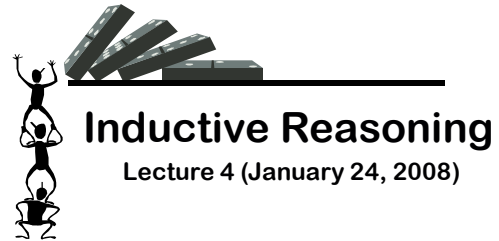


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Some ~~Great~~ Theoretical Ideas
in Computer Science
for



Dominoes



Domino Principle: Line up any number of dominos in a row; knock the first one over and they will all fall



Plato: The Domino Principle works for an infinite row of dominoes

Aristotle: Never seen an infinite number of anything, much less dominoes.





Plato's Dominoes

One for each natural number

Theorem: An infinite row of dominoes, one domino for each natural number.
Knock over the first domino and they all will fall

Proof:

Suppose they don't all fall. Let $k > 0$ be the lowest numbered domino that remains standing. Domino $k-1 \geq 0$ did fall, but $k-1$ will knock over domino k . Thus, domino k must fall and remain standing. Contradiction.



Mathematical Induction

statements proved instead of dominoes fallen

Infinite sequence of dominoes

Infinite sequence of statements: $S_0, S_1, \dots$

F_k = "domino k fell"

F_k = " S_k proved"

Establish: 1. F_0

2. For all k , $F_k \Rightarrow F_{k+1}$

Conclude that F_k is true for all k



Inductive Proofs

To Prove $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, S_k$

Establish "Base Case": S_0

Establish that $\forall k, S_k \Rightarrow S_{k+1}$

$\forall k, S_k \Rightarrow S_{k+1}$ { Assume hypothetically that S_k for any particular k ;
Conclude that S_{k+1}



Theorem?

The sum of the first n odd numbers is n^2

Check on small values:

1	= 1
1+3	= 4
1+3+5	= 9
1+3+5+7	= 16



Theorem?

The sum of the first n odd numbers is n^2

The k^{th} odd number is $(2k - 1)$, when $k > 0$

S_n is the statement that:
 $"1+3+5+(2k-1)+\dots+(2n-1) = n^2"$




Establishing that $\forall n \geq 1 S_n$

$S_n = "1 + 3 + 5 + (2k-1) + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2"$

Base Case: S_1

Domino Property:

Assume "Induction Hypothesis": S_k

That means:

$$1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1) = k^2$$

$$1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1)+(2k+1) = k^2+(2k+1)$$

Sum of first $k+1$ odd numbers $= (k+1)^2$



Theorem

The sum of the first n odd numbers is n^2



Primes:

A natural number $n > 1$ is a prime if it has no divisors besides 1 and itself

Note: 1 is not considered prime

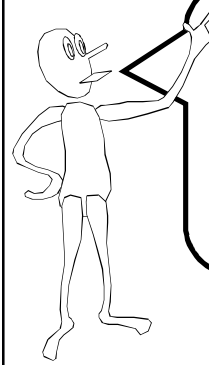
Theorem?

Every natural number > 1 can be factored into primes

$S_n = \text{"n can be factored into primes"}$

Base case:
 $2 \text{ is prime} \Rightarrow S_2 \text{ is true}$

How do we use the fact:
 $S_{k-1} = \text{"k-1 can be factored into primes"}$
to prove that:
 $S_k = \text{"k can be factored into primes"}$



This shows a technical point about mathematical induction

A different approach:

Assume $2, 3, \dots, k-1$ all can be factored into primes

Then show that k can be factored into primes



All Previous Induction

To Prove $\forall k, S_k$

Establish Base Case: S_0

Establish Domino Effect:

Assume $\forall j < k, S_j$

use that to derive S_k



Also called
“Strong
Induction” on

Establish Domino Effect:
Assume $\forall j < k, S_j$
use that to derive S_k



“All Previous” Induction
Repackaged As
Standard Induction

Establish Base
Case: S_0

Establish
Domino Effect:

