

# 60–100 LECTURE 19

More examples of induction

# Mathematical induction

Prove that

$$0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + n = (n^2 + n)/2$$

for all nats 0,1,2,3,4...

BASE CASE let  $n = 0$

$$0 + \dots + 0 \Rightarrow 0 \text{ and } (0^2 + 0)/2 \Rightarrow 0$$

INDUCTIVE STEP

ASSUME TRUE FOR  $k$

$$0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + k = (k^2 + k)/2$$

SHOW TRUE FOR  $k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 + 1 + \dots + k + (k + 1) \\ = ((k + 1)^2 + (k + 1))/2 \end{aligned}$$

HOW to prove the following  
using the assumption:

$$0 + 1 + \dots + k + (k + 1) \\ = ((k + 1)^2 + (k + 1))/2$$

Cut the assumption out:

remove lhs of assumption from lhs:

gives  $(k + 1)$

Now expand rhs gives

$$(k^2 + 2k + 1 + k + 1)/2$$

remove rhs of assumption gives

$$(2k + 2)/2 \Rightarrow k + 1$$

which equals the lhs, proof complete.

**PROVE that**

$$1 + 2n \leq 3^n \text{ (for all } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots)$$

**BASE CASE let } n = 0**

$$1 + 0 \leq 1 \quad \text{True}$$

**INDUCTIVE STEP**

**ASSUME TRUE FOR } k**

$$1 + 2k \leq 3^k$$

**SHOW TRUE FOR } k + 1**

$$1 + 2(k + 1) \leq 3^{(k + 1)}$$

HOW to prove the following  
using the assumption:

$$1 + 2(k + 1) \leq 3^{(k + 1)}$$

Expand to find the assumption

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2k + 2 \leq 3 * 3^k$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2k + 2 \leq 3^k + (2 * 3^k)$$

remove assumption

$$\Rightarrow 2 \leq 2 * 3^k$$

True because k must be at least 0

Finished

Consider the reverse program

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rev [] = []
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rev (x:xs) = rev xs ++ [x]
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Prove  $\text{rev } (m ++ n) = \text{rev } n ++ \text{rev } m$

Can use "Structural induction"  
on the length of the list but  
need some identities on lists:

$$[] ++ k = k$$
$$k ++ [] = k$$
$$(y:ys) ++ k = y:(ys ++ k)$$

Proof of  $\text{rev } (m ++ n) = \text{rev } n ++ \text{rev } m$

BASE CASE  $m = []$

$\text{rev } ([] ++ n)$

$\Rightarrow \text{rev } n$  (from  $++$ )

$\Rightarrow \text{rev } n ++ []$  (from  $++$ )

$\Rightarrow \text{rev } n ++ \text{rev } []$  (from defn of  $\text{rev}$ )

INDUCTIVE STEP

Assume  $\text{rev } (a ++ n) = \text{rev } n ++ \text{rev } a$

Show  $\text{rev } ((x:a) ++ n) = \text{rev } n ++ \text{rev } (x:a)$

How

$\text{rev } ((x:a) ++ n)$

$\Rightarrow \text{rev } (x:(a ++ n))$  (from  $++$ )

$\Rightarrow \text{rev } (a ++ n) ++ [x]$  (from defn of  $\text{rev}$ )

$\Rightarrow \text{rev } n ++ \text{rev } a ++ [x]$  (from assumption)

$\Rightarrow \text{rev } n ++ \text{rev } (x:a)$  (from defn of  $\text{rev}$ )