



# CS275 Discrete Mathematics

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## Section 5.2

# Strong Induction and Well-Ordering



	<b>Mathematical Induction</b>	<b>Strong Induction</b>
<b>Basis Step</b>	We verify $P(1)$ is true	We verify $P(1)$ is true
<b>Inductive Step</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For all positive integers <math>k</math>, we assume <math>P(k)</math> is true</li><li>• Show <math>P(k + 1)</math> is true</li></ul>	We show that the conditional statement <b><math>[P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)] \rightarrow P(k+1)</math></b> is true for all positive integers $k$ .

## A modified version of Strong Induction

Let  $b$  be a fixed integer and let  $j$  be a fixed positive integer. To prove  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq b$ , we complete the following two steps:

- Basis step:
  - Verify that the propositions  $P(b), P(b+1), P(b+2), \dots, P(b+j)$  are true
- Inductive step:
  - Show that the conditional statement  $[P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)] \rightarrow P(k+1)$  is true for every integer  $k \geq b+j$ .

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that a postage of  $n$  cents can be formed using just 3-cent stamps and 5-cent stamps. Proof that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n \geq 8$ .

a) Show that the statements  $P(8)$ ,  $P(9)$ , and  $P(10)$  are true

a)  $P(8)$  is true because  $3\text{¢} + 5\text{¢} = 8\text{¢}$

b)  $P(9)$  is true because  $3\text{¢} + 3\text{¢} + 3\text{¢} = 9\text{¢}$

c)  $P(10)$  is true because  $5\text{¢} + 5\text{¢} = 10\text{¢}$

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b) What is the inductive hypothesis of the proof?

- The statement that using just 3¢ and 5¢ stamps we can form  $j$ ¢ postage for all  $j$  with  $8 \leq j \leq k$

c) What do you need to prove in the inductive step?

- Assume the inductive hypothesis, we can form  $(k+1)$ ¢ postage using just 3¢ and 5¢ stamps.

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d) Complete the inductive step for  $k \geq 10$

- Because  $k \geq 10$ , we know that  $P(k-2)$  is true
- We can form  $(k-2)\text{¢}$  of postage with 3¢ and 5¢ stamps
- $(k+1)\text{¢}$  of postage is  $(k-2)\text{¢} + 3\text{¢}$
- Since,  $[P(8) \wedge P(9) \wedge P(10) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)] \rightarrow P(k+1)$  is true, the statement is true.

a) Determine which amounts of postage can be formed using just 4¢ and 11¢ stamps

b) Prove your answer using mathematical induction. Be sure to state explicitly your inductive hypothesis in the inductive step.

c) Prove your answer using strong induction.





a) Determine which amounts of postage can be formed using just 4¢ and 11¢ stamps.

- 4, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, and all values greater than or equal to 30.

b) Prove your answer using *mathematical induction*.  
Be sure to state explicitly your inductive hypothesis in the inductive step

- Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that "we can form  $n\text{¢}$  of postage using just  $4\text{¢}$  and  $11\text{¢}$  stamps. We want to prove that  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 30$ .
- **Basic step:**
  - $P(30) = 11+11+4+4$       **True**
- **Inductive hypothesis:**
  - Assume that we can form  $k\text{¢}$  of postage, we will show how to form  $(k+1)\text{¢}$
- **Inductive step:**
  - If the  $k\text{¢}$ , included an  $11\text{¢}$  stamp, then, replace it by three  $4\text{¢}$  stamps. We can form  $(k+1)\text{¢}$  of postage.
  - Otherwise,  $k\text{¢}$  was formed from just  $4\text{¢}$  stamps. Because  $k \geq 30$ , there must be at least eight  $4\text{¢}$  stamps. Replace the eight  $4\text{¢}$  with three  $11\text{¢}$  stamps. We can form  $(k+1)\text{¢}$  of postage.

## c) Prove your answer using *strong induction*.

- Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that "we can form  $n\text{¢}$  of postage using just  $4\text{¢}$  and  $11\text{¢}$  stamps. We want to prove that  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 30$ .
- **Basic step:**
  - $P(30) = 11+11+4+4$
  - $P(31) = 11+4+4+4+4+4$
  - $P(32) = 4+4+4+4+4+4+4+4$
  - $P(33) = 11+11+11$
- **Inductive hypothesis:**
  - $P(j)$  is true for all  $j$  with  $30 \leq j \leq k$ , where  $k$  is an arbitrary integer greater than or equal to 33

c) Prove your answer using *strong induction*.

- Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that "we can form  $n\text{¢}$  of postage using just  $4\text{¢}$  and  $11\text{¢}$  stamps. We want to prove that  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 30$ .
- **Inductive step:**
  - Because  $k-3 \geq 30$ , we know that  $P(k-3)$  is true.
    - $P(j)$  is true for all  $j$  with  $30 \leq j \leq k$ , where  $k$  is an arbitrary integer greater than or equal to 33
  - We can form  $(k-3)\text{¢}$  of postage with only  $4\text{¢}$  and  $11\text{¢}$  stamps
  - Put one more  $4\text{¢}$  stamp, we can form  $(k+1)\text{¢}$  of postage



Which amounts of money can be formed using just \$2 and \$5 bills? Prove your answer using strong induction.

