

## 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.

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

**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 find a way to represent the number of moves,  $h$ , that can be taken given  $d - 1$  moves, 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 to the bottom disk. This can yet again be described as taking  $h_{d-1}$  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 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 can define  $k$  as  $k = d$  and solve for  $k+1$ :

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

(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 complete 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  $180^\circ$ . 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 of this definition, we can represent the angles present in a shape 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 2, as this results in the same value. (since both result in 2. Next we set  $k=n$  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  $n+1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{k+1} &= 2^{f_{k+1}} \\
 &= 2^{f_k + f_{k-1}} \\
 &= 2^{f_k} 2^{f_{k-1}} \\
 &= g_n 2^{f_{k-1}} && \text{(Used inductive hypothesis for substitution)} \\
 &= g_{k+1} 2^{f_k} \\
 g_{k+2} &= g_{k+1} g_k && \text{(Added 1 to k in definition)} \\
 g_{k+1} &= g_k g_{k+1} && \text{(Used definition above in order to substitute)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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. (\*\*) 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  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  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.