

Ex. (again)

$$\forall n \geq 1 : \boxed{\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \leftarrow P(n)$$

Proof.

I. $P(1)$ is true ... same as before.

II b. $\forall n > 1 : P(n-1) \Rightarrow P(n)$

Let $n > 1$ be arbitrary. Assume

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k = \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \quad (\text{incl. hyp.})$$

must show

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad (\text{incl. concl.})$$

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$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \right) + n$$

$$= \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right) + n \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{by the} \\ \text{ind. hyp.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \frac{n^2 - n + 2n}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n^2 + n}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} .$$

Result follows by P.M.I. 

Exercise

re-do all previous examples in form

II b.

Another variation is strong induction, or 2nd P.M.I. By contrast IIa, IIb are called weak induction or 1st P.M.I.

Strong Induction

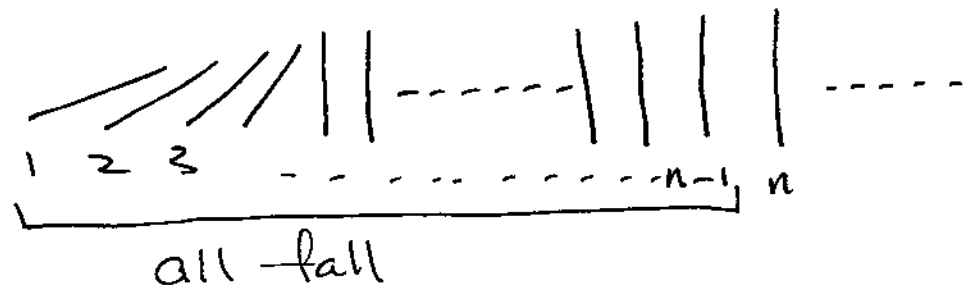
I. show $P(1)$

$$\text{II c. } \forall n \geq 1 : \underbrace{(P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n))}_{\text{ind. hypothesis}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{P(n+1)}_{\text{ind. concl.}}$$

or

$$\text{II d. } \forall n > 1 : \underbrace{(P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1))}_{\text{ind. hyp.}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{P(n)}_{\text{ind. concl.}}$$

Domino analogy:



Theorem

Every positive integer can be expressed as the product of (zero or more) primes.

Rmk.

This is half of F.T.A., i.e. existence of Prime-factorization.

Proof.

we show

$$\forall n \geq 1 : \boxed{n \text{ is a product of primes}}$$

$\nearrow P(n)$
 $\swarrow$

I. $P(1)$ is true since 1 is the empty product of primes.

$$\text{II d. } \forall n \geq 1: (P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1)) \Rightarrow P(n)$$

Let $n \geq 1$ be arbitrary. Assume for all k in range $1 \leq k < n$ that k can be expressed as a product of Primes.

we must show that n is a product of Primes.

Case 1: n is Prime

In this case, n is a product of one Prime, itself

Case 2 n is composite.

In this case $n = ab$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $1 < a < n$, $1 < b < n$.

By the induction hypothesis both a and b are products of Primes.

i.e.

$$a = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k$$

$$b = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_l$$

where p_i, q_j are primes ($1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq l$).

Thus

$$n = ab = (p_1 \cdots p_k)(q_1 \cdots q_l)$$

is also a product of primes.

Result follows for all $n \geq 1$ by the 2nd PMI. 

Lemma 1 (ch. 7 #30)

Let $a, b, p \in \mathbb{Z}$. Suppose p is prime.

If $p|ab$ then $p|a$ or $p|b$

Lemma 2

Let $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and let p be a prime. If $p \mid (a_1 a_2 \dots a_k)$, then $p \mid a_i$ for some $1 \leq i \leq k$.

Exercise Prove this.

Theorem

The prime factorization of every $n \geq 1$ is unique, i.e. if

$$p_1 p_2 \dots p_k = n = q_1 q_2 \dots q_l$$

where $p_1 \leq p_2 \leq \dots \leq p_k$, $q_1 \leq q_2 \leq \dots \leq q_l$ are prime numbers, then $k = l$ and $p_i = q_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$).

Remark. This is uniqueness in F.T.A.

Proof

Let $P(n)$ be the statement: "the prime factorization of n is unique".

I. $P(1)$ is true since there is only one empty product.

II. $\forall n \geq 1 : (P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1)) \Rightarrow P(n)$.

Let $n \geq 1$ be arbitrary. Assume the prime factorization of any positive integer less than n is unique. we must show the factorization of n into primes is unique.

Suppose

$$* \quad p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k = n = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_l$$

are 2 factorizations of n into primes, with $p_1 \leq \cdots \leq p_k$ and $q_1 \leq \cdots \leq q_l$.

Then $n = (p_1 p_2 \cdots p_{k-1}) p_k$, so $p_k \mid n$.

Hence $p_k \mid q_1 q_2 \cdots q_l$. By lemma 2,

$p_k \mid q_i$ for some $1 \leq i \leq l$. By re-

indexing we have $p_k \mid q_l$. But

q_l has only $\{1, q_l\}$ as divisors.

Since $p_k \neq 1$, we have $p_k = q_l$.

Cancel $p_k = q_l$ on both sides of (*), and define m by

$$p_1 p_2 \cdots p_{k-1} = m = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_{l-1}.$$

Since $P_k > 1$ we have $m = \frac{n}{P_k} < n$.

By the induction hypothesis, the factorization of m into primes is unique, i.e. $k-1 = l-1$ and

$$P_i = q_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k-1.$$

Since $P_k = q_l$ we have $k = l$ and

$$P_i = q_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

Thus the prime factorization of n is unique.

Result follows for all $n \geq 1$ by 2nd P.M.I.

