

# CSC236 fall 2012

complete induction

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Using Introduction to the Theory of Computation,  
Section 1.3

# Outline

Principle of complete induction

Examples of complete induction

# Complete Induction

another flavour needed

Every natural number greater than 1 has a prime factorization

Try some examples

How does the factorization of 8 help with the factorization of 9?

## More dominoes



$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \langle P(0), \dots, P(n-1) \rangle \Rightarrow P(n)) \Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$$

If all the previous cases always implies the current case  
then all cases are true

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# Trees

definitions, page 32

- ▶ A tree is a directed graph
- ▶ A non-empty tree has a root node,  $r$ , such that there is exactly one path from  $r$  to any other node.
- ▶ If a tree has an edge  $(u, v)$ , then  $u$  is  $v$ 's parent,  $v$  is  $u$ 's child.
- ▶ Two nodes with the same parent are called siblings.
- ▶ A node with no children is called a leaf. A non-leaf is called an internal node.
- ▶ Binary trees have nodes with  $\leq 2$  children, and children are labelled either left or right.
- ▶ Internal nodes of full binary trees have 2 children.

# Tree examples

know your trees...





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After a certain natural number  $n$ , every postage can be made up by combining 3– and 5– cent stamps