

Induction

Q: What kind of statements can be proved by induction?

A: Universal statements about the natural numbers.

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

Ex: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, (n+2)^2 = n^2 + 4n + 4$ (Algebra)

Two big ideas:

1. How does induction work?
2. What are the details/steps?

Example: Question - which natural numbers does Prof. Reitz love?

Notation: $P(n)$: "Prof. Reitz loves the number n "

We will accept these facts for now without proof.

Two facts to use, to answer the question

F1. Prof. Reitz loves the number 1. $P(1)$

F2. If Prof. Reitz loves a natural number k then he also loves $k+1$. $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

$P(n+1)$: "Prof. Reitz loves $n+1$ "

| | ANSWER | REASON |
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| Do I love 1? | Y | Fact 1 |
| Do I love 2? | I love 1 I love $1+1=2$ | Fact 1 fact 2 applied to 1 |

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| Do I love 3? | I love 1 I love $1+1=2$ I love $2+1=3$ | F1 F2 (to 1) F2 (to 2) |
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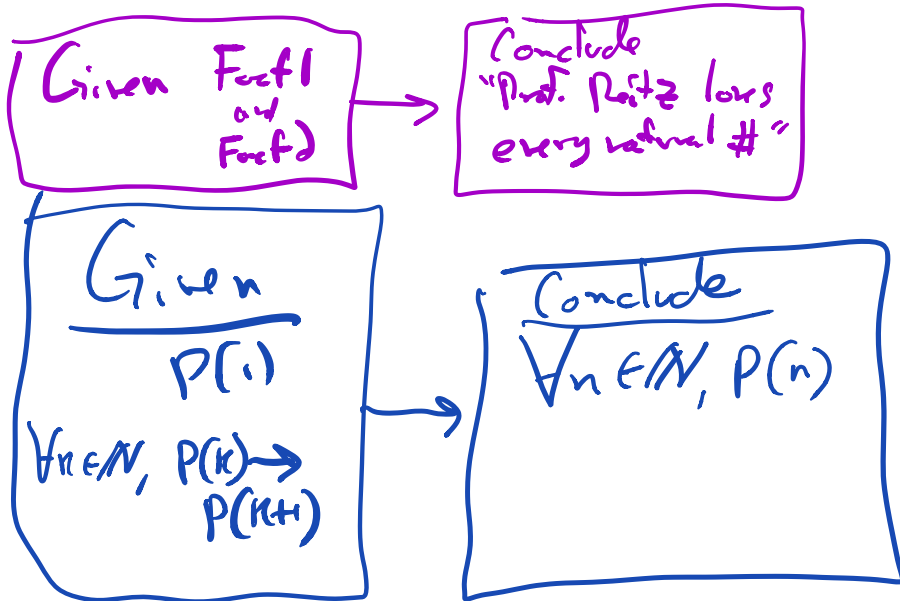
Do I love 10? I love 1 F1
 I love 1+1=2 F2 (to 1)
 I love 2+1=3 F2 (to 2)
 I love 3+1=4 F2 (to 3)
 I love 4+1=5 F2 (to 4)
 ...
 I love 8+1=9 F2 (to 8)
 I love 9+1=10 F2 (to 9)

Do I love 127? Yes we \uparrow F1, F2
 once, \uparrow a lot of
 times

In fact, I love all natural numbers. $\boxed{\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)}$

Observation: Facts 1 and 2 are sufficient to conclude I love all natural numbers.

$\frac{P(\mathbb{N})}{\uparrow}$
 $P(1, 2, 3, \dots)$
 $P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots$
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$



Proof by induction

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

Proof (Induction)

two steps: step 1 - base step / base case

[Prove $P(1)$]

step 2 - inductive step

[Prove $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$]

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

Example

Proposition. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 4 \mid 5^n - 1$

Scratch: $n=1?$

$$4 \mid 5^1 - 1$$

$$4 \mid 4 \checkmark$$

$n=2$

$$4 \mid 5^2 - 1$$

$$4 \mid (25 - 1)$$

$$4 \mid 24 \checkmark \quad 24 = 4 \cdot 6$$

$n=3$

$$4 \mid 5^3 - 1$$

T/F
4/0 Yes

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

$P(n) = 4 \mid 5^n - 1$

$$4 \mid 124 \quad \checkmark$$

Proof (induction)

base step $n=1$, goal: $4 \mid 5^1 - 1$

$P(i)$

$$5^1 - 1 = 5 - 1 = 4,$$

and $4 \mid 4,$

so $4 \mid 5^1 - 1$, thus $P(i)$ holds \square

Inductive step

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, (4 \mid 5^n - 1) \rightarrow (4 \mid 5^{n+1} - 1)$
Suppose $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $4 \mid 5^n - 1$
⋮
Thus $4 \mid 5^{n+1} - 1$

Suppose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $4 \mid 5^n - 1$

so $5^n - 1 = 4a$, $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ by defn of divisibility.

multiplying by 5 on both sides

$$5(5^n - 1) = 5 \cdot 4a$$

$$5^{n+1} - 5 = 20a$$

$+4 \qquad +4$

$$5^{n+1} - 1 = 20a + 4 = 4(5a + 1)$$

let $b = 5a + 1$, $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ by closure.
 $n+1$

$$5^n - 1 = 4 \cdot b, \text{ where } b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus $4 \mid 5^{n+1} - 1$ by defn of divides.

□ (inductive step)

Thus by induction,

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 4 \mid 5^n - 1$$

□

Example ① state what is $P(n)$.
② what is $P(1)$

till in blank:

(3)

induction step Suppose _____

Thus _____ (a)

Proposition If n is any natural number, then $5 \mid (n^5 - n)$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 5 \mid (n^5 - n)$$

$$P(n): 5 \mid n^5 - n$$

$$P(1): 5 \mid 1^5 - 1$$

Inductive step

Suppose $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $5 \mid k^5 - k$

$$k^5 - k = 5a \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$(k+1)^5 - (k+1) = 5b, \quad b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus $5 \mid (k+1)^5 - (k+1)$

$$(k+1)^5 - (k+1) =$$

$$(k+1)^5 - k - 1 =$$

$$(k+1)(k+1)(k+1)(k+1)(k+1) - k - 1 =$$

$$1 \cdot k^5 + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k + 1 - k - 1$$

$$\binom{5}{5} \quad \binom{5}{4} \quad \binom{5}{3} \quad \binom{5}{2} \quad \binom{5}{1} \quad \binom{5}{0}$$

$$\binom{5}{3} = 5C_3 = \frac{5!}{(5-3)! \cdot 3!}$$

$$= \frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{2! 3!} = \frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 10$$

$$\boxed{k^5 + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 4k}$$

$$+ 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 4k$$

$$k^5 - k = 5a \quad *$$

$$+ 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k \quad \left\{ + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k \right.$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^5 - (k+1)}{(k+1)^5 - (k+1)} = \frac{k^5 + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 4k}{(k+1)^5 - (k+1)} = 5a + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k$$

$$= 5 \underbrace{(a + k^4 + 2k^3 + 2k^2 + k)}_{b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ by closure}}$$

$$(k+1)^5 - (k+1) = 5b, \quad b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus $5 \mid (k+1)^5 - (k+1)$