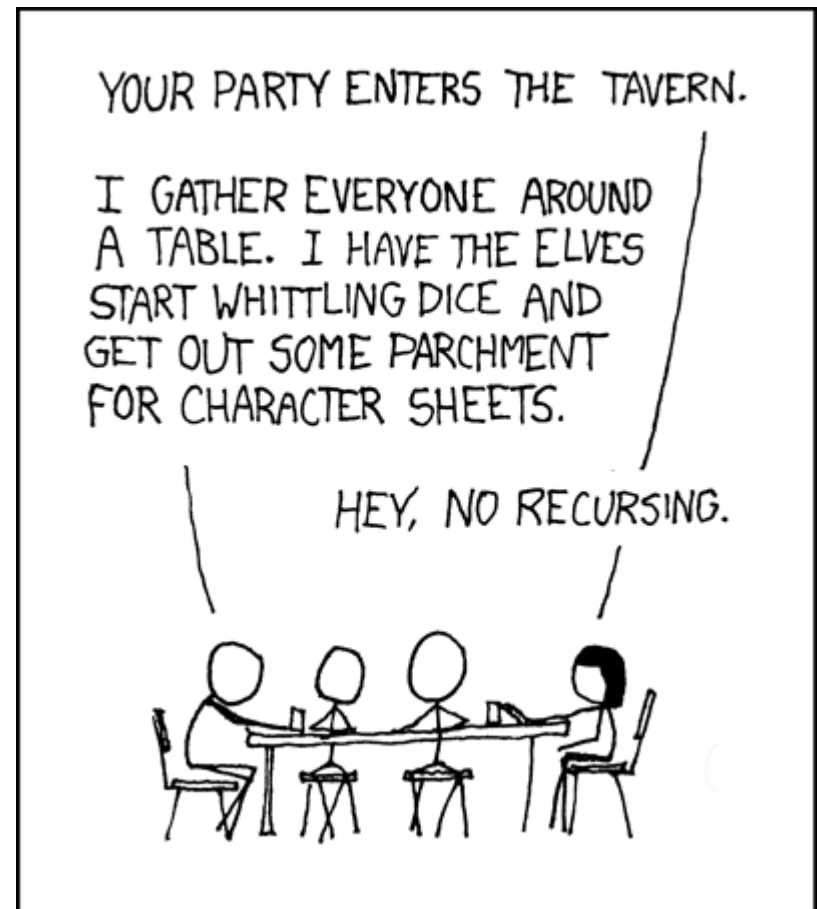


Fall 2015

Lecture 17: Strong induction & Recursive definitions



Midterm review session Sunday @ 1:00 pm (EEB 105)

MIDTERM MONDAY (IN THIS ROOM, USUAL TIME)

No office hours on Monday/Wednesday

Closed book.

One page (front and back) of notes allowed.

Exam includes induction!

Homework #5 is due on Friday, Nov 13th.

review: strong induction

$$P(0)$$

$$\forall k \left((P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(k)) \rightarrow P(k+1) \right)$$

$$\therefore \forall n P(n)$$

Follows from ordinary induction applied to

$$Q(n) = P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(n)$$

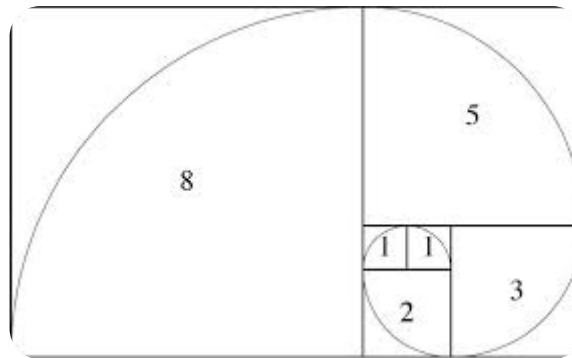
- 1. By induction we will show that $P(n)$ is true for every $n \geq 0$**
- 2. Base Case: Prove $P(0)$**
- 3. Inductive Hypothesis:**
Assume that for some arbitrary integer $k \geq 0$, $P(j)$ is true for every j from 0 to k
- 4. Inductive Step:**
Prove that $P(k + 1)$ is true using the Inductive Hypothesis (that $P(j)$ is true for all values $\leq k$)
- 5. Conclusion: Result follows by induction**

review: Fibonacci numbers

$$f_0 = 0$$

$$f_1 = 1$$

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \text{ for all } n \geq 2$$



review: bounding the Fibonacci numbers

Theorem: $f_n < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 2$.

