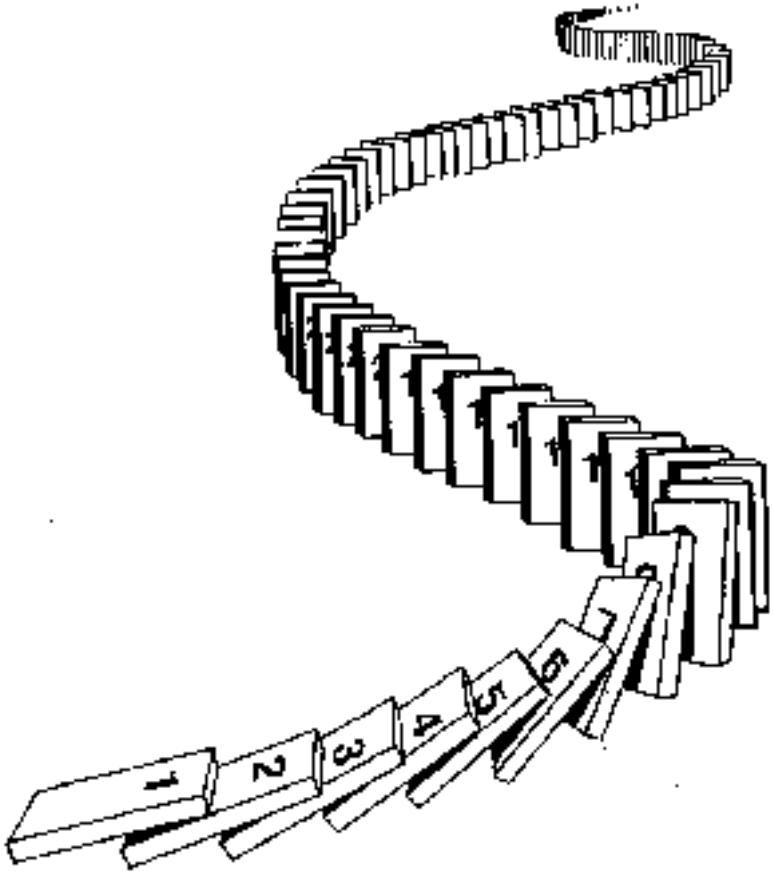
CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 17: Strong induction



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The induction template in an English proof:

Proof:

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5. "Conclusion: Result follows by induction"

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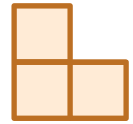
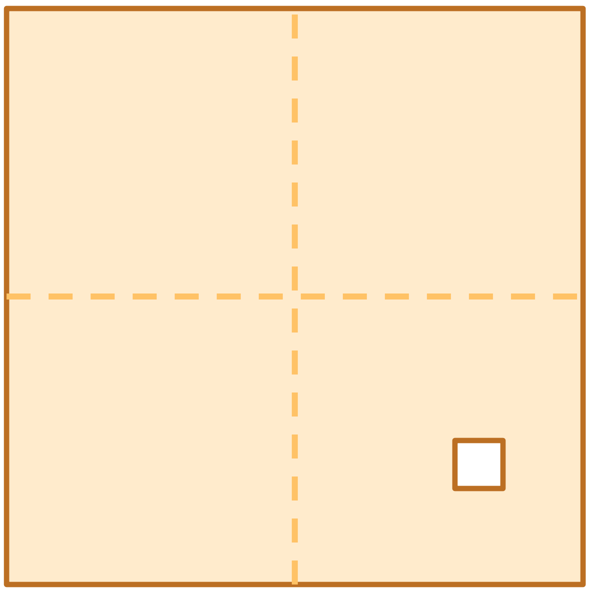
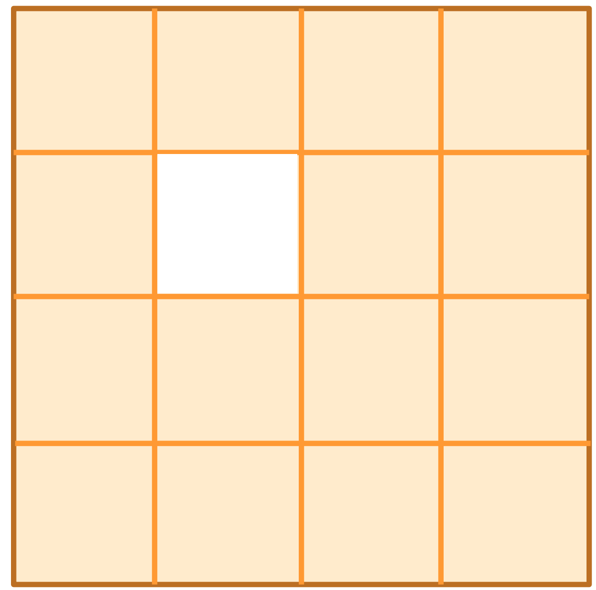
- Prove that a $2^n \times 2^n$ checkerboard with one square removed can be tiled with: 





