

3.1 Continuous Mathematical induction

A generalization of the standard Math. Induction:

Thm: Let $p(n)$ be a statement for $n \geq n_0$
for some given $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$.

If

(i) $p(n_0)$ is true, and

(ii) $\forall k \geq n_0$. ($p(k) \Rightarrow p(k+1)$),

then $p(n)$ is true for $n \geq n_0$.

Proof: Let $q(l)$ be a statement for $l \geq 1$
defined by

$$q(l) = p(n_0 - 1 + l)$$

$$q(1) = p(n_0) \text{ true.}$$

$$\forall l \geq 1 \quad (q(l) \Rightarrow q(l+1))$$

By Thm of induction, $q(l)$ is ^{true} $\forall l \geq 1$.

(the standard) $p(n)$ is true $\forall n \geq n_0$.

Exc 3.1.4

Prove $p(n) : 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{1}{4} n^2 (n+1)^2 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

To prove by using Math. Induction by using $\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}$ below.

$\textcircled{1}$ $p(1) : 1^3 = \frac{1}{4} 1^2 \cdot (1+1)^2 = 1. \checkmark$ True.

Assume $p(k)$ to prove $p(k+1)$.

$p(k) : 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 = \frac{1}{4} k^2 (k+1)^2$ assumed
Induction Hypothesis.

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 = \frac{1}{4} k^2 (k+1)^2$$

$$1 + 2^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \frac{1}{4} k^2 (k+1)^2 + (k+1)^3$$

$$= (k+1)^2 \left[\frac{1}{4} k^2 + k+1 \right]$$

$$= (k+1)^2 \frac{1}{4} \left[\underbrace{k^2 + 4k + 4}_{(k+2)^2} \right]$$

$$= (k+1)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} (k+2)^2$$

$$1 + 2^3 + \dots + (k+1)^3 = \frac{1}{4} (k+1)^2 (k+2)^2$$

This is $p(k+1)$

Done.

$\textcircled{2}$ We proved $\forall k (p(k) \Rightarrow p(k+1))$.

3.1.7 Prove by induction

$$p(n): 1+r+r^2+\dots+r^n = \frac{1-r^{n+1}}{1-r} \quad \forall n, \quad r \neq 1.$$

Proof by induction

$$p(1) \quad 1+r \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1-r^2}{1-r} = \frac{(1-r)(1+r)}{1-r} = 1+r \quad \text{when } r \neq 1.$$

$p(1)$ is true.

To prove $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} (p(k) \Rightarrow p(k+1))$

Assume Induction Hypothesis

$$1+r+\dots+r^k = \frac{1-r^{k+1}}{1-r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1+r+\dots+r^k+r^{k+1} &= \frac{1-r^{k+1}}{1-r} + r^{k+1} \\ &= \frac{(1-r^{k+1}) + (1-r)r^{k+1}}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{1-\cancel{r^{k+1}} + r^{k+1} - r^{k+2}}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{1-r^{k+2}}{1-r} \end{aligned}$$

We obtained $p(k+1): 1+r+\dots+r^{k+1} = \frac{1-r^{k+2}}{1-r}$.

By Thm of induction $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \forall r \neq 1, p(n)$ is true.

Ex. c.

3.1.23(b) $p(n): n^2 \leq 2^n$

$\forall n \geq ?$

$n=1 \quad 1^2 \leq 2^1 \quad \checkmark$

$n=2 \quad 2^2 \leq 2^2 \quad \checkmark$

$n=3 \quad 9 = 3^2 \not\leq 2^3 = 8 \quad p(3) \text{ is false.}$

$n=4 \quad 4^2 \leq 2^4 \quad \checkmark$

Claim: $\forall n \geq 4 \quad n^2 \leq 2^n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad p(n).$

This is NO PROOF

Try / Scrapwork:

Will assume

Want

$k^2 \leq 2^k$

$(k+1)^2 \leq 2^{k+1}$

Want

$2^{k+1} = 2 \cdot 2^k \geq 2k^2 \geq (k+1)^2$

Can I get this?

Is it true?

? $2k^2 \geq k^2 + 2k + 1$

? $k^2 - 2k - 1 \geq 0$

? $(k-1)^2 - 2 \geq 0$

? $(k-1)^2 \geq 2 \quad \text{True if } k \geq 4.$



good but not a proof

Now we write the actual proof, and lose this page.

Ex. 3.1.23 (b)

Actual proof:Let $p(n): n^2 \leq 2^n$ $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ $n \geq 4$. $p(4)$ $16 = 4^2 \leq 2^4 = 16$ is true.To prove $\forall k \geq 4$ ($p(k) \Rightarrow p(k+1)$).

Assume induction hypothesis.

$$k^2 \leq 2^k, \text{ and}$$

$$k \geq 4$$

$$k-1 \geq 3$$

$$(k-1)^2 \geq 9 \geq 2.$$

$$(k-1)^2 - 2 \geq 0$$

$$k^2 - 2k + 1 - 2 \geq 0$$

$$k^2 - 2k - 1 \geq 0$$

$$2k^2 \geq k^2 + 2k + 1 = (k+1)^2$$

$$2^{k+1} = 2 \cdot 2^k \geq 2k^2 \geq (k+1)^2$$

$$\uparrow \text{ used } 2^k \geq k^2 \text{ (} p(k) \text{)}$$

obtained $2^{k+1} \geq (k+1)^2$ i.e. $p(k+1)$.

$$\bullet \forall k \geq 4 \text{ (} p(k) \Rightarrow p(k+1) \text{)}$$

$$\bullet p(4) \text{ is true}$$

Then of Math. Induction $\Rightarrow p(n)$ is true for all $n \geq 4$.

What is wrong with this proof?

Ex $p(n): n^2 + 9n + 1$ is even, TRUE??
Actually NOT

$\forall k (p(k) \Rightarrow p(k+1))$ is True.

A correct proof
of
"wrong \Rightarrow wrong"

$p(k+1): (k+1)^2 + 9(k+1) + 1$ is even

$$\begin{aligned}
 (k+1)^2 + 9(k+1) + 1 &= \underbrace{(k^2 + 2k + 1)}_{\text{even}} + \underbrace{(9k + 9 + 1)}_{\text{even}} \\
 &= \underbrace{k^2 + 9k + 1}_{\text{even}} + \underbrace{2k + 10}_{\text{even}} \text{ is even.}
 \end{aligned}$$

induction hypothesis $p(k)$

What's wrong with this then?

$p(1)$	11	is even?	X	<u>NO</u>
$p(2)$	23	is even?	X	<u>NO</u>

We Didn't check $p(1), p(2), \dots$ } They are all WRONG.

Lesson: Must check $p(1)$ AND Must check $\forall k (p(k) \Rightarrow p(k+1))$, BOTH

if either missing, then you do not have a proof