

# Week 12 Recitation

Robert Woodward

March 28, 2011

- Questions about lecture / homework so far?
- Questions from refresher sheet...
- Rosen 4.1, Problem 51, Page 281.

A knight on a chessboard can move

- One space horizontally (in either direction) and two spaces vertically (in either direction) or
- Two spaces horizontally (in either direction) and one space vertically (in either direction).

Suppose that we have an infinite chessboard, made up of all squares  $(i, j)$  where  $i$  and  $j$  are nonnegative integers. Use mathematical induction to show that a knight starting at  $(0, 0)$  can visit every square using a finite sequence of moves. [*Hint*: Use induction on the variable  $n = i + j$ .]

We want to prove that a knight can visit every square on the chessboard, using induction on the *city block distance* of the knight to a square. We complete the following four steps:

1. *State the propositional predicate:*

$P(n)$ : A knight can reach all squares  $(i, j)$  where  $i + j \leq n$ .

Notice here that the propositional predicate is defined for  $n$  and is not prefixed by the quantifier  $\forall n$ .

2. *Basis Step:* We must form and verify the basis case.

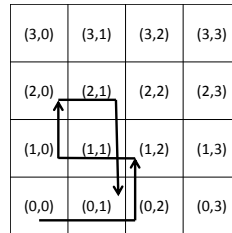
First, we propose the following basis case:

$P(2)$ :  $\forall i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(i + j \leq 2)$ , a knight can reach square  $(i, j)$ .

Notice that the basis case corresponds to a knight being able to reach several squares, all those where  $(i + j \leq 2)$ .

Second, we need to verify that  $P(2)$  holds. We have 6 squares with  $i + j \leq 2$ :

- (a) (0,0): This state is reachable because this is where we start.  
 (b) (0,1): The knight moves from (0,0) to (1,2) to (2,0) to (0,1).



- (c) (1,0): The knight moves from (0,0) to (2,1) to (0,2) to (1,0).  
 (d) (2,0): The knight reached this square on its way to (0,1).  
 (e) (0,2): The knight reached this square on its way to (1,0).  
 (f) (1,1): The knight moves from (0,0) to (1,2) to (0,1) to (2,2) to (0,3) to (1,1).

3. *State the Inductive Hypothesis:* We assume that  $P(k)$  holds for all  $k \geq 2$ :

$P(k)$ : A knight can reach all squares  $(i, j)$  where  $i + j \leq k$ .

4. *Inductive Step:* We show that the conditional statement  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$  is true. That is, we prove that  $P(k+1)$  must hold assuming that  $P(k)$  holds. Consider the statement  $P(k)$ :

$P(k)$ : A knight can reach all squares  $(i, j)$  where  $i + j \leq k$ .

We want to show that a knight can reach all squares  $(i', j')$  where  $i' + j' \leq k + 1$ . Because  $k + 1 \geq 3$ , at least one of  $i'$  and  $j'$  can be chosen at least 2. WLOG, assume  $i' \geq 2$ , then by the inductive hypothesis, there is a sequence of moves ending at  $(i' - 2, j' + 1)$ , because  $i' - 2 + j' + 1 = i' + j' - 1 = k$ . From such a square, it is just one move to the square  $(i', j')$ . Therefore,  $P(k + 1)$  holds, so we have shown that  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1)$ .

In conclusion, the statement holds by the Principle of Mathematical Induction.  
 $\square$

- Rosen 4.1, Problem 5, Page 280. (Similar to homework problem Rosen 4.1.4)

Using the Principle of Mathematical Induction, we will prove that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n + 1)^2 = (n + 1)(2n + 1)(2n + 3)/3.$$

We complete the following four steps:

1. *State the propositional predicate:*

$$P(n) : 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n + 1)^2 = (n + 1)(2n + 1)(2n + 3)/3.$$

2. *Basis Step:* We verify that  $P(1)$  is true.

We must form the basis step. First, we can write out what  $P(1)$  is.

$$P(1) : 1^2 + 3^2 = (1 + 1)(2 \times 1 + 1)(2 \times 1 + 3)/3.$$

Second, we need to verify that this holds:  $1 + 9 = (2)(2 + 1)(2 + 3)/3 \Rightarrow 10 = 2 * 3 * 5 \Rightarrow 10 = 10$ .