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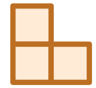
1. **Let** $P(n)$ **be any** $2^n \times 2^n$ **checkerboard with one square removed can be tiled with**  **.**
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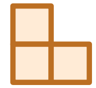
1. **Let** $P(n)$ **be any** $2^n \times 2^n$ **checkerboard with one square removed can be tiled with**  **.**
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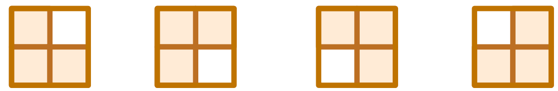
2. **Base Case:** $n=1$ 
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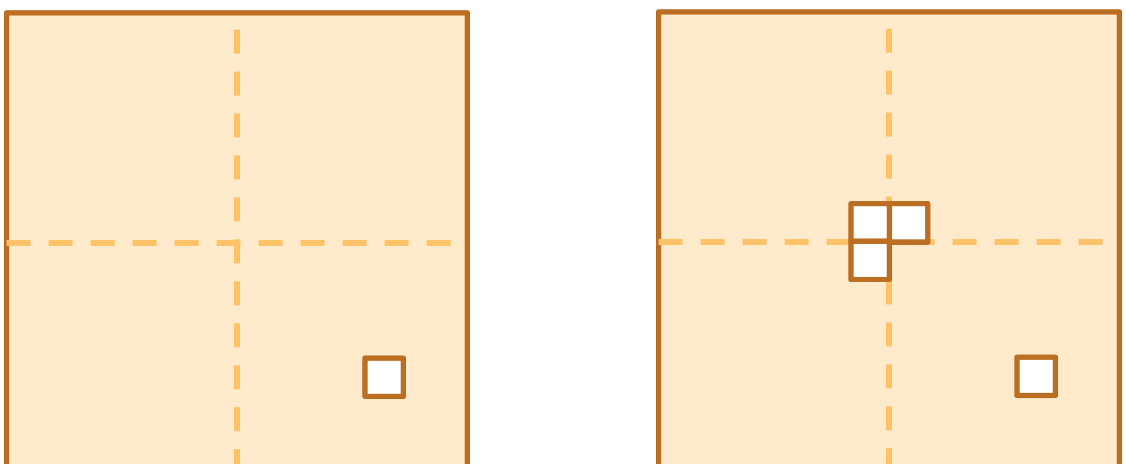

Apply IH to each quadrant then fill with extra tile.

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5. **Thus** P(n) **is true for all integers** $n \geq 2$, **by induction.**

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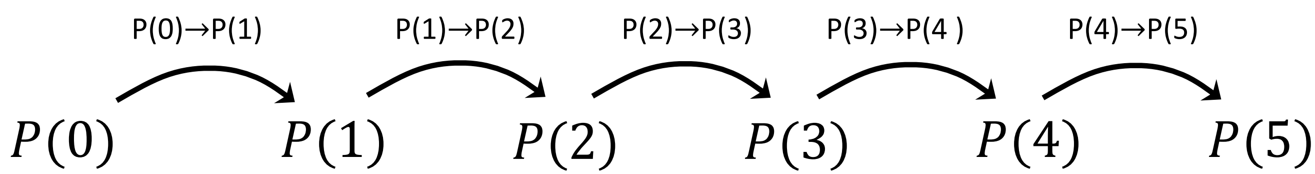