- We can form any amounts except \$1 and \$3
- Prove
  - Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that we can form  $\$n$  using just \$2 and \$5 bills. We want to prove that  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 5$ 
    - It is clear that we cannot for \$1 and \$3, and it is trivial that we can form \$2 and \$4.



Which amounts of money can be formed using just \$2 and \$5 bills? Prove your answer using strong induction.

- **Base step**

- $P(5) = 5$

- $P(6) = 2+2+2$

- **Inductive hypothesis**

- Assume  $P(j)$  is true for all  $j$  with  $5 \leq j \leq k$ , where  $k$  is an arbitrary integer greater than or equal to 6. We want to show that  $P(k+1)$  is true

- **Inductive step**

- Because  $k-1 \geq 5$ , we know that  $P(k-1)$  is true. We can add a \$2 bill to  $$(k-1)$  to form a  $$(k+1)$  amount.

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## Section 5.3

# Recursive Definitions and Structural Induction



## Recursive function

- Basic step:
  - Specify the value of the function at zero
- Recursive step:
  - Given a rule for finding the value of the function at an integer from its value at smaller integers



Find  $f(1)$ ,  $f(2)$ ,  $f(3)$ , and  $f(4)$  if  $f(n)$  is defined recursively:

$$\mathbf{f(0)=1}$$

$$\mathbf{f(n+1)=3f(n)}$$

- $f(1) = 3f(0) = 3 \cdot 1 = 3$
- $f(2) = 3f(1) = 3 \cdot 3 = 9$
- $f(3) = 3f(2) = 3 \cdot 9 = 27$
- $f(4) = 3f(3) = 3 \cdot 27 = 81$

Find  $f(1)$ ,  $f(2)$ ,  $f(3)$ , and  $f(4)$  if  $f(n)$  is defined recursively:

$$\mathbf{f(0)=1}$$

$$\mathbf{f(n+1)=f(n)^2+f(n)+1}$$

- $f(1) = f(0)^2 + f(0) + 1 = 3$
- $f(2) = f(1)^2 + f(1) + 1 = 3^2 + 3 + 1 = 13$
- $f(3) = f(2)^2 + f(2) + 1 = 13^2 + 13 + 1 = 183$
- $f(4) = f(3)^2 + f(3) + 1 = 183^2 + 183 + 1 = 33,673$

Find  $f(2)$ ,  $f(3)$ ,  $f(4)$ , and  $f(5)$  if  $f(n)$  is defined recursively:

$$f(0) = -1$$

$$f(1) = 2$$

$$f(n+1) = f(n) + 3f(n-1)$$

- $f(2) = f(1) + 3f(0) = 2 - 3 = -1$
- $f(3) = f(2) + 3f(1) = -1 + 3 * 2 = 5$
- $f(4) = f(3) + 3f(2) = 5 - 3 * 1 = 2$
- $f(5) = f(4) + 3f(3) = 2 + 3 * 5 = 17$

Determine whether the proposed definition is a valid recursive definition of a function  $f$  from the set of nonnegative integers to the set of integers.

- $f(0)=0, f(n)=2f(n-2)$  for  $n \geq 1$  **Not Valid**
- $f(0)=1, f(n)=f(n-1)-1$  for  $n \geq 1$  **Valid**

Find the formula of the recursive definition for  $f(n)$  when  $n$  is a nonnegative integer and prove your formula:

**$f(0)=1, f(n)=f(n-1)-1$  for  $n \geq 1$**

- We list a few cases:
  - $f(1) = 0, f(2)=-1, f(3)=-2, f(4)=-3$
  - $f(n) = 1-n$
- Prove:
  - Basic step:  $f(1) = 1-1 = 0$
  - Inductive step:
    - If  $f(k) = 1-k$ , then  $f(k+1) = f(k)-1=1-k-1=1-(k+1)$

Find the formula of the recursive definition for  $f(n)$  when  $n$  is a nonnegative integer and prove your formula:

**$f(0)=2, f(1)=3, f(n)=f(n-1)-1$  for  $n \geq 2$**

- List a few cases:
  - $f(2) = 2, f(3)=1, f(4)=0, f(5)=-1$
  - $f(n) = 4-n$
- Prove:
  - Basic step:  $f(2) = 4-2=2, f(3) = 4-3=1$
  - Inductive step:
    - If  $f(k) = 4-k$ , then  $f(k+1) = f(k)-1=(4-k)-1=4-(k+1)$

Prove that  $f_1 + f_3 + \dots + f_{n-1} = f_{2n}$  when  $n$  is a positive integer

- Let  $P(n)$  be “ $f_1 + f_3 + \dots + f_{n-1} = f_{2n}$ ”
- Basic step:  $P(1) = P(2)$
- Inductive step:
  - Assume  $P(k)$  is true
  - $f_1 + f_3 + \dots + f_{2k-1} + f_{2k+1} = f_{2k} + f_{2k+1} = f_{2k+2} = f_{2(k+1)}$