

# CSC236 winter 2020

theory of computation

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# Outline

Course overview

Simple induction

- Multiple base cases

- Bases other than zero

- Strengthening the induction hypothesis

# What is this course?

$P(n)$ : Every bipartite graph on  $n$  vertices has no more than  $n^2/4$  edges if  $n$  is even, or  $(n^2 - 1)/4$  edges if  $n$  is odd.

**base case:** An empty bipartite graph has 0 vertices and 0 edges, and  $0 \leq 0^2/4$ , which verifies  $P(0)$ .

**inductive step:** Let  $n$  be an arbitrary, fixed, natural number. Assume  $P(n)$ , that every bipartite graph on  $n$  vertices has no more than  $n^2/4$  edges if  $n$  is even, or  $(n^2 - 1)/4$  edges if  $n$  is odd.

I will show that  $P(n + 1)$  follows, that every bipartite graph on  $n + 1$  vertices has no more than  $(n + 1)^2/4$  edges if  $n + 1$  is even, or  $[(n + 1)^2 - 1]/4$  edges if  $n + 1$  is odd.

Let  $G$  be an arbitrary bipartite graph on  $n + 1$  vertices. Remove a vertex, together with its edges, from  $G$ 's larger partition to produce a new bipartite graph  $G'$ . There are two possibilities, depending on whether  $n + 1$  is even or odd:

**case  $n + 1$  is odd:**  $G$ 's smaller partition has, at most,  $n/2$  vertices, so we removed at most  $n/2$  edges to produce  $G'$ .  $n + 1$  odd means  $n$  is even, so by assumption  $P(n)$ ,  $G'$  has at most  $n^2/4$  edges, so accounting for the edges removed  $G$  had, at most:

$$\frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{n}{2} = \frac{n^2 + 2n}{4} \leq \frac{(n + 1)^2 - 1}{4}$$

So  $P(n + 1)$  follows in this case.

**case  $n + 1$  is even:**  $G$ 's smaller partition has, at most,  $(n + 1)/2$  vertices, so we removed at most  $(n + 1)/2$  edges to produce  $G'$ .  $n + 1$  even means  $n$  is odd, so by assumption  $P(n)$   $G'$  has at most  $(n^2 - 1)/4$  edges, so accounting for the edges removed  $G$  had, at most:

$$\frac{n^2 - 1}{4} + \frac{n + 1}{2} = \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{4} \leq \frac{(n + 1)^2}{4}$$

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$P(n + 1)$  follows in both possible cases ■

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try:
    f = codecs.open(filename, "r", encoding='UTF-8')
    lines = joinlines(f.readlines())
    f.close()
except:
    pprint("Cannot read file: %s" % filename, sys.stderr)
    sys.exit(-2)

return lines

def scan_for_selected_frames(lines):
    """Scans for frames that should be rendered exclusively,
    true if such frames have been found"""
    p = re.compile("^=====*(.*)\s*=====*(.*)", re.VERBOSE)
    for line in lines:
        mo = p.match(line)
        if mo is not None:
            return True
    return False

def line_opens_unselected_frame(line):
    p = re.compile("^=====*(.*)\s*=====*(.*)", re.VERBOSE)
    if p.match(line) is not None:
        return True
    return False

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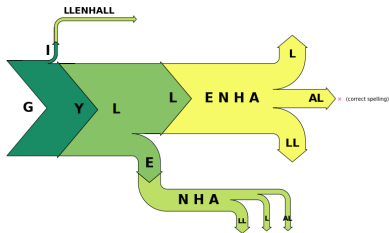
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...than this

# Who am I?



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The Free Encyclopedia

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Who are you?

# Course information sheet

- ▶ Info is a subset of what's on the **course website**
- ▶ Let's take a tour now
  - ▶ (Sorry, this part is boring.)

## About these slides

- ▶ Adapted from Danny Heap
- ▶ Plain slides posted online in advance
- ▶ Annotated slides uploaded after lecture
  - ▶ You may want to annotate your own copy during lecture

# We behave as though you already know...

- ▶ **CSC165 material**, especially proofs and big-Oh material
  - ▶ But you can *relax* the structure a little
- ▶ **Chapter 0** material from *Introduction to Theory of Computation*
- ▶ recursion, efficiency material from CSC148



## By end of course you'll know...

1. Several flavours of proof by induction
2. Reasoning about recurrences
3. Proving the correctness of programs
4. Formal languages

## Simple induction

# Domino fates foretold

*DOMINO-0*

DOMINO-1

DOMINO-2

DOMINO-3

DOMINO-4

DOMINO-5

DOMINO-6

DOMINO-7

DOMINO-8

DOMINO-9

DOMINO-10

$$[P(0) \wedge (\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1))] \implies \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$$

If the initial case works,  
and each case that works implies its successor works,  
then all cases work

# Simple induction outline

1. Define predicate,  $P(n)$
2. Inductive step
  - 2.1 Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$
  - 2.2 Assume  $P(n)$  (**inductive hypothesis**)
  - 2.3 use it to show that  $P(n + 1)$  holds
3. Verify base case(s) (AKA basis)

## Example: triangular numbers

Show that for any  $n$ ,  $\sum_{k=0}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ .

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3. Base case

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Scratch work

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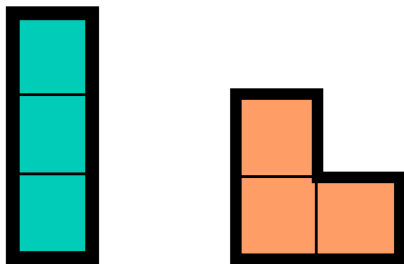
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Is the claim still true? What happens if you add this other case to the inductive step?

# Trominoes

See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tromino>



Can a  $2^n \times 2^n$  square grid, **with one subsquare removed**, be tiled (covered without overlapping) by “chair” trominoes?

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