

MA 225 Problem Set 4: induction 2

facts and definitions You will need the following definitions and facts (at some point):

Definition 1. The *Fibonacci numbers* are defined as follows:

$$f_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 1 \text{ or } k = 2 \\ f_{k-1} + f_{k-2} & \text{if } k \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Definition 2. $0! = 1$

Principle of Mathematical Induction. Let $P(n)$ be an open sentence with universe the natural numbers. If $P(1)$ is true and $P(n)$ is inductive, then for any n , $P(n)$ is true.

Principle of Complete Induction. Let $P(n)$ be an open sentence with universe the natural numbers. If $P(1)$ is true and $P(n)$ is completely inductive, then for any n , $P(n)$ is true.

exercises These problems don't require you to write proofs.

1. Explain why “ n is even” is completely inductive, but “ n is odd” is not completely inductive. n is odd is inductive because when adding two even numbers, we get another even number, however when we do this for odd numbers, this does not apply for n or for all integers less than n .
2. Is either of the above sentences inductive? Yes. As seen later in proof 1 as well as 2, we prove that $PCI \Leftrightarrow PMI$. Therefore, since n is completely inductive, we can show that this is a solution. then
3. We showed that if $P(n)$ is inductive, then the set of values n for which $P(n)$ is true must look like $\{n_0, n_0 + 1, n_0 + 2, \dots\}$. Characterize what the set of values n for which $Q(n)$ is true, assuming $Q(n)$ is completely inductive. The values which n is true for $Q(n)$ are $\{n, n - 1, n - 2, n - 3 \dots n_0\}$

proofs Prove the following claims.

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Claim 1. Let $P(n)$ be an inductive sentence. Then $P(n)$ is completely inductive.

Proof by Complete Induction 1. We can show that $P(n)$ is completely inductive by looking at the definition of both. We know that in standard induction, we use $P(n_0), P(n_0 + 1) \dots P(n)$ in order to prove that $P(n + 1)$ is true. For complete induction, however, we assume that $P(n)$ is true as well as $P(n - 1), P(n - 2) \dots P(n_0)$ where n_0 is the base case. Because of this, we can reverse the order of the terms if standard induction to get complete induction. Therefore, if $P(n)$ is inductive, then it is completely inductive as well. \square

2. (\star) In class we proved PCI, assuming PMI. Prove the converse: give a proof of the PMI that only assumes PCI.

Claim 2. Given $R(n)$ is completely inductive, then $R(t)$ is mathematically inductive.

Proof by Complete Induction 2. We can first see that complete induction assumes that by assuming $R(n)$ holds true for n as well as values less than n , then we can gather $R(n + 1)$. Since regular induction requires a base case as well as for $R(n)$ to hold true for n , since complete induction implies both of these, we can see that if $R(n)$ is completely inductive, then it is mathematically inductive. \square

3. The parity of the Fibonacci numbers follows the pattern: odd, odd, even, odd, odd, even, . . .

Claim 3. The parity of the Fibonacci numbers is odd, odd, even, odd, odd, even...

Proof by Complete Induction 3. We can first test the base cases, given as $n=1$ and $n=2$, by seeing that $f_1 = 1$ is odd, $f_2 = 1$, which is odd, and using the equation $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$, $1 + 1 = 2$, which is even. We can show by setting $n = k$ and solving for f_{k+1} . Let's assume that f_k is We can now see that $f_{k+1} = f_k + f_{k-1}$.

Because of the principal of complete induction, we can see that this pattern holds for all $n + 1$.

4. There are no common factors of f_n and f_{n+1} , other than 1.

Claim 4.

Proof by Complete Induction 4. We can first define the base cases to be 1 and 2, and as we can see, and using $f_n = f_{n-1} - f_{n-2} = f_3 = 1 + 1 = 2$, which shares no common multiples. We can first define $k=n$ and assume that there are no common multiples for f_k and f_{k-1} and for all natural numbers less than k but more than 2. We will show that f_n shares a factor, c with f_{k+1} , then c must equal 1. We can solve for f_{k+1} by adding one to k to produce $f_{k+1} = f_k + f_{k-1}$. We can see that in order for c to be a common multiple of f_k and f_{k+1} , then it must be factored out and therefore f_{k-1} . However, according to complete induction, this holds true for k and values less than k , therefore k must share a factor with f_{k-1} . This will continue until we reach the base case, which only shares the factor 1. Therefore, according to the principle of complete induction, there is not common factors of $f(n)$ and $f(n+1)$. \square

5. (**) The Tower of Hanoi puzzle consists of n disks of different radii, stacked in decreasing order of radius (so the largest disk is on the bottom) on one rod; two other rods are nearby. The goal of the game is to move the entire stack to another of the rods, in the same order. The rules are:
- You may move the top disk of a stack onto another rod.
 - A disk may only be placed on top of a larger disk.
 - No other moves are allowed.

If the Tower of Hanoi puzzle starts with d disks, you can solve it in $2^d - 1$ moves.

Claim 5. Given a Tower of Hanoi with d disks, it can be solved in $2^d - 1$ moves.