Let k be any number
Assume $\forall j < k, S_j$

Prove S_k

Define $T_i = \forall j \leq i, S_j$

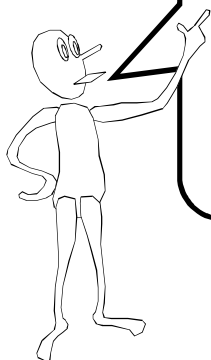
Establish Base
Case T_0

Establish that

$\forall k, T_k \Rightarrow T_{k+1}$

Let k be any number
Assume T_{k-1}

Prove T_k



And there are
more ways to do
inductive proofs

Method of Infinite Descent



Rene Descartes

Show that for any counter-
example you find a smaller one

If a counter-example exists there
would be an infinite sequence of
smaller and smaller counter
examples

Theorem:

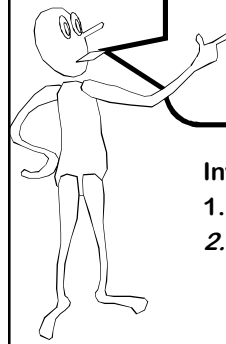
Every natural number > 1 can be factored into primes

Let n be a counter-example

Hence n is not prime, so $n = ab$

If both a and b had prime factorizations, then n would too

Thus a or b is a smaller counter-example



Yet another way of packaging inductive reasoning is to define “invariants”

Invariant (n):

1. Not varying; constant.
2. *Mathematics*. Unaffected by a designated operation, as a transformation of coordinates.

Invariant (n):

3. *Programming*. A rule, such as the ordering of an ordered list, that applies throughout the life of a data structure or procedure. Each change to the data structure maintains the correctness of the invariant



Invariant Induction

Suppose we have a time varying world state: $W_0, W_1, W_2, \dots$

Each state change is assumed to come from a list of permissible operations. We seek to prove that statement S is true of all future worlds

Argue that S is true of the initial world

Show that if S is true of some world – then S remains true after one permissible operation is performed

Odd/Even Handshaking Theorem

At any party at any point in time define a person's parity as ODD/EVEN according to the number of hands they have shaken

Statement: The number of people of odd parity must be even

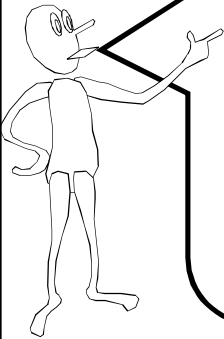
Statement: The number of people of odd parity must be even

Initial case: Zero hands have been shaken at the start of a party, so zero people have odd parity

Invariant Argument:

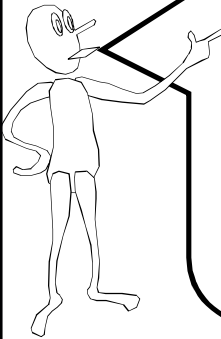
If 2 people of the same parity shake, they both change and hence the odd parity count changes by 2 – and remains even

If 2 people of different parities shake, then they both swap parities and the odd parity count is unchanged



**Inductive reasoning
is the high level idea**

“Standard” Induction
“All Previous” Induction
“Least Counter-example”
“Invariants”
all just
different packaging



Induction is also how we
can define and construct
our world

So many things, from
buildings to computers, are
built up stage by stage,
module by module, each
depending on the previous
stages



Inductive Definition

Example

Initial Condition, or Base Case:

$$F(0) = 1$$

Inductive Rule:

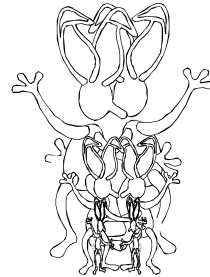
Inductive definition of
the powers of 2!

$$\text{For } n > 0, F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-1)$$

n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
F(n)	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128

