

1. A “prime factorization” of an integer  $n$  is a sequence of prime numbers whose product equals  $n$ , e.g.,  $84 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 7$ . Prove all integers  $n \geq 2$  have a prime factorization.
2. What amounts of postages can be made exactly using only 3¢ and 5¢ stamps? Prove your claim by complete induction.
3. Define

$P(n)$ : In every set of  $n$  kids, all kids have the same eye colour

The following proof tries to use simple induction to show  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$ . Can you explain why the proof is wrong?

*Base case:*  $P(0)$  is vacuously true: in every set of 0 kids, all kids have the same eye colour.

*Induction step:* Let  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose  $P(i)$  holds. Let  $S$  be a set of  $i + 1$  kids, say  $S = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{i+1}\}$ . Consider  $\{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_i\}$ : this is a set of  $i$  kids, so by IH, all kids in that set have the same eye colour, say  $A$ . Now, consider  $\{h_2, \dots, h_i, h_{i+1}\}$ : this is also a set of  $i$  kids, so by IH, all kids in that set have the same eye colour, say  $B$ . Since kids  $h_2, \dots, h_i$  belong to both sets and cannot have two different eye colours, it must be that  $A = B$ . This means every kid in  $S$  has the same eye colour.