

# Math 135 - More Induction

Note Title

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## Announcements

- HW is due

- Next HW is over induction

## Induction - Ch 5 (?)

A proof technique that is used to  
prove propositions of the form:  
 $\forall n \geq c, P(n)$

Idea: ① Show  $P(1)$  is true

② Show  $\forall k > 1, P(k-1) \rightarrow P(k)$

[ Since  $P(1)$  is true (by ①),  
 $P(1) \rightarrow P(2)$  (by ②),  
 $P(2) \rightarrow P(3)$  (by ②)  
 $\vdots$

## How to write inductive proofs

3 required parts

Base case : Show  $P(1)$  is true.

Inductive hypothesis : Assume  $P(k-1)$   
is true

Inductive step : Show  $P(k)$  is  
true.

$P(4)$



$P(n)$



Ex:  $\forall n \geq 4, 2^n < n!$

pf: induction on  $n$

Base case:  $n=4$

$$2^4 = 16$$

$$4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$$

$$16 < 24 \quad \checkmark$$

IH: Assume  $2^{n-1} < (n-1)!$

IS:  $2^n = 2 \cdot 2^{n-1}$

$$< 2 \cdot (n-1)! \quad \text{by IH}$$

and since  
know  $n > 2$

$$< n \cdot (n-1)! = n!$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n < n!$$



Geometric series:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a \cdot r^i = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r-1} \quad \leftarrow$$

pf: induction on  $n$

Base case:  $n=0$

$$\sum_{i=0}^0 a \cdot r^i = a \cdot r^0 = a$$

$$\frac{a \cdot r^{0+1} - a}{r-1} = \frac{ar - a}{r-1} = \frac{a(r-1)}{r-1} = a \quad \checkmark$$

Assume:

$$\underline{\text{IH:}} \quad \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a \cdot r^i = \frac{ar^n - a}{r-1}$$

$$\underline{\text{IS:}} \quad \sum_{i=0}^n a \cdot r^i = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a \cdot r^i + a \cdot r^n$$

use IH

$$= \frac{ar^n - a}{r-1} + a \cdot r^n$$

$$= \frac{ar^n - a + a \cdot r^n (r-1)}{r-1} = \frac{ar^n - a + ar^{n+1} - ar^n}{r-1}$$

$$= \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r-1} \quad \square$$

Ex: If  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 3.

Base case:  $n=1$

Consider  $1^3 - 1 = 0$  ✓  
divisible by 3

IH: Assume  $k^3 - k$  is divisible by 3

IS: Consider  $(k+1)^3 - (k+1) =$   
 $(k+1)(k^2 + 2k + 1) - (k+1)$   
 $= k^3 + 2k^2 + k + k^2 + 2k + 1 - (k+1)$

$= k^3 + 3k^2 + 2k$   
 $= \underbrace{k^3 - k}_{\text{IH} \Rightarrow \text{div by 3}} + \underbrace{3k^2 + 3k}_{\text{div by 3}} \Rightarrow \text{Sum is div by 3} \quad \square$