

# CSC236 winter 2020, week 2: complete induction

See section 1.3 of course notes

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# Complete induction

Another flavour needed

Every natural number greater than 1 has a prime factorization.

Try some examples

How does the factorization of 8 help with the factorization of 9?

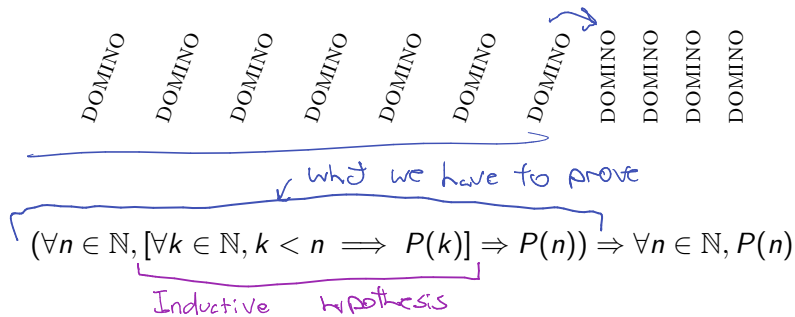
$$\begin{aligned} 4 &= 2 \times 2 \\ 5 &= 5 \\ 6 &= 2 \times 3 \\ 7 &= 7 \\ 8 &= 2 \times 2 \times 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)}$$

Simple induction

Structure doesn't work here.

## More dominoes



If all the previous cases always imply the current case  
then all cases are true

cf. simple induction  $P(0) \wedge \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$

What about the base case?

Suppose we have proved, ... (i.e. assume we have a complete induction proof)

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, [\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k < n \Rightarrow P(k)] \Rightarrow P(n)$$


Let  $n'$  be  $0$

Claim:  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k < 0 \Rightarrow P(k)$

then  $P(0)$

This is why CI doesn't need an explicit base case.

# Outline of a complete induction proof

1. Define a predicate  $P(n)$
2. Induction step
  - 2.1 Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$
  - 2.2 IH: Assume  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k < n \implies P(k)$  
  - 2.3 Use IH to show  $P(n)$

## Lots of acceptable ways to write I.H.

1. Assume  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k < n \implies P(k)$   $\leftarrow$  most formal
2. Assume  $P(k)$  holds for all  $k < n$
3. Assume  $P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge \dots P(n-1)$
4. Assume  $\bigwedge_{k=0}^{k=n-1} P(k)$   $\sum \pi$
5. Assume our predicate holds for all natural numbers less than  $n$ .

## Example: postage

Show that any postage amount greater than 7 cents can be formed by combining 3 and 5 cent stamps.

$n$	3's	5's
8	1	1
9	3	0
10	0	2
11	2	1
12	4	0
13	1	2
14	3	1

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k \Leftrightarrow 1 + 2 + \dots + n$$

## Example: postage

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$$P(n): \exists t, f \in \mathbb{N}, n = 3t + 5f$$

IS

$$\text{Let } n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 8$$

$$\text{Assume } \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, 8 \leq k < n \Rightarrow P(k)$$

$$\# P(8) \wedge P(9) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1)$$

Case 1:  $n < 11$

$$8 = 5^1 3^1, 9 = 3 \times 3, 10 = 5 \times 2. \text{ So in each case, } P(n) \text{ holds.}$$

Case 2:  $n \geq 11$

then  $P(n-3)$ , let  $t, f \in \mathbb{N}$  such that...

$$n-3 = 3t + 5f$$

$$n = 3(t+1) + 5f, \text{ then setting } t' = t+1, f' = f, P(n) \text{ holds}$$



## Example: postage

[Context: we talked about how this proof lets us derive  $P(n)$  for some specific values of  $n$ ]

Show that any postage amount greater than 7 cents can be formed by combining 3 and 5 cent stamps.

$$P(n): \exists t, f \in \mathbb{N}, n = 3t + 5f$$

$$20 = 5 + 5 \times 3$$

$$17 = 5 + 4 \times 3$$

IS

$$\text{Let } n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 8$$

$$\text{Assume } \forall k, 8 \leq k < n \Rightarrow P(k)$$

$$\# P(8) \wedge P(9) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1)$$

Case 1:  $n \leq 11$

$$8 = 5 + 3, 9 = 3 \times 3, 10 = 5 \times 2. \text{ So in each case, } P(n) \text{ holds.}$$

Case 2:  $n \geq 11$

then  $P(n-3)$ , let  $t, f \in \mathbb{N}$  such that...

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## Example: postage

$$3 \times 4 + 5 \times 2 = 22$$

$$3 \times 5 + 5 \times 2 = 25$$

Show that any postage amount greater than 7 cents can be formed by combining 3 and 5 cent stamps.

$$P(n): \exists t, f \in \mathbb{N}, n = 3t + 5f$$

[Context: ???]