3. *State the Inductive Hypothesis:* We assume that  $P(k)$  holds for all  $k \geq 1$ :

$$P(k) : 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k + 1)^2 = (k + 1)(2k + 1)(2k + 3)/3.$$

4. *Inductive Step:* We show that the conditional statement  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1)$  is true for all positive integers  $k$ . That is, we prove that  $P(k + 1)$  must hold assuming that  $P(k)$  holds for all positive integers  $k$ . Consider the statement  $P(k)$ :

$$1^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (2k + 1)^2 = (k + 1)(2k + 1)(2k + 3)/3.$$

Adding the term  $(2k + 3)^2$  on both sides of the equality, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (2k + 1)^2 + (2k + 3)^2 &= (k + 1)(2k + 1)(2k + 3)/3 + (2k + 3)^2 \\ &= (2k + 3)[(k + 1)(2k + 1)/3 + (2k + 3)] \\ &= (2k + 3)[(2k^2 + 3k + 1)/3 + (6k + 9)/3] \\ &= (2k + 3)[(2k^2 + 9k + 10)/3] \\ &= (2k + 3)(2k + 5)(k + 2)/3 \\ &= ([k + 1] + 1)(2[k + 1] + 1)(2[k + 1] + 3)/3 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $P(k + 1)$  holds, so we have shown that  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1)$ . In conclusion, the statement holds by the Principle of Mathematical Induction.  $\square$

- Rosen 4.1, Problem 33, page 280. (Similar to homework problem Rosen 4.1.32)

Prove that 5 divides  $n^5 - n$  whenever  $n$  is a nonnegative integer.

We complete the following four steps:

1. *State the propositional predicate:*

$$P(n) : 5|(n^5 - n).$$

2. *Basis Step:* We verify that  $P(1)$  is true.

We must form the basis step. First, we can write out what  $P(0)$  is.

$$P(0) : 5|(0^5 - 0).$$

Second, we need to verify that this holds:  $0^5 - 0 = 0 \Rightarrow 0$  is divisible by 5.

3. *State the Inductive Hypothesis:* We assume that  $P(k)$  holds for all  $k \geq 0$ :

$$P(k) : 5|(k^5 - k).$$

4. *Inductive Step:* We show that the conditional statement  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$  is true for all positive integers  $k$ . That is, we prove that  $P(k+1)$  must hold assuming that  $P(k)$  holds for all positive integers  $k$ . Consider the statement  $P(k)$ :

$$5|(k^5 - k).$$

Therefore,  $\exists u$  such that  $k^5 - k = 5u$ .

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned}(k+1)^5 - (k+1) &= k^5 + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k + 1 - (k+1) \\ &= (k^5 + 1 - k - 1) + (5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k) \\ &= (k^5 - k) + 5(k^4 + 2k^3 + 2k^2 + k)\end{aligned}$$

Using our inductive hypothesis:

$$(k+1)^5 = 5u + 5(k^4 + 2k^3 + 2k^2 + k)$$

Therefore,  $(k+1)^5$  is divisible by 5.

Therefore,  $P(k+1)$  holds, so we have shown that  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ . In conclusion, the statement holds by the Principle of Mathematical Induction.  $\square$

- Rosen 4.2, Problem 3, page 291. (Similar to homework problem Rosen 4.2.4)

Using the Second Principle of Mathematical Induction (or *Strong* Induction), we will prove that:

$\forall n \geq 8$ , we can form  $n$  cents using just 3-cent stamps and 5-cent stamps.

We complete the following four steps:

1. *State the propositional predicate:*

$P(n) : n$  cents can be formed using just 3-cent stamps and 5-cent stamps.

2. *Basis Step:* We verify that  $P(8)$  holds.  $P(8) : one 5-cent stamp and one 3-cent stamp.$

3. *State the Inductive Hypothesis:* We assume that  $P(j)$  holds for all  $8 \leq j \leq k$ .

4. *Inductive Step:* We show that the conditional statement  $[P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)] \rightarrow P(k+1)$ .

By the inductive hypothesis,  $P(k-2)$  must hold. Therefore,  $P(k+1)$  must hold because it requires the same amount of coins as  $P(k-2)$ , plus 1 more 3-cent stamp. Or,  $P(k+1) : P(k-2)$  and one more 3-cent stamp. Therefore,  $P(k+1)$  holds, so we have shown that  $[P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)] \rightarrow P(k+1)$ . In conclusion, the statement holds by the Second Principle of Mathematical Induction.  $\square$

- (Last 10 minutes) Quiz