formed using just 4-cent and 5-cent stamps,  $k \geq 12$ .

Want to show  $k+1$  cents postage can be formed using just 4-cent and 5-cent stamps.

By IH, we know  $k$  cents postage can be formed using just 4-cent and 5-cent stamps.

Case 1: There are at least one 4-cent stamp used in  $k$  cents postage.

Exchange one 4-cent stamp to a 5-cent stamp. to form  $k+1$  cents postage.

Case 2: There are no 4-cent stamp used in  $k$  cents postage, which it's formed by only 5-cent stamps.

Since  $k \geq 12$ , at least three 5-cent stamps are used in  $k$  cents postage

Exchange three 5-cent stamps to four 4-cent stamp to form  $k+1$  cents postage.

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Either ways, you can form  $k+1$  cents postage from  $k$  cents postage.



# Mathematical Induction

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By Strong Induction:

Basis Step:  $n=12$  : 12 cents postage can be formed by three 4-cent stamps.

$n=13$  : 13 cents postage can be formed by two 4-cent and one 5-cent stamps

$n=14$  : 14 cents postage can be formed by one 4-cent and two 5-cent stamps.

$n=15$  : 15 cents postage can be formed by three 5-cent stamps.

Inductive Step: IH: Assume  $j$  cents postage can be formed using just 4-cent and 5-cent stamps,  $12 \leq j \leq k$ ,  $k \geq 15$ .

Want to show  $k+1$  cents postage can be formed using just 4-cent and 5-cent stamps.

To form  $k+1$  cents postage, we can look up how we form  $(k+1)-4 = k-3$  cents postage, then adding a 4-cent stamp to  $k-3$  cents postage, we can get  $k+1$  cents postage.

Since  $k \geq 15$ ,  $k-3 \geq 15-3=12$ , then  $12 \leq k-3 \leq k$ , by IH,  $k-3$  can be formed by just 4-cent and 5-cent stamps. Then add a 4-cent stamp to it, we got  $k+1$  cents postage.

□

# Mathematical Induction

Prove that  $f_n < 2^n$  for positive integer  $n$ .

Let  $f_n$  be the  $n$ th Fibonacci number.  $f_1 = 1$ ,  $f_2 = 1$ ,  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$ .

Basis step:  $n = 1$  ,  $f_1 < 2^1$   
 $1 < 2$  ✓

Inductive step: IH: Assume  $f_k < 2^k$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

Want to show  $f_{k+1} < 2^{k+1}$ .

$$f_{k+1} = f_k + f_{k-1} \leq \underbrace{f_k + f_k}_{\substack{f_{k-1} \leq f_k \\ \text{by def}}} = 2 \cdot \underbrace{f_k}_{\text{by IH}} < 2 \cdot 2^k = 2^{k+1}$$

$$f_{k+1} < 2^{k+1}$$

□

# Mathematical Induction

Show that  $f_0 f_1 + f_1 f_2 + \dots + f_{2n-1} f_{2n} = (f_{2n})^2$  for positive integer  $n$ .

Let  $f_n$  be the  $n$ th Fibonacci number.  $f_1 = 1$ ,  $f_2 = 1$ ,  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$ .

Basis Step:  $n=1$   $f_0 f_1 + f_1 f_2 = (f_2)^2$   $f_0 = 0$

$$0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 = 1^2 \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive Step: IH: Assume  $f_0 f_1 + f_1 f_2 + \dots + f_{2k-1} f_{2k} = (f_{2k})^2$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

Want to show  $f_0 f_1 + f_1 f_2 + \dots + f_{2(k+1)-1} f_{2(k+1)} = (f_{2(k+1)})^2$

$$\underbrace{f_0 f_1 + f_1 f_2 + \dots + f_{2k-1} f_{2k}}_{\text{by IH}} + f_{2k} f_{2k+1} + f_{2k+1} f_{2k+2} = f_{2k+2}^2$$

$$\text{by IH, } \underbrace{f_{2k}^2} + \underbrace{f_{2k} f_{2k+1}} + f_{2k+1} f_{2k+2} = f_{2k+2}^2$$

$$f_{2k} (f_{2k} + f_{2k+1}) + f_{2k+1} f_{2k+2} = f_{2k+2}^2$$

$$f_{2k} \underbrace{f_{2k+2}} + f_{2k+1} \underbrace{f_{2k+2}} = f_{2k+2}^2$$

$$f_{2k+2} (f_{2k} + f_{2k+1}) = f_{2k+2}^2$$

$$f_{2k+2} f_{2k+2} = f_{2k+2}^2 \quad \checkmark$$





# Mathematical Induction Model

To prove  $P(n)$  is true for  $n \geq b$  by induction:

Basis step:  $n = b$  Show  $P(b)$  is true.

Inductive step: IH: Assume  $P(k)$  , for  $k \geq b$ .  
write the  $P(k)$  statement

Want to show  $P(k+1)$ . write the  $P(k+1)$  statement.

① Rewrite  $P(k+1)$  so you can see  $P(k)$  as part of  $P(k+1)$ .

by IH, ② Apply IH. Normally you will substitute the  $P(k)$ .

③ Show that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

# Mathematical Induction