Leonardo Fibonacci

In 1202, Fibonacci proposed a problem
about the growth of rabbit populations



Rabbit Reproduction

A rabbit lives forever

The population starts as single newborn pair

Every month, each productive pair begets
a new pair which will become productive
after 2 months old

F_n = # of rabbit pairs at the beginning of
the n^{th} month

month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
rabbits	1	1	2	3	5	8	13



Fibonacci Numbers

month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
rabbits	1	1	2	3	5	8	13

Stage 0, Initial Condition, or Base Case:

$$\text{Fib}(1) = 1; \text{Fib}(2) = 1$$

Inductive Rule:

$$\text{For } n > 3, \text{Fib}(n) = \text{Fib}(n-1) + \text{Fib}(n-2)$$

Example

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$

Notice that $T(n)$ is inductively defined only for positive powers of 2, and undefined on other values

$$T(1) = 1 \quad T(2) = 6 \quad T(4) = 28 \quad T(8) = 120$$

Guess a closed-form formula for $T(n)$

$$\text{Guess: } G(n) = 2n^2 - n$$

Inductive Proof of Equivalence

Base Case: $G(1) = 1$ and $T(1) = 1$

Induction Hypothesis:

$$T(x) = G(x) \text{ for } x < n$$

$$\text{Hence: } T(n/2) = G(n/2) = 2(n/2)^2 - n/2$$

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$

$$= 4G(n/2) + n$$

$$= 4[2(n/2)^2 - n/2] + n$$

$$= 2n^2 - 2n + n$$

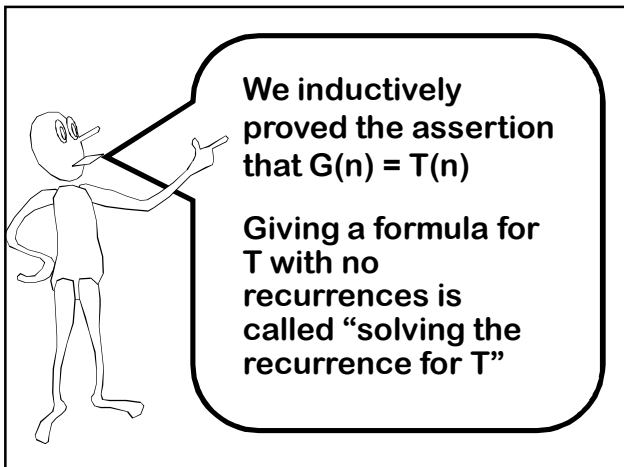
$$= 2n^2 - n$$

$$= G(n)$$

$$G(n) = 2n^2 - n$$

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$



Technique 2

Guess Form, Calculate Coefficients

$$T(1) = 1, T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$

$$\text{Guess: } T(n) = an^2 + bn + c$$

for some a, b, c

$$\text{Calculate: } T(1) = 1, \text{ so } a + b + c = 1$$

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$

$$an^2 + bn + c = 4[a(n/2)^2 + b(n/2) + c] + n$$

$$= an^2 + 2bn + 4c + n$$

$$(b+1)n + 3c = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore: } b = -1 \quad c = 0 \quad a = 2$$

The Lindenmayer Game

Alphabet: {a,b}

Start word: a

Productions Rules:

Sub(a) = ab

Sub(b) = a

NEXT($w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$) =

Sub(w_1) Sub(w_2) ... Sub(w_n)

Time 1: a

Time 2: ab

Time 3: aba

Time 4: abaab

Time 5: abaababa

How long are the
strings at time n?

