

Induction Proofs:

Goal:  $\forall n \geq n_0 : P(n)$

I. Base step

Prove  $P(n_0)$  directly.

IIa. Induction step

Prove:  $\forall n \geq n_0 : \underbrace{P(n)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{induction} \\ \text{hypothesis}}} \rightarrow \underbrace{P(n+1)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{induction} \\ \text{conclusion}}}$ .

Conclusion:

$\forall n \geq n_0 : P(n)$

II b. Prove

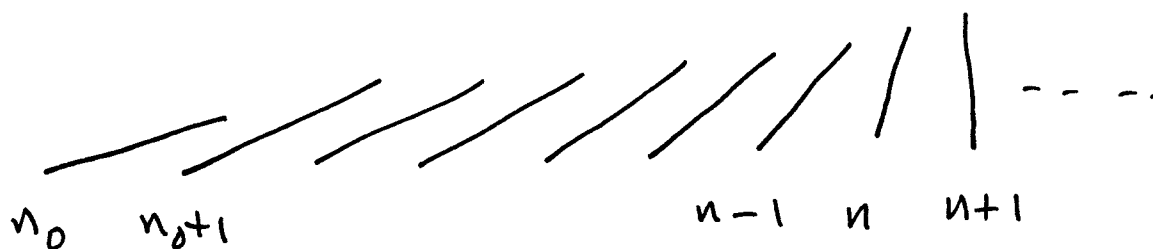
$$\forall n > n_0: \underbrace{P(n-1)}_{\text{ind. hyp.}} \rightarrow \underbrace{P(n)}_{\text{ind. conc.}}$$

II a and II b are known as weak induction on the 1<sup>st</sup> Principle of mathematical induction (1<sup>st</sup> PMI).

II c and II d are known as strong induction or as the 2<sup>nd</sup> PMI.

III c. Prove

$$\forall n \geq n_0 : \underbrace{P(n_0) \wedge P(n_0+1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n)}_{\text{ind. hyp.}} \rightarrow \underbrace{P(n+1)}_{\text{ind. conc.}}$$



III d. Prove

$$\forall n > n_0 : \underbrace{P(n_0) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1)}_{\text{ind. hyp.}} \rightarrow \underbrace{P(n)}_{\text{ind. conc.}}$$

Ex.

$\forall n \geq 1 :$

$$\boxed{\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}}$$

$\nwarrow$   
 $P(n)$

P-ool.

I.  $P(1)$  says

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 i^2 = \frac{1(1+1)(2 \cdot 1 + 1)}{6}, \text{ i.e. } 1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

II a.  $\forall n \geq 1 : P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$

Let  $n \geq 1$  be chosen arbitrarily.

Assume  $P(n)$  is true, i.e. for this  $n$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{explicit} \\ \text{ind.} \\ \text{hyp.} \end{array} \right\}$$

we must show that  $P(n+1)$  is also true, i.e.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^2 = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+3)}{6} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{explicit} \\ \text{ind.} \\ \text{conclusion} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \right) + (n+1)^2$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + (n+1)^2 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{By the} \\ \text{induction} \\ \text{hypothesis} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (n+1) \left( \frac{n(2n+1) + 6(n+1)}{6} \right) \\
&= \frac{(n+1)(2n^2 + n + 6n + 6)}{6} \\
&= \frac{(n+1)(2n^2 + 7n + 6)}{6} \\
&= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+3)}{6}
\end{aligned}$$

By the 1<sup>st</sup> PMI we conclude

$$\forall n \geq 1: \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$



Exercise: re-do this proof  
using form II b.

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Ex. let  $x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 1$ .

$$\forall n \geq 0 \quad \boxed{\sum_{i=0}^n x^i = \frac{x^{n+1} - 1}{x - 1}} \leftarrow P(n)$$

Proof:

$$P(0) \text{ says } \sum_{i=0}^0 x^i = \frac{x^{0+1} - 1}{x - 1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } x^0 = \frac{x - 1}{x - 1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } 1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{III b. } \forall n > 0 : \mathcal{P}(n-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(n)$$

let  $n > 0$  be arbitrary. Assume  
(for this  $n$ ) that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x^i = \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1} \quad (\text{ind. hyp.})$$

we must show that

$$\sum_{i=0}^n x^i = \frac{x^{n+1} - 1}{x - 1} \quad (\text{ind. cone.})$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n x^i &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x^i \right) + x^n \\ &= \left( \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1} \right) + x^n \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{by the} \\ \text{ind. hyp.} \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{x^n - 1 + x^n(x-1)}{x-1}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{x^n} - 1 + x^{n+1} - \cancel{x^n}}{x-1}$$

$$= \frac{x^{n+1} - 1}{x-1}.$$

The result follows by 1<sup>st</sup> PMI.

