

Math 135 - More induction (Ca 3.3)

### Announcements

- HW 15 out ~~at~~ due next Monday

## Recall: Induction

A proof technique that is used to prove propositions of the form:  
 $A_n, P(n)$

Idea:

- ① Show  $P(1)$  true
- ② Show  $A_{k+1}, P(k-1) \rightarrow P(k)$

Since  $P(1)$  is true (by ①):

$$\begin{array}{l} P(1) \rightarrow P(2) \quad (\text{by } \textcircled{2}) \\ P(2) \rightarrow P(3) \quad (\text{by } \textcircled{2}) \\ P(3) \rightarrow P(4) \quad (\text{by } \textcircled{2}) \end{array}$$

How to write 'inductive proofs'

3 required parts

Base Case  $P(1)$

Inductive Hypothesis  
Assume  $P(k-1)$  is true

Inductive Step

Use  $P(k-1)$  to show  $P(k)$

$$5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = \underline{120}$$

$$\underline{\text{Thm}}: \text{For } n \geq 4, \quad 2^n < n! = n \cdot \underbrace{(n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots 2 \cdot 1}_{(n-1)!}$$

Proof: by induction on  $n$ :

$$\underline{\text{Base Case}}: n=4: \quad 2^4 = 16$$

$$4! = 24$$

$$16 < 24 \quad (\text{so } P(4) \text{ is true})$$

$$\underline{\text{Ind. Hyp}}: \text{Assume } 2^{n-1} < (n-1)! \quad (\text{for } n-1 \geq 4)$$

$$\underline{\text{Ind. Step}}: \quad 2^n = 2 \cdot 2^{n-1} \leq 2 \cdot (n-1)! \quad \leftarrow \text{by IH}$$

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

$$n!$$

QED

Suppose  $n$  friends have a water balloon fight. Each moves to a location (so that all distances between friends are distinct). Next, each throws their balloon at the closest target.

Claim: If  $n$  is odd, then at least one person stays dry.

proof: by induction on  $n = \#$  of people

Base case:  $n=1$ : He stays dry.

$n=3$ :  2 closest must throw at each other, so 3rd survives.

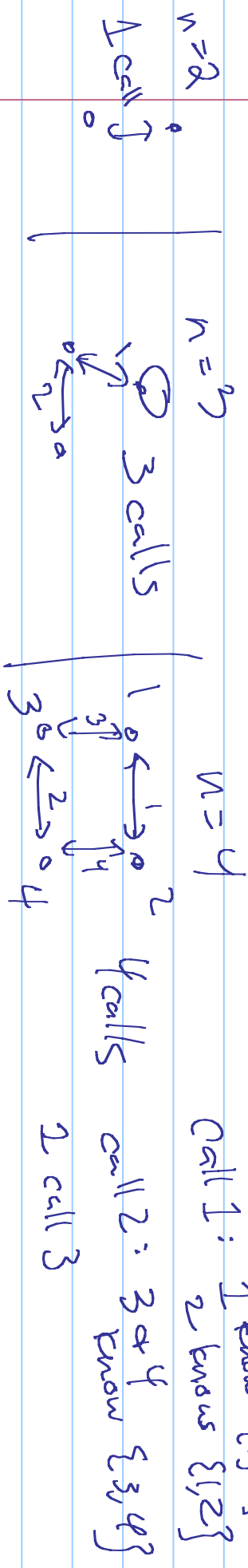
IH: Assume true for smaller odd #s.  
If  $n-2$  people have a water balloon  
→ fight, 1 stays dry.  
(next smallest odd #)

IS: Suppose we have  $n$  people, &  $n$  is odd.  
Consider the 2 people realizing smallest  
distance. They throw at each other.  
Remove them,  
Now have  $n-2$  people, so by IH know  
someone stays dry → call him Bob.  
Re-add our 2 nearest neighbors.  
Bob is still dry, since nearest neighbors  
didn't throw at him  
→ 1 person stays dry.  $\square$

# The Gossip Problems

- There are  $n$  people, each of whom knows one secret.
- Every time 2 people call each other, they tell each other all the secrets they know.

How many phone calls are needed for every one to know all of the secrets?



Claim: If  $n \geq 4$ , then  $2^{n-4}$  suffice.

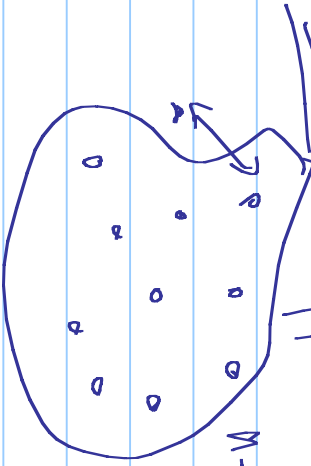
Pf:

Base case:  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$

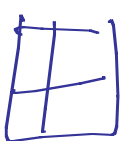
have  $P_1$  call  $P_2$ , then  $P_3$  call  $P_4$   
then  $P_1$  call  $P_3$ , then  $P_2$  call  $P_4$   
4 calls, at  $2 \cdot 4 - 4 = 4$  ✓

IH: For  $n-1$  people,  $2^{\underline{(n-1)-4}}$  calls suffice.

IS: Suppose we have  $n$  people.

