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Mathematical expression:
contradiction, induction

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Using Course notes: Proof



Outline

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contradiction specializes contrapositive Theorem 2.3

$$P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_k \Rightarrow Q$$

$$\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P_1 \vee \neg P_2 \vee \dots \vee \neg P_k$$

— often don't know
which P_k matters,
so follow our nose
until the false comes
out.



infinitude of primes 2, 3, 5, 7, 11,

Claim There are infinitely many primes

Proof (by contradiction)

Let $P = \{n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \text{Prime}(n)\}$. Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Assume (for sake of contradiction) that $|P| = k$.

That is $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k\}$. Let $n = p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_k + 1$.

Since $n > 1$, there is a prime factor of n , let p be such a prime factor $p \in P$, so $p \mid n-1$, also p divides n by construction. So $p \mid (n - (n-1)) = 1$.

Thus $p > 1 \wedge p \mid 1 \rightarrow \leftarrow$ contradiction.



induction \simeq "and so on..."

$$7^n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$7^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0 = 0 \times 6$$

$$7^0 \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$7^1 - 1 = 6 = 1 \times 6$$

$$7^1 \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$7^2 \equiv 1 \times 1 = 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$7^3 \equiv 7 \cdot 7^2 \equiv 1 \cdot 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$7^4 \equiv 7 \cdot 7^3 \equiv 1 \cdot 1 \pmod{6}$$

turn the crank
go another step
dominoes



statements as dominoes

$$\begin{array}{l} 7^0 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ 7^1 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ 7^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ 7^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ 7^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ 7^5 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ \dots \text{“etc.”} \end{array}$$

$$7^0 - 1 = 0 \times 6 \checkmark$$

$$7^0 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \quad 7^1 \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 7^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ 7^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ 7^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ 7^5 \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ \dots \text{“etc.”} \end{array}$$



induction format

$\rightarrow P(n): \text{--- } n \text{ ---}$

never, ever, ... do: quantify
(or else) n in predicate

► predicate

► base case

$$7^0 - 1 = 6 \cdot 0$$

► inductive step

$$- \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$$

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prove $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 7^n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$

$P(n): 6 \mid 7^n - 1$ — want to show
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$

Proof (mathematical induction)

base case $7^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0 = 6 \times 0$. So
 $6 \mid 7^0 - 1$. So, $P(0)$ is true.

Inductive step: Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume $P(k)$,
that is $\exists y_k \in \mathbb{N}, 7^k - 1 = 6y_k$ (def of \mid). Let y_k
be such a value. Let $y_{k+1} = \frac{7y_k + 1}{6}$.
Must show that $6 \mid 7^{k+1} - 1$.



prove $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 7^n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 7^{k+1} - 1 &= 7(7^k - 1) + 6 \\ &= 7(6y_k) + 6 \quad (\text{by IH } P(k)) \\ &= 6(7y_k) + 6 \\ &= 6(7y_k + 1) \\ &= 6y_{k+1} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$



discover, then prove sum of first n numbers result

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ n \quad n+1 \quad n-2 + \dots + 2 + 1 \\ \hline n+1 + n+1 + \dots + n+1 \rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \end{array}$$

— Δ numbers $\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

$P(n)$: "The sum of integers from 0 to n is $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ "



discover, then prove sum of first n numbers result

Proof (math induction) | Try $Q(k) = P(k+1)$

base case $\sum_{i=0}^0 i = 0 = \frac{0(0+1)}{2}$, so $P(0)$ is true ✓

Inductive step Let k be an arbitrary, fixed element of \mathbb{N} . Assume $P(k)$, that is $\sum_{i=0}^k i = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$. Want to show $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} i = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} i &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^k i \right) + k+1 \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + k+1 \end{aligned}$$

(by IH Inductive Hypoth)

$\xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}}$



discover, then prove sum of first n numbers result

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

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



discover, prove sum of first n cubes result

$$0^3 = 0$$

$$0^3 + 1^3 = 1$$

$$0^3 + 1^3 + 2^3 = 9$$

$$0^3 + 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 = 36$$

Claim $\sum_{i=0}^n i^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2$

$P(n)$



modular multiplication for more than pairs

Prove $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$

Proof (induction)

base case $\sum_{i=0}^0 i^3 = \left(\frac{0(0+1)}{2} \right)^2$. So $P(0) \checkmark$

Inductive Step Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume the
IH $P(k)$, that is: $\sum_{i=0}^k i^3 = \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4}$. Want
to show $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} i^3 = \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4}$.



modular multiplication for more than pairs

$$\begin{aligned} S_{0, k+1} \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} i^3 &= \left[\sum_{i=0}^k i^3 \right] + (k+1)^3 \\ &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3 \quad (\text{by IH}) \\ &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2 + 4(k+1)^3}{4} \\ &= \frac{k^2 + 4(k+1)}{4} (k+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{(k^2 + 4k + 4)(k+1)^2}{4} \\ &= \frac{(k+2)^2 (k+1)^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$



Notes

$$(k+1)^3 = k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1$$

(binom Theorem)

(it turns out we won't
need this ...)