Proof by Complete Induction 5. We must first prove the base case, which is $d=1$. Plugging in for one, we get $2^1 - 1$, or 1 move, which is correct, as you only need to move the one piece. We must now find a way to represent the number of moves, h , that can be taken given $d - 1$ disks, or h_{d-1} . It is noted that in order to move the bottom piece, all pieces above it must be shifted to another rod. This causes us to move h_{d-1} disks, move the bottom disk, which adds an additional move, and finally move the rod with $d - 1$ disks onto the bottom disk. This yet again takes h_{d-1} moves, therefore the total moves which can be taken for d disks is $h_d = 2h_{d-1} + 1$ (Formula 2). We can now show that $2h_d + 1 = 2^d - 1$ (Equation 1). We can define k as $k = d$ and show that the claim is true for $k+1$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^{k+1} - 1 &= 2^{k+1} - 1 \\
 &= 2 * 2^k - 1 \\
 &= 2 * (2^{h_k} + 2) + 1 && \text{(Replaced using formula 1)} \\
 &= 4h_k + 3 \\
 &= 2(2h_k) + 3 \\
 &= 2h_{k+1} + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

(Replaced d with $k+1$ in formula 2 through complete induction and solved for h with k disks)

Therefore, since this is true for all $k + 1$, through mathematical induction we can show that given a Tower of Hanoi with d disks, it can be solved in $2^d - 1$ moves. \square

6. $\sum_{k=1}^n f_k^2 = f_n f_{n+1}$.

Claim 6. $\sum_{k=1}^n f_k^2 = f_n f_{n+1}$

Proof by Complete Induction 6. We can start by determining the base cases. In this instance, the base cases are $n=1$ and $n=2$. We can see by plugging in these values $\sum_{k=1}^1 f_k^2 = f_1 f_2 = 1$ and $n=2$:

$\sum_{k=1}^2 f_k^2 = f_2 f_3 = 2$. We can define $r = n$, where we will assume that k satisfies the equation as well

as values less than r . We will use this to show that the equation $\sum_{k=1}^2 f_k^2 = f_2 f_3 = 2$ is satisfied under $k + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{r+2} f_{r+1} &= \sum_{k=1}^{r+1} n f_k^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{r+1} f_k^2 + f_{r+1}^2 \\ &= f_r f_{r+1} + f_{r+1}^2 && \text{(Substituted using induction hypothesis)} \\ &= f_{r+1} (f_r + f_{r+1}) \\ &= f_{r+1} f_{r+2} \end{aligned}$$

(Use definition of fibbanachi sequence along with complete induction by adding 1 to r in definition and substitute.)

As we can see above, through proof by complete induction we have shown that $\sum_{k=1}^2 f_k^2 = f_2 f_3 = 2$ is true for all k . \square

7. (**) The **product rule for higher derivatives**: given any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and functions f, g with at least n derivatives, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} [fg] &= B_{n,0} f^{(n)} g + B_{n,1} f^{(n-1)} g' + B_{n,2} f^{(n-2)} g'' + \dots \\ &\quad + B_{n,n-2} f'' g^{(n-2)} + B_{n,n-1} f' g^{(n-1)} + B_{n,n} f g^{(n)}. \end{aligned}$$

(Hint. At some point you will need to “combine like terms”.)

8. (**) If $n \geq 3$, then the sum of the interior angles of a convex n -gon is $(n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ$.

Claim 7. If $n \geq 3$, then the sum of the interior angles of a convex n -gon is $(n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ$ (Formula 1).

Proof by Complete Induction 7. We can first prove the base case by using a 3-gon, which is 180° . Through plugging in, we can see that $(3 - 2)180^\circ = 180^\circ$, which matches up with our expected value. We can mathematically represent the change in angles by defining adding a vertex as creating a triangle and placing two of its vertices on existing vertices. Because a triangle has 180 degrees, and we are adding a triangle, we can represent the sum of these angles, a_n of a n -gon with n sides by adding the sum of the angles of n -gon with $n - 1$ and 180 represented as, a_n , where $a_n = a_{n-1} + 180^\circ$ (Formula 2). We can now define $k = n$, where we will assume the open statement $(k - 2) \cdot 180^\circ$. We can now use complete induction to show that this is valid for $k + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} a_n + 180^\circ &= (k - 1)180^\circ \\ &= 180^\circ k - 180^\circ \\ &= a_{n-1} + 360^\circ && \text{(Substitute using inductive hypothesis)} \\ &= a_n + 180^\circ && \text{(Substituted using Formula 2)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, as seen above, it can be seen through complete induction that $(n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ$ is valid for convex n -gons. \square

9. Define the numbers g_n as follows:

$$g_n = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ or } n = 2 \\ g_{n-1} g_{n-2} & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

For all n , $g_n = 2^{f_n}$.

10. $f_k \leq 2^k$.

Claim 8. $f_k \leq 2^k$ is true for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof by Complete Induction 8. We will show that $f_k \leq 2^k$ is true for all k through the Principle of Complete Induction. First, we must prove a base case, in this case we will use $n=1$, or $g_1 = 2^{f_1}$, or $2 = 2$ and the same for $n = 2$, as this results in the same value. (since both result in 2. Next we set $k+1 = n$ to show that $g_k = 2^{f_k}$ by assuming this works for all natural numbers before k and k to show that it works for $k+2$:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{f_{k+2}} &= 2^{f_{k+2}} \\ &= 2^{f_{k+1} + f_k} \\ &= 2^{f_{k+1}} 2^{f_k} \\ &= g_k 2^{f_{k+1}} && \text{(Used inductive hypothesis for substitution)} \\ 2^{f_{k+1}} &= g_{k-1} 2^{f_k} \end{aligned}$$

(Since we assume that claim is true for values less than k , we can subtract 1 from all k s and the equation will still be true)

$$g_{k+1} = g_{k+1} g_k \quad \text{(Substituted using inductive hypothesis)}$$

As we can see, this results in the desired results of showing that $g_k = 2^{f_k}$ by proof of complete mathematical induction. \square

11. ($\star\star$) Let $\alpha = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $\beta = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ (These are the roots of the equation $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$.) Then

$$f_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}$$

(Hint. You will need to use the fact that α and β the solutions of the given equation.)

12. For any n and any $0 \leq k \leq n$, $B_{n,k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$. (Hint. Induct on n .)

13. Prove two claims from Homework 3 using the Well-Ordering Principle.