

Comp Sci 212

1 Strong Induction

2 Invariants

Announcements

- HW1 out on Crowdmark
- TA/Office hours start this week
- Discussion - HW1-like problems
- Reading for 4/9
- Update to April 5 notes

Strong Induction

- Prove $P(0)$ - Base case
- Prove $P(0), \dots, P(k)$ imply $P(k+1)$ - Inductive step

McDonalds sells chicken menugges in packs of 3 and 7. For what n can you buy exactly n chicken menugges?

Then for every integer n $n \geq 12$, you can buy exactly n chicken menugges.

$n=12$ - 3, 3, 3 $n=15$ - 3, 3, 3, 3
 $n=13$ - 3, 3, 7 $n=16$ - 3, 3, 3, 7
 $n=14$ - 7, 7 $n=17$ - 3, 7, 7

Proof. Use strong induction.

Base case, $n=12$ can do 3, 3, 3

$n=13$ 3, 3, 7 starting from 12
 $n=14$ 7, 7

Inductive step - Assume you can buy any amount of chicken menugges up to k including $n-1$. To buy n chicken menugges, buy $n-3$, and a pack of 3. Because $n \geq 15$, $n-3$ chicken menugges is covered in base case.

Invariant - property that stays the same over time

Setting - bishop on grid starting at $(1,1)$
 can only move diagonally.
 Can the bishop get to $(1,2)$



Then, let (x_t, y_t) be position at time t .

Then $x_t + y_t$ is always even.

$(1,1) \rightarrow (0,2) \xrightarrow{\text{invariant}} (1,3) \rightarrow (2,4) \rightarrow (3,3)$
 2 2 4 6 6

Proof. Use induction.

Base case - $x_1=1, y_1=1, x_1+y_1=2$ even.

Inductive step - Assume x_t+y_t is even.

Use cases. Then,

Case 1 - $x_{t+1}=x_t+1, y_{t+1}=y_t+1, x_{t+1}+y_{t+1}=x_t+y_t+2$ also even

Case 2 - $x_{t+1}=x_t+1, y_{t+1}=y_t-1, x_{t+1}+y_{t+1}=x_t+y_t$ also even

Case 3 - $x_{t+1}=x_t-1, y_{t+1}=y_t+1, x_{t+1}+y_{t+1}=x_t+y_t$ also even

Case 4 - $x_{t+1}=x_t-1, y_{t+1}=y_t-1, x_{t+1}+y_{t+1}=x_t+y_t-2$ also even

Corollary - $(1,2)$ can not be reached.

Proof - $1+2=3$ is odd.

General Strategy - Find a property

$P(t)$ is true if the property holds at time t .

Show $P(t)$ is true for all t using induction.

Number slider puzzle

No

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	

Figure 1

Is it possible

1	2	3
4	5	6
8	7	

Figure 2

Invariant -

Write the list of numbers

$(2, 1, 4, 5, 8, 6, 3, 7) \rightarrow (2, 1, 4, 5, 8, 6, 3, 7)$

$n_f = \#$ of pairs that are out of order.

Then let n_t be defined as before. Then n_t is even. (if it's reachable from starting)

Proof. Use induction. In base case $t=0$, everything is in order so $n_0=0$.

(Sketch)

Row move - move within a row $\rightarrow$ keeps the order same.

Column move - move within a column

$\rightarrow$ move up

move down

$\rightarrow a, b, c \leftarrow$

$\rightarrow b, c, a \leftarrow$

$\rightarrow c, a, b \leftarrow$

$\rightarrow$ exactly 1 out of order

$\rightarrow$ exactly 1 at order

change 2, 0, -2

In computer science loops

array/list A (Insertion sort)
 for i from 1 to A.length
 do something
 end

Invariant - proof that your loop works

after time i , subarray from 1 to i

has a property $\rightarrow$ sorted

after loop runs, entire array has property.

Corollary - Figure 2 can not be reached from Figure 1.

Proof. Figure 2 has 1 pair out of order.

$b < a$

General n column move

affect $n-1$ pairs

n odd works

$n=4$ 1, 3, 2, -1, -3

$n=6$ 5, 3, 1, -1, -3, -5