

CS 273

Lecture 2

HW 0 is out Tuesday  
due next ~~Monday~~

Read 1.1 for Thursday

# Proofs

- style
- outline
- details

# Details

- special cases

is  $0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ? no

$$\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$$

- follow directions

- look up definitions

- justify steps in proof

- introduce new variables

# Common Proof Types

– constructive

– contradiction

– induction

$$\rightarrow A = B$$

$$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

Numerical induction

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

Numerical recursive definition

Fibonacci ~~As~~

$$f_1 = f_2 = 1$$

$$f_k = f_{k-1} + f_{k-2}$$

Proof by induction on  $k$

Base [trivial]

Induction

Assume true for  $k = n$

Show true for  $k = n+1$

# More general induction

- multiple base cases
- "strong" induction
- on non-numerical objects

# Strong induction

Theorem: Any integer  $\geq 2$   
can be written as ~~is~~ The product of primes

Proof by induction on  $n$

Base:  $n=2$  2 is prime ✓

Induction:

Assume all ~~number~~  
integers  $< k$   
are products of primes

Let Consider  $k$ .

2 cases

1)  $k$  is prime  $\rightarrow$  we're done

2)  $k$  is composite

That means

$$k = pq \text{ where}$$

$p, q$  are integers

$$\geq 2 \text{ (and } \leftarrow k$$

Since  $p \geq 2, q < k$

since  $q \geq 2, p < k$

Since  $p, q < k$ ,  $p$  is the product of primes and so is  $q$ .


Therefore  $k = pq$  is a product of primes

$\square$  QED

# Strategy for Proofs

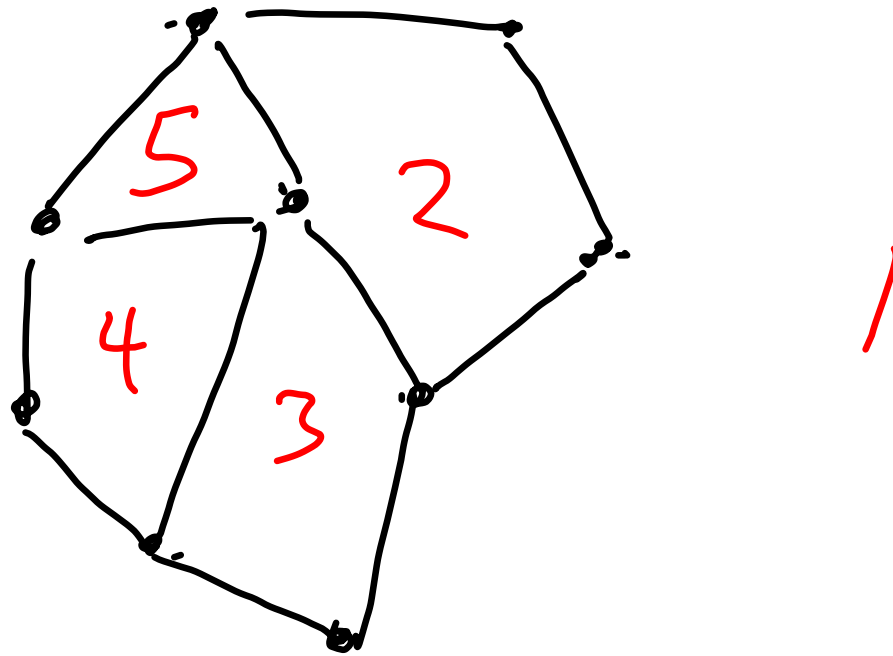
- Consider a big object size  $k$
- Remove a bit or split it up  
 $\Rightarrow$  smaller objects
- Are smaller objects  
size  $k-1$ ?

# Non-numerical objects

- Trees # of nodes
- Strings  $\Sigma \in$  length  

- graphs # edges  
# vertices
- Sequences of rule applications  
# of rules applied

Example: Euler's Formula

$$V - E + F = 2$$



Let  $G$  be a connected planar graph

Then  $V - E + F = 2$  where

$V = \#$  vertices in  $G$

$E = \#$  edges in  $G$

$F = \#$  faces in  $G$

Proof: Induction on  $E$  ( $\#$  of edges)

Base:  $E = 0$

$G$  looks like  $\cdot$

So  $E = 0$   $F = 1$

$V = 1$

Induction:

Assume true for all graphs  
with  $< k$  edges.

Let  $G$  be a graph with  $k$  edges.

Pick an edge  $e$  in  $G$ .

Case 1)



collapse  $e$   
to a single  
vertex

$E$  gets one smaller

$F$  stays same

$V$  gets one smaller

Case 2)   $e$  joins a  
vertex to itself

delete  $e$

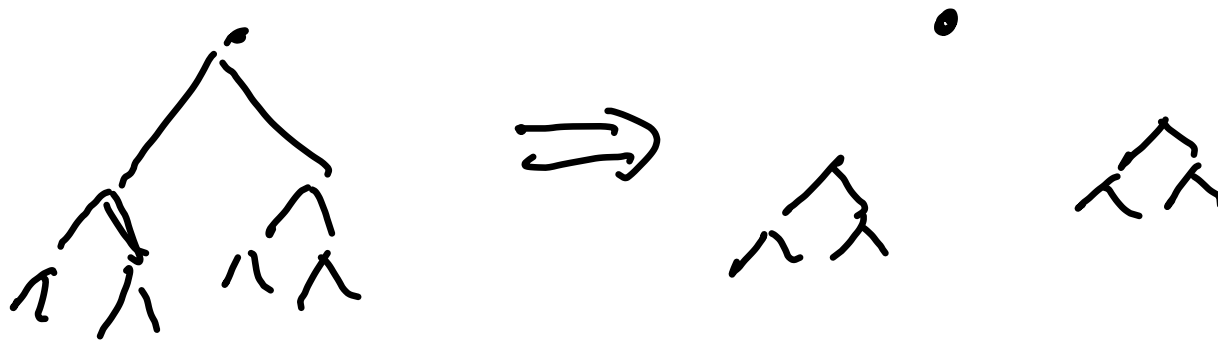
$F$  gets one smaller

$E$  gets one smaller

$V$  stays same

Graph: remove edge or vertex

Trees: split at root



Strings: remove 1<sup>st</sup> or last char  
or prefix or suffix

Rule application: remove last rule

Define  $S$  as follow  
 $\varnothing \neq 2$

1)  $3 \in S$

2) if  $x$  and  $y \in S$   
Then  $x - y \in S$

3) Nothing else is in  $S$

- $S$  is the smallest  $S$  satisfying 1 & 2
- Everything in  $S$  is made by applying rules 1 & 2 a finite # of times

Claim:

$$S = \{\text{all multiples of } 3\} = 3\mathbb{Z}$$

Need

To show

$$S \subseteq 3\mathbb{Z}$$

and

$$3\mathbb{Z} \subseteq S$$

To show  $3\mathbb{Z} \subseteq S$

Proof by Induction on  $k$  = absolute value of the number in  $3\mathbb{Z}$

To show That  $3k \in S$

and  $-3k \in S$

$$\forall k \geq 0$$

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To show  $S \subseteq 3\mathbb{Z}$

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Induction of  
# rules  
applied

