

## CSC236 Intro. to the Theory of Computation

### Lecture 3: WOP, Structural Induction

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## recall

- ❖ use all resources available to you
  - before it becomes too late!
- ❖ what resources?
  - office Hours:
    - M 2-3:30 in PT286C, W 2-4 BA4222, F 3:30-4:30 BA4270
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## review

- ❖ Week 01
  - Simple Induction
    - AKA: Mathematical Induction or Principle of Mathematical Induction
- ❖ Week 02
  - Strong Induction
    - AKA: Complete Induction or Second Principle of Mathematical Induction
- ❖ Over 30 examples
- ❖ Simple Ind and Strong Ind are equivalent
- ❖ This week
  - Well Ordering Principle
  - Structural Induction

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## review

- ❖ Simple Induction
  - it's a rule of inference:
$$\frac{P(b) \quad P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1) \quad \forall k \geq b \in \mathbb{N}}{P(n) \quad \forall n \geq b \in \mathbb{N}}$$
- ❖ Strong Induction
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## review

- ❖ Simple Induction
  - To show that all domino pieces fall over, we should show that
    - 1) there is a starting point, i.e.,  $P(b)$  holds
    - and 2) all pieces are set in a well order such that falling of piece  $k$  implies falling of piece  $k+1$  i.e., and  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$  holds too.
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## well-ordering principle: wop

- ❖ simple induction and strong induction are valid because of the well-ordering property:
- ❖ **WOP:** every nonempty subset of natural numbers has a minimum element.

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### Example 30: division algorithm

$P(n)$ : if  $n, d \neq 0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , there are unique  $q$  and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $0 \leq r < d$ , such that  $n = dq + r$ .

scratch work

| $n, d$ | $dq + r$ | $P(n)$ |
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### Example 30: $P(n)$ : for any $d \neq 0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , there are $q, r \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that $n = dq + r$ and $0 \leq r < d$ .

Proof by W.O.P.

- Let  $S$  be a subset of natural numbers of the form  $n - dq$  where  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- $S$  is nonempty because  $q$  can be as low as 0, i.e.,  $n$  is always in  $S$ .
- By the well-ordering property:
  - $S$  has a least element, let's call it  $r$ , where  $r = n - dq_0$
  - $r \geq 0$  because  $r \in S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .
  - and  $r < d$ ; {otherwise,  $r \geq d$

$$n - dq_0 \geq d \Rightarrow n - d(q_0 + 1) \geq 0$$

Let  $r' = n - d(q_0 + 1)$ , obviously  $r' < r$  which contradicts  $r$  being the least element; hence,  $r < d$ .

- Hence, there are  $q$  and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $n = dq + r$  and  $0 \leq r < d$ .  $\square$

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### Example 30: uniqueness

- so far, we proved  $q$  and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  exists such that  $n = dq + r$  and  $0 \leq r < d$
- proving  $q$  and  $r$  are unique does not require induction (or W.O.P.).
- Proof by contradiction.
- Assume  $q$  and  $r$  are not unique, i.e., there are  $q'$  and  $r' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = dq' + r'$  and  $0 \leq r' < d$ 

$$\Rightarrow dq' + r' = dq + r \quad 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (q' - q)d = r - r' \quad 2$$
- W.L.O.G, assume  $q' \geq q$ :
  - If  $q' > q \Rightarrow q' - q \geq 1 \Rightarrow (q' - q)d \geq d \stackrel{\text{by 2}}{\Rightarrow} r - r' \geq d \Rightarrow r \geq d + r'$  which is contradiction.
- Hence,  $q' = q$  and  $\stackrel{\text{by 1}}{\Rightarrow} r' = r$  too.  $\square$

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### Example 31: cycles in round-robin tournaments

$P(n)$ : if there is a cycle in a rrt, there is a cycle of 3.

scratch work

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### Example 31:

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### Example 31:

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### notes:

- ❖ Simple Ind, Strong Ind, and WOP are all equivalent.

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### inductive sets and structures

- ❖ If sets—and other structures—can be defined inductively (recursively), then
- ❖ their properties
  - can be implemented with recursive algorithms, and
  - can be proved with induction.
- ❖ **Inductive definitions of sets have two parts:**
  - The **basis step** specifies an initial collection of elements.
  - The **recursive step** specifies rules to form new elements in the set from those already known to be in the set.

