

Section 21 Induction

• Theorem 21.2; (Principle of Mathematical Induction) (109)

Let A be a set of natural numbers.

If

1.) $0 \in A$,

2.) $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k \in A \Rightarrow k+1 \in A$

then

$$A = \mathbb{N},$$

Pf.: (see the book for the proof.)

Proof Templates

To prove every natural number has some property.

1.) Let A be the set of natural numbers having the desired property.

2.) Prove that $0 \in A$. (basis step)

3.) Prove the statement

If $k \in A$ then $k+1 \in A$.

• The hypothesis that $k \in A$ is called the inductive hypothesis,

• The proof that $k \in A \Rightarrow k+1 \in A$ is ~~the~~ called the inductive step.

4.) Use Thm 21.2 to conclude that $A = \mathbb{N}$.

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• Proposition 21.3: Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$\sum_{k=0}^n k^2 = \frac{(2n+1)(n+1)n}{6},$$

• Proof: We will proceed by induction on n .

Basis step: When $n=0$, we have

$$L.H.S. =$$

$$R.H.S. =$$

Thus the result holds for $n=0$.

Inductive hypothesis: (P true for $n=k$)

$$\sum_{l=0}^k l^2 = \frac{(2k+1)(k+1)k}{6}$$

Inductive Step: (Use the above equation to show the theorem holds when $n=k+1$.)

Prop 21.4; Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^k = 2^n - 1.$$

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Prop 21.5: Let $n \geq 1$. Then

$$1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + \dots + n \cdot n! = (n+1)! - 1,$$

Prop 21.7:

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, Then

$$3 \mid (4^n - 1).$$

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Strong Induction:

Let A be a set, Suppose that we know the following 2 statements are true.

$$1.) N \in A$$

$$2.) \{N, N+1, N+2, \dots, k\} \subseteq A \Rightarrow k+1 \in A.$$

$$\text{Then } A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \geq N\}$$

(Special case: $(N=0)$):

$$1.) 0 \in A$$

$$2.) \{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\} \subseteq A \Rightarrow k+1 \in A.$$

$$\text{Then } A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \geq 1\} = \mathbb{N}.$$

Proof Template:

To prove the statement: "For all integers $x \geq N$, x satisfies P ."

1. $\Rightarrow$ Check that $x = N$ satisfies P .] Base case.

2. $\Rightarrow$ Suppose that $N, N+1, \dots, k$ all satisfy P .] $\rightarrow$ Induction Hypothesis

3. $\Rightarrow$ Under this assumption, show that $k+1$ also satisfies P .] $\rightarrow$ Inductive step.

4. $\Rightarrow$ ~~Letting~~ Letting $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \text{ satisfies } P\}$
Then we have verified that

A. $\Rightarrow N \in A$ (1. above)

B. $\Rightarrow \{N, N+1, \dots, k\} \subseteq A \Rightarrow k+1 \in A$
(steps 2. & 3. above)

Thus it follows by induction that

$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \geq N\}$$

That is, we have proved that
if $x \geq N$ is an integer, then
 x satisfies P .

Prop 21.10:

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If a polygon with 4 or more sides is triangulated then at least two of the triangles formed are exterior,

Prop. 21.11: Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n-j}{j} = F_n .$$