bounding the Fibonacci numbers

Theorem: $2^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \leq f_n < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 2$

$$f_0 = 0; f_1 = 1; f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \text{ for all } n \geq 2$$

Theorem: $2^{n/2-1} \leq f_n < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 2$

Proof:

1. Let $P(n)$ be " $2^{n/2-1} \leq f_n < 2^n$ ". By (strong) induction we prove $P(n)$ for all $n \geq 2$.
2. **Base Case:** $P(2)$ is true: $f_2=1$, $2^{2/2-1}=2^0=1 \leq f_2$, $2^2=4 > f_2$
3. **Ind.Hyp:** Assume $2^{j/2-1} \leq f_j < 2^j$ for all integers j with $2 \leq j \leq k$ for some arbitrary integer $k \geq 2$.

4. **Ind. Step:** Goal: Show $2^{(k+1)/2-1} \leq f_{k+1} < 2^{k+1}$

Case $k=2$: $P(3)$ is true: $f_3=f_2+f_1=1+1=2$, $2^{3/2-1}=2^{1/2} \leq 2 = f_3$, $2^3=8 > f_3$

Case $k \geq 3$:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{k+1} = f_k + f_{k-1} &\geq 2^{k/2-1} + 2^{(k-1)/2-1} && \text{by I.H. since } k-1 \geq 2 \\ &> 2^{(k-1)/2-1} + 2^{(k-1)/2-1} = 2 \cdot 2^{(k-1)/2-1} = 2^{(k+1)/2-1} \end{aligned}$$

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The divisibility theorem

Theorem: For any positive integers n, d , there are integers q, r such that $n = dq + r$ and $0 \leq r \leq d - 1$.

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Theorem: Suppose that Euclid's algorithm takes n steps for $\gcd(a, b)$ with $a > b$, then $a \geq f_{n+1}$.

Proof:

Set $r_{n+1} = a, r_n = b$ then Euclid's algorithm computes

$$r_{n+1} = q_n r_n + r_{n-1}$$

$$r_n = q_{n-1} r_{n-1} + r_{n-2}$$

\vdots

$$r_3 = q_2 r_2 + r_1$$

$$r_2 = q_1 r_1$$

each quotient $q_i \geq 1$
 $r_1 \geq 1$

Recursive definition

- **Basis step:** $0 \in S$
- **Recursive step:** if $x \in S$, then $x + 2 \in S$
- **Exclusion rule:** Every element in S follows from basis steps and a finite number of recursive steps

recursive definition of sets

Basis: $6 \in S; 15 \in S;$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$, then $x + y \in S;$

Basis: $[1, 1, 0] \in S, [0, 1, 1] \in S;$

Recursive:

if $[x, y, z] \in S, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, then $[\alpha x, \alpha y, \alpha z] \in S$

if $[x_1, y_1, z_1], [x_2, y_2, z_2] \in S$

then $[x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2] \in S$

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recursive definitions of sets: general form

Recursive definition

- *Basis step*: Some specific elements are in S
- *Recursive step*: Given some existing named elements in S some new objects constructed from these named elements are also in S .
- *Exclusion rule*: Every element in S follows from basis steps and a finite number of recursive steps

- An *alphabet* Σ is any finite set of characters.
- The set Σ^* of *strings* over the alphabet Σ is defined by
 - **Basis:** $\varepsilon \in \Sigma^*$ (ε is the empty string)
 - **Recursive:** if $w \in \Sigma^*$, $a \in \Sigma$, then $wa \in \Sigma^*$

Palindromes are strings that are the same backwards and forwards.

Basis:

ε is a palindrome and any $a \in \Sigma$ is a palindrome

Recursive step:

If p is a palindrome then apa is a palindrome for every $a \in \Sigma$.

all binary strings with no 1's before 0's

function definitions on recursively defined sets

Length:

$$\text{len}(\varepsilon) = 0;$$

$$\text{len}(wa) = 1 + \text{len}(w); \text{ for } w \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma$$

Reversal:

$$\varepsilon^R = \varepsilon$$

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$$x \cdot \varepsilon = x \text{ for } x \in \Sigma^*$$

$$x \cdot wa = (x \cdot w)a \text{ for } x, w \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma$$