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### define sets, inductively

- ❖ **Example 32:** the set of natural numbers,  $\mathbb{N}$ :
  - Basis Step:**  $0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
  - Recursive Step:** If  $n$  is in  $\mathbb{N}$ , then  $n + 1$  is in  $\mathbb{N}$ .
- ❖ **Example 33:** the set  $S$  of natural numbers of multiples of 3:
  - Basis Step:**  $3 \in S$ ;
  - Recursive Step:** ...

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### define sets, inductively

- ❖ **Example 34,** strings: the set  $\Sigma^*$  over the alphabet  $\Sigma$ :
  - Basis Step:**  $\lambda \in \Sigma^*$  ( $\lambda$  is the empty string);
  - Recursive Step:** if  $w$  is in  $\Sigma^*$  and  $x$  is in  $\Sigma$ , then  $wx \in \Sigma^*$ .
- ❖ **Example 34',** binary strings:
  - if  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ , the strings in  $\Sigma^*$  are the set of all binary strings, such as  $\lambda, 0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11$ , etc.
- ❖ **Example 34'',** on ternary strings: if  $\Sigma = \{a,b,c\}$ , show that  $aac$  is in  $\Sigma^*$ .
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### define properties, inductively

- ❖ **Example 35,** length of strings:
  - Basis Step:**  $l(\lambda) = 0$ ;
  - Recursive Step:**  $l(wx) = l(w) + 1$  if  $w \in \Sigma^*$  and  $x \in \Sigma$ .

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### another example:

- ❖ **Example 36,** set of balanced strings,  $P$ :
  - Basis Step:**  $() \in P$ ;
  - Recursive Step:**
    - if  $w \in P$ , then  $()w \in P$ ,  $(w) \in P$  and  $w()$   $\in P$ .
- ❖ show that  $((())())$  is in  $P$ .
- ❖ why is  $))((()$  not in  $P$ ?

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## Example 37: FBT

### ❖ Basis Step:

There is a full binary tree consisting of only a single vertex  $r$ ;

### ❖ Recursive Step:

If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are disjoint full binary trees, there is a full binary tree, denoted by  $T_1 \cdot T_2$ , consisting of a root  $r$  together with edges connecting the root to each of the roots of the left subtree  $T_1$  and the right subtree  $T_2$ .

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## forming FBTs

### ❖ Basis Step

### ❖ Step 1

### ❖ Step 2

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## Example 38: height of FBT

### ❖ The height, $h(T)$ , of a full binary tree $T$ can be defined as:

- **Basis Step:** the height of a full binary tree  $T$  consisting of only a root  $r$  is  $h(T) = 0$ ;
- **Recursive Step:** if  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are full binary trees, then the full binary tree  $T = T_1 \cdot T_2$  has height  $h(T) = 1 + \max(h(T_1), h(T_2))$ .

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## Example 39: # of nodes

### ❖ The number of vertices, $n(T)$ , of a full binary tree $T$ can be defined as:

- **Basis Step:** the number of vertices of a full binary tree  $T$  consisting of only a root  $r$  is  $n(T) = 1$ ;
- **Recursive Step:** if  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are full binary trees, then the full binary tree  $T = T_1 \cdot T_2$  has the number of vertices  $n(T) = 1 + n(T_1) + n(T_2)$ .

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## proof by structural induction

### ❖ Recipe:

- To prove a property,  $P$ , of the elements of a recursively defined structure holds, we should demonstrate these steps:
  - **Proof Method:** "structural induction"
  - **Basis Step:** show that  $P$  holds for all elements specified in the basis step of the structure definition.
  - **Inductive Step:** show that if  $P$  holds for each of the elements used to construct new elements,  $P$  holds for the new elements too.

The validity of structural induction can be shown to follow from simple induction

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## Example 40:

**Theorem:** if  $T$  is a FBT, then  $n(T) \leq 2^{h(T)+1} - 1$ .

*scratch work*

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### Example 40:

❖ **Proof Method:** structural induction.

❖ **Basis Step:**

❖ **Inductive Step:**

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### Example 40:

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### Example 41: set of simple expression, $\mathcal{E}$

**Definition:**  $\mathcal{E}$

**Basis Step:**  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{E}$

**Inductive Step:**  $e_1, e_2 \in \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow (e_1 + e_2) \text{ and } (e_1 \times e_2) \in \mathcal{E}$

Prove  $\forall e \in \mathcal{E}, vr(e) = op(e) + 1$ ,  
where  $vr(e)$  denotes the # of variables and  $op(e)$  denotes  
the # of operators in  $e$ .

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### Example 41:

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### Example 41:

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### notes:

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