

Comp Sci 212

1. Contradiction
2. Induction

Announcements

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Contradiction P is true

If not P then Q

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Thm. For integers x , x is even iff x^2 is even.Theorem. $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.↳ can't be written as $\frac{m}{n}$ for integers m, n

Proof. Use Contradiction. Assume $\sqrt{2}$ is rational. There are integers m, n such that $\sqrt{2} = \frac{m}{n}$, lowest terms, i.e. at most one of m, n is even.

If $\sqrt{2} = \frac{m}{n}$, then $2n^2 = m^2 \rightarrow m^2$ is even $\rightarrow m$ is even, $m = 2k$ for some integer $k \rightarrow m^2 = 4k^2 \rightarrow n^2 = 2k^2 \rightarrow n^2$ is even $\rightarrow n$ is even. $\square$

Theorem. There exist an infinite number of primes.

↳ only divisible by itself.

Proof. Use Contradiction. Assume there's a finite number of prime numbers.

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The prime numbers are $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$.Consider $p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdot \dots \cdot p_n + 1$;not divisible by $p_1, \dots, p_n$, so must be prime.Proof that all numbers can be written as a product of primes $\rightarrow$ Wednesday.

Thm. P is true.

Proof. Assume P is false.

P is true, which contradicts P being false. Therefore P is true.

Induction

Program p that uses recursion - Prove that p works.

Thm. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (for all non-negative integers n),

$$0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$n=0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{0 \cdot 1}{2} = 0$$

$$n=1 \quad 0+1 \quad \frac{1 \cdot 2}{2} = 1$$

$$n=2 \quad 0+1+2=3 \quad \frac{2 \cdot 3}{2} = 3$$

$$n=3 \quad 0+1+2+3=6 \quad \frac{3 \cdot 4}{2} = 6$$

$$n=4 \quad 0+1+2+3+4=10 \quad \frac{4 \cdot 5}{2} = 10$$

$$n=5 \quad 0+1+2+3+4+5=15 \quad \frac{5 \cdot 6}{2} = 15$$

$$n=6 \quad 0+1+2+3+4+5+6$$

$$\frac{5 \cdot 6}{2} + 6 = \frac{5 \cdot 6 + 2 \cdot 6}{2} = \frac{7 \cdot 6}{2}$$

Idea Use the solution for smaller n , to prove theorem for larger n .

$$P(n) = "0+1+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}"$$

Want to prove $P(n)$ is true $\frac{n}{2}$ for all n .

Induction

Prove $P(0)$ - Base caseProve that for all n , if $P(n)$ then $P(n+1)$ - Inductive step.Then $P(n)$ is true for all n .

$$\text{Thm } 0+1+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Proof. Use Induction.

Base case $n=0$, $0 = \frac{0 \cdot 1}{2}$ Inductive step. Assume $0+1+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} 0+1+\dots+n+(n+1) &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n+1) \\ &= \frac{n(n+1) + 2(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Dominoes

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$$P(0) \rightarrow P(1) \rightarrow P(2) \rightarrow P(3) \rightarrow \dots$$

Thm. If $P(0)$ is true, and $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$ for all non-negative integers n , then $P(n)$ is true for all n . (Induction works).

Proof. Assume there exists n , such that $P(n)$ is false.Let n be the smallest such non-negative integer. (arbitrary) $n \neq 0$, because $P(0)$ is true. $P(n-1)$ is true, this implies $P(n)$ is true. $\square$ Thm. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, r a real number,

$$1+r+r^2+\dots+r^n = \frac{r^{n+1}-1}{r-1}$$

Proof. Use Induction.

$$\text{Base Case - } n=0 \quad 1 = \frac{r^1-1}{r-1}$$

$$\text{Inductive step - Assume } 1+r+\dots+r^n = \frac{r^{n+1}-1}{r-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1+r+\dots+r^n+r^{n+1} &= \frac{r^{n+1}-1}{r-1} + r^{n+1} \\ &= \frac{r^{n+1}-1 + r^{n+2}-r^{n+1}}{r-1} \\ &= \frac{r^{n+2}-1}{r-1} \end{aligned} \quad \square$$