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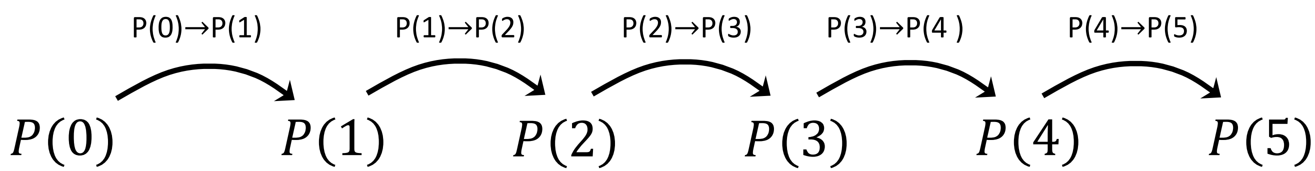

We made it harder than we needed to …

When we proved $P(2)$ we knew BOTH $P(0)$ and $P(1)$

When we proved $P(3)$ we knew $P(0)$ and $P(1)$ and $P(2)$

When we proved $P(4)$ we knew $P(0)$, $P(1)$, $P(2)$, $P(3)$

etc.

That's the essence of the idea of Strong Induction.

Strong Induction

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Strong induction for P follows from ordinary induction for Q where

$$Q(k) = P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(k)$$

Note that $Q(0) \equiv P(0)$ and $Q(k+1) \equiv Q(k)\ \wedge P(k+1)$ and $\forall n\ Q(n) \equiv \forall n\ P(n)$

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1. "Let $P(n)$ be... . We will show that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$ by induction."
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5. "Conclusion: $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$"

Strong Inductive Proofs In 5 Easy Steps

1. "Let $P(n)$ be... . We will show that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$ by *strong* induction."
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Lecture 17 Activity

You will be assigned to breakout rooms. Please:

- Introduce yourself
- Choose someone to share their screen, showing this PDF
- Prove that any amount $\geq \$12$ can be paid with coins of value \$4 & \$5. Fill in the gaps in the following proof:

1. "Set $P(n) :=$ ``there are integers s, t with $s \geq 0, t \geq 0$ so that $n = 4s + 5t$''. We will show that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 12$ by ***strong*** induction."
2. "Base Case:" Prove $P(12), P(13), P(14), P(15)$. ......
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4. "Inductive Step:" Prove that $P(k+1)$ is true:

   ....
5. "Conclusion: $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 12$"

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Recall: Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Every integer > 1 has a unique prime factorization

48 = 2 • 2 • 2 • 2 • 3
591 = 3 • 197
45,523 = 45,523
321,950 = 2 • 5 • 5 • 47 • 137
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We use strong induction to prove that a factorization into primes exists, but not that it is unique.

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Strong Induction is particularly useful when…

…we need to analyze methods that on input k make a recursive call for an input different from $k-1$.

e.g.: Recursive Modular Exponentiation:

- For exponent $k > 0$ it made a recursive call with exponent $\mathrm{j} = k/2$ when k was even or $\mathrm{j} = k - 1$ when k was odd.

We won't analyze this particular method by strong induction, but we could.

However, we will use strong induction to analyze other functions with recursive definitions.

Recursive definitions of functions

- $F(0) = 0;\ \ F(n+1) = F(n) + 1$ **for all** $n \geq\ 0$**.**

- $G(0) = 1;\ \ G(n+1) = 2 \cdot G(n)$ **for all** $n \geq\ 0$**.**

- $0! = 1;\ \ (n+1)! = (n+1) \cdot n!$ **for all** $n \geq\ 0$**.**

- $H(0) = 1;\ \ H(n+1) = 2^{H(n)}$ **for all** $n \geq\ 0$**.**

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\begin{aligned}
(k+1)! &= (k+1)\cdot k! && \textbf{by definition of !} \\
&\leq (k+1)\cdot k^k && \textbf{by the IH and } k+1 > 0 \\
&\leq (k+1)\cdot (k+1)^k && \textbf{since } k \geq 0 \\
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