IS

$$\text{Let } n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 8$$

$$n = 25$$

$$\text{Assume } \forall k, 8 \leq k < n \Rightarrow P(k)$$

$$\text{Case 1: } n < 11$$

$$8 = 5 + 3, 9 = 3 \times 3, 10 = 5 \times 2. \text{ So in each case, } P(n) \text{ holds.}$$

$$\text{Case 2: } n \geq 11$$

$$\text{then } P(n-3)$$

$$P(22)$$

$$n-3 = 3t + 5f$$

$$n = 3(t+1) + 5f, \text{ so } P(n).$$

□

## Postage - separate base case

Another way to structure the same proof. Not necessarily better or worse.

$$P(n) : \exists t, f \in \mathbb{N}, n = 3t + 5f$$

**Base case:**

- ▶  $P(8)$  ( $t = 1, f = 1$ )
- ▶  $P(9)$  ( $t = 3, f = 0$ )
- ▶  $P(10)$  ( $t = 0, f = 2$ )

**Inductive step:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and assume  $n > 10$

Assume  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, 8 \leq k < n \implies P(k)$

$P(n-3)$  (by IH). Let  $t, f \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $n-3 = 3t + 5f$

Then  $n = 3(t+1) + 5f$ , so  $P(n)$

So  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 7 \implies P(n)$

## Prime factorization

Show that every natural number greater than 1 has a prime factorization.

$P(n)$ :  $n$  is the product of prime numbers

IS

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n > 1$

Assume  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$   $1 < k < n \Rightarrow P(k)$

Case 1:  $n$  is even, and  $n \neq 2$

$$n = 2k$$

then  $P(k)$   
 $P(n)$

Case 2:  $n$  is odd

$$n = 2k + 1$$

... we got stuck here, and decided to try a new approach

## Prime factorization

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$P(n)$ :  $n$  is the product of prime numbers

IS

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n > 1$

Assume  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$   $1 < k < n \Rightarrow P(k)$

Case 1:  $n$  is prime,  $P(n)$

Case 2:  $n$  is composite

$\exists n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$   $n = n_1 \times n_2 \wedge 1 < n_1 < n \wedge 1 < n_2 < n$

thus  $P(n_1) \wedge P(n_2)$ , so  $n$  is the product of their prime factors  
so  $P(n)$

# What happens when we subtly tweak the structure?

Are these still valid proofs?

Conventional structure

0. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Assume  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k < n \Rightarrow P(k)$

Blah blah blah

thus  $P(n)$

So  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$

1. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Assume  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k \leq n \Rightarrow P(k)$

Blah blah blah...

Thus,  $P(n)$

Thus, by complete induction, *not good*

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$ .

*this includes  $P(n)$*

2. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Assume  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k \leq n \Rightarrow P(k)$

Blah blah blah...

Thus,  $P(n+1)$

Thus, by complete induction,

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$ .

3. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Assume  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k < n \Rightarrow P(k)$

Blah blah blah...

Thus,  $P(n+1)$

Thus, by complete induction,

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$ .

$\Downarrow$

$P(1)$

*follows from this proof  
(by vacuous  $\Rightarrow$ )*

Basis:  $P(0)$

*2. works only if we add a  
separate basis of  $P(0)$*

+ Basis:  $P(0)$

*3. also works w/ added basis.*

## A mystery recurrence

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def f(n):  
    if n <= 1:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return
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>>> 7 // 3  
3

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \leq 1 \\ [f(n // 2)]^2 + 2f(n // 2) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

*Note:* In homage to Python, we'll use the notation  $a // b$  to denote integer division:

$$a // b = q \iff \exists r \in \mathbb{N}, a = qb + r \wedge r < b$$

It can also be defined in terms of the floor function as  $a // b = \lfloor a/b \rfloor$ .

**Conjecture:**  $f(n)$  is a multiple of 3, for  $n > 1$

n	f(n)
0	1
1	1
2	3
3	3
4	$3^2 + 2 \times 3 = 15$
5	

For all  $n > 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is a multiple of 3?  $f(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & n \leq 1 \\ f(n/2)^2 + 2f(n/2) \end{cases}$

Use the complete induction outline

$f(n): \exists k \in \mathbb{N}, f(n) = 3k$

Let  $n \neq 1, n > 1$

Assume  $P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1)$

Case 1:  $n \geq 4$

$$f(n) = f(n/2)^2 + 2f(n/2)$$

$$= (3k)^2 + 2(3k) \quad \#IH, \text{ by } 1 < n/2 < n$$

$$= 3(3k^2 + 2k)$$

so  $P(n)$

Case:  $n < 4$

$$f(2) = f(3) = 3, \text{ so } P(n)$$

So  $P(n)$  holds in all cases

$$\begin{array}{l} n \geq 4 \\ n = 4 + k \\ (4+k)/2 \\ \vdots \\ 1 + k/2 \\ g(n) = n/2 \\ g(4) = 2 \end{array}$$



## Zero pair free binary strings

$$S = "" \quad \text{len}(S)$$

Denote by  $Z(n)$  the number of binary strings of length  $n$  that contain no pairs of adjacent zeros. What is  $Z(n)$  for the first few natural numbers  $n$ ?

$n$	Strings	$Z(n)$
0	"	1
1	1 0	2
2	01 10 11	3
3	010 011 101 110 111	5

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$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & n=0 \\ 2, & n=1 \\ f(n-1) + f(n-2), & n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$f(n) = Z(n)$$

What is  $Z(n)$ ?

Use the complete induction outline

$$P(n): f(n) = Z(n)$$

# What is $Z(n)$ ?

Use the complete induction outline

## Does binary exist?

Prove that every natural number can be written as the sum of distinct powers of 2.

$P(n)$ : There exists a set of exponents  $E \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n = \sum_{e \in E} 2^e$$