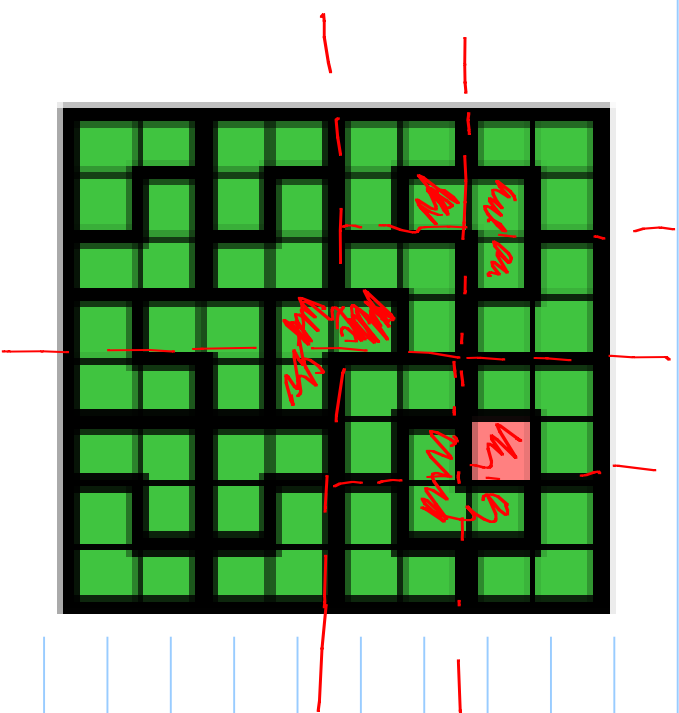
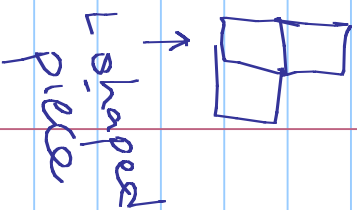
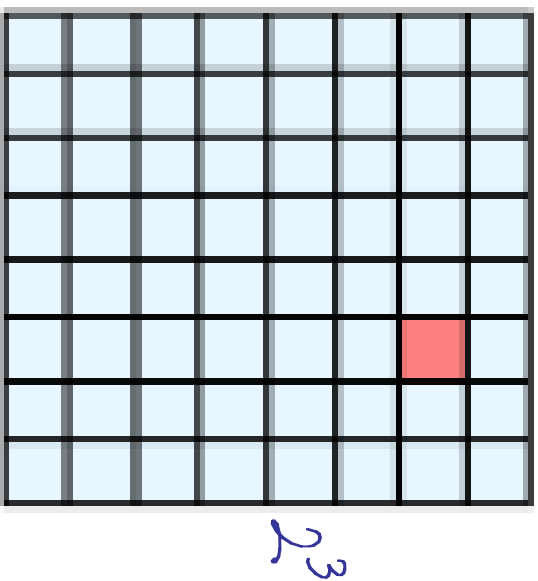
  
have person  $n$  call person  $n-1$ .  
Now apply IH, & have people  $1 \dots n-1$   
Share all secrets in  $2^{n-6}$  calls.  
Then have person  $n-1$  call person  
 $n$  back. total:  $2^{n-4}$  calls ✓





Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Show that any  $2^n \times 2^n$  chess board with one square removed can be tiled with L shaped pieces.

pieces.  $2^3$



Use induction on  $n$ .

Base case:  $n=1$

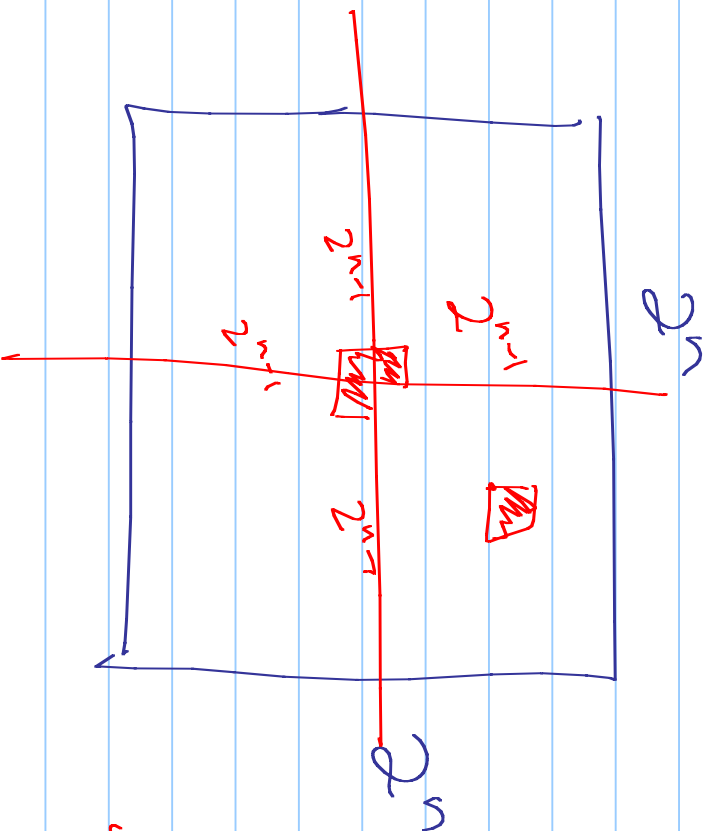


$2^1 \times 2^1$  board

Remove any 1 box,  $\rightarrow$  L covers the rest.

IH: Assume we can tile any  $2^{n-1} \times 2^{n-1}$  chessboard with 1 tile removed using L-shaped pieces.

IS: Consider  $2^n \times 2^n$  board w/ 1 square removed.



Put L tile over 3  
quadrants with no  
tiles already removed.

Now have 4  $2^{n-1} \times 2^{n-1}$   
squares with 1 tile  
in each removed.  
By IH, can tile each  
with L-shaped tiles.

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