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Ex. Define  $T(n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=1 \\ T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $\forall n \geq 1: \boxed{T(n) \leq \log_2(n)}$   $\swarrow$   $T(n)$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\log_2(n)$ .

(Hence  $T(n) = O(\log(n))$ .)

Proof.

I.  $P(1)$  says  $T(1) \leq \lg(1)$

i.e.  $0 \leq 0$  ✓

IIId.  $\forall n > 1 : \underbrace{P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1)} \rightarrow P(n)$ .

Let  $n > 1$  be arbitrary. Assume  $P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1)$  is true. i.e. we

assume for all  $k$  in the range  $1 \leq k < n$  that

$$T(k) \leq \lg(k)$$

we must show that

↑  
explicit  
ind. hyp.

$$T(n) \leq \lg(n)$$

← explicit  
ind. concl.

so

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$$T(n) = T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + 1$$

$$\leq \lg(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + 1$$

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by the ind.  
hyp. with  
 $k = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ . works  
since  $1 \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor < n$ .

since  $\lfloor x \rfloor \leq x$ .

$$= \lg(n) - \lg(2) + 1$$

$$= \lg(n)$$

$\therefore T(n) \leq \lg(n)$ , result follows by

2<sup>nd</sup> PMI.

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Exercise define

$$S(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=1 \\ S(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

show  $\forall n \geq 1: S(n) \geq \lg(n)$ .

(hence  $S(n) = \lfloor \lg n \rfloor$ .)

multiple base cases

Base:  $P(1), P(2), \dots, P(n_0)$

Strong ind. step:  $\forall n > n_0: P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1) \rightarrow P(n)$ .

conclusion:  $\forall n \geq 1: P(n)$ .

Ex. define

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq n \leq 2 \\ 4T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Show :  $\forall n \geq 1 : \boxed{T(n) \leq n^2}$  (hence  $T(n) = O(n^2)$ )

$\nwarrow$   
 $T(n)$

Proof:

I. 2 base cases :  $n=1, n=2$ .

$P(1)$  says  $1 \leq 1^2$  true ✓

$P(2)$  says  $1 \leq 2^2$  true ✓

II.  $\forall n > 2 : P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1) \rightarrow P(n)$ .

Let  $n > 2$ . Assume for all  $k$  in the range  $1 \leq k < n$  that

$$T(k) \leq k^2.$$

we must show :  $T(n) \leq n^2$ .

so

$$T(n) = 4T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor\right) + n$$

$$\leq 4 \cdot \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor^2 + n \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{by ind. hyp.} \\ \text{with } k = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor. \\ \text{valid since} \\ 1 \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor < n \end{array} \right.$$

$$\leq 4\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^2 + n \quad \left\{ \text{since } \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x \right.$$

$$= \frac{4}{9}n^2 + n \leq n^2$$



$$n > 2 \Rightarrow \frac{9}{5} \leq n \Rightarrow n \leq \frac{5}{9}n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{9}n^2 + n \leq n^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$\therefore T(n) \leq n^2$ , as required.



hw2 #6 hint

1<sup>st</sup> PMI: for any  $P(n)$

$$[P(1) \wedge (\forall n \geq 1: P(n-1) \rightarrow P(n))] \rightarrow \forall n \geq 1: P(n)$$

2<sup>nd</sup> PMI: for any  $Q(n)$

$$[Q(1) \wedge (\forall n \geq 1: Q(1) \wedge \dots \wedge Q(n-1) \rightarrow Q(n))] \rightarrow \forall n \geq 1: Q(n)$$

Let  $Q(n)$  be any prop.fcn. assume

$$(1) \quad Q(1)$$

$$(2) \quad \forall n \geq 1: Q(1) \wedge \dots \wedge Q(n-1) \rightarrow Q(n)$$

show

$$(3) \quad \forall n \geq 1: Q(n)$$

Define  $P(n)$  by

$$P(n) = \dots \text{some logical exp. involving } Q(\cdot) \dots$$

If you choose  $P(\cdot)$  correctly, then

$$P(1) = Q(1)$$

$$P(2) = ?$$

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$$P(n) = ?$$

also  $\forall n P(n) \Rightarrow \forall n Q(n)$  if  $P$  is correct.