FIBONACCI(n)

The Koch Game

Alphabet: { F, +, - }

Start word: F

Productions Rules: Sub(F) = F+F--F+F

Sub(+) = +

Sub(-) = -

NEXT($w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$) =

Sub(w_1) Sub(w_2) ... Sub(w_n)

Time 0: F

Time 1: F+F--F+F

Time 2: F+F--F+F+F+F--F+F--F+F--F+F+F--F+F

The Koch Game



F+F--F+F

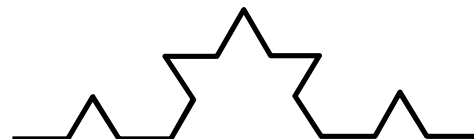
Visual representation:

F draw forward one unit

+ turn 60 degree left

- turn 60 degrees right

The Koch Game



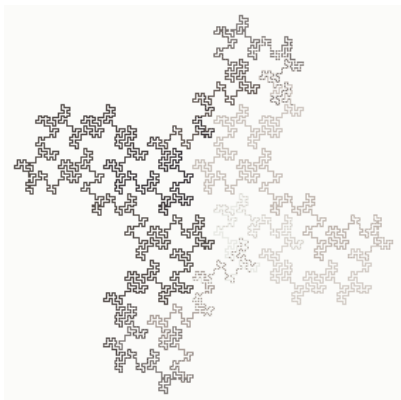
F+F--F+F+F+F--F+F--F+F--F+F+F--F+F

Visual representation:

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+ turn 60 degree left

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Dragon Game

$$\text{Sub}(X) = X + YF +$$

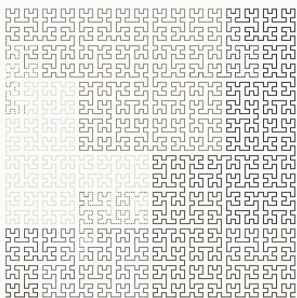
$$\text{Sub}(Y) = -FX - Y$$



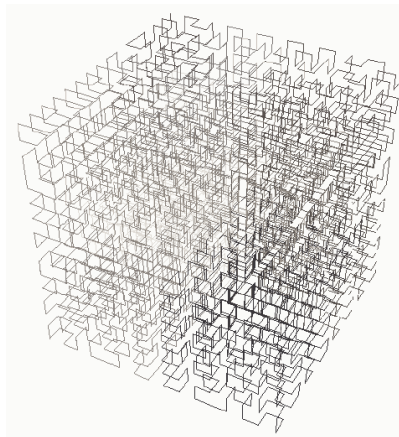
Hilbert Game

$$\text{Sub}(L) = +RF - LFL - FR +$$

$$\text{Sub}(R) = -LF + RFR + FL -$$



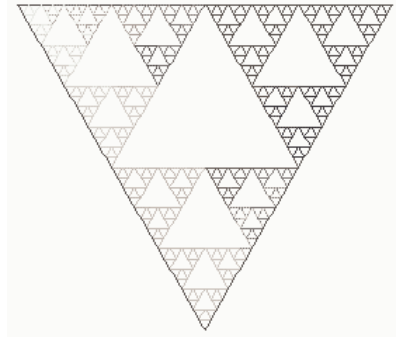
Note: Make 90 degree turns instead of 60 degrees



Peano-Gossamer Curve



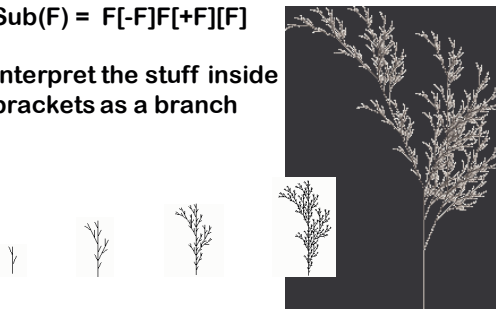
Sierpinski Triangle



Lindenmayer (1968)

$\text{Sub}(F) = F[-F]F[+F][F]$

Interpret the stuff inside brackets as a branch





**Here's What
You Need to
Know...**

Inductive Proof

Standard Form

All Previous Form

Least-Counter Example Form

Invariant Form

Inductive Definition

Recurrence Relations

Fibonacci Numbers

Guess and Verify