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Discrete Structures  
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## Last time

- Series
  - arithmetic
  - geometric
  - harmonic



- Fibonacci math trick

## Today

- Series
  - telescoping



- Induction
  - weak
  - strong

## Next time

- More induction

# Telescoping Series

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=0}^n (a_k - a_{k+1}) &= (a_0 - a_1) + (a_1 - a_2) + (a_2 - a_3) + \dots + (a_n - a_{n+1}) \\ &= a_0 - \cancel{a_1} \\ &\quad + \cancel{a_1} - \cancel{a_2} \\ &\quad + \cancel{a_2} - a_3 \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= a_0 - a_{n+1}\end{aligned}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 6} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1) \cdot n} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)}$$

Claim:  $\frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1}$        $\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} = \frac{k+1}{k(k+1)} - \frac{k}{k(k+1)} = \frac{(k+1) - k}{k(k+1)} = \frac{1}{k(k+1)}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right) = \frac{1}{1} - \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{3}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{3}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{4}} + \dots = 1 - \frac{1}{(n-1)+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$$

# Induction

$$S(n) : \sum_{i=1}^n i = 1+2+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$S(n)$  : Can always make postage for  $n$  cents using just 4 ¢ & 5 ¢ stamps  $\forall n \geq 12$

Weak induction

Base case, B.C., show that  $S(1)$

Inductive step, I.S., show that  $S(k) \Rightarrow S(k+1)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S(1) & \Rightarrow & S(2) & \Rightarrow & S(3) & \Rightarrow & S(4) & \Rightarrow & \dots \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \dots \\ \text{B.C.} & & \text{I.S.} & & \text{I.S.} & & \text{I.S.} & & \dots \end{array}$$

Strong induction

B.C.  $S(1), S(2), S(3), \dots, S(b)$

I.S.  $S(1), S(2), \dots, S(k-1) \Rightarrow S(k)$

$$\begin{array}{l} S(1) \\ \Rightarrow S(1), S(2) \\ \Rightarrow S(1), S(2), S(3) \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

Weak Induction E.g.  $S(n): \sum_{i=1}^n i = 1+2+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Base case: Show true for  $n=1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1 \equiv \frac{1(1+1)}{2} = \frac{1 \cdot 2}{2} = 1 \quad \checkmark \quad S(1) \text{ is true.}$$

Inductive step: Show that if true at  $n=k$ , then true at  $n=k+1$  ( $S(k) \Rightarrow S(k+1)$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^k i &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

← inductive hypothesis (assumption)  
↑ to prove

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i &= 1+2+3+\dots+k+(k+1) \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k i}_{\substack{\text{inductive hypothesis} \\ \rightarrow}} + (k+1) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (k+1) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{2(k+1)}{2} = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

E.g.  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Base case:  $n=1$  show  $\sum_{i=1}^1 \frac{1}{i(i+1)} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{1+1}$

$\downarrow$   
 $\frac{1}{1 \cdot (1+1)} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{1+1}$  ✓

Inductive step: show if true for  $n=k$ , then true at  $n=k+1$

$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{k}{k+1}$  ← (circled and crossed out)

$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{k+1}{k+2}$  ← (circled)

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

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

ind. hyp.

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

E.g.  $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1) = n^2 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$n=3 \quad 1+3+5 = 3^2$

$n=4 \quad 1+3+5+7 = 4^2$

$n=5 \quad 1+3+5+7+9 = 5^2$

Base case:  $n=1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 (2i-1) \stackrel{?}{=} 1^2$$

$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$   
 $2 \cdot 1 - 1 = 1 \qquad 1 \quad \checkmark$

Inductive: Show if true for  $n=k$ ,  
 Step then must be true for  $n=k+1$

$\left( \sum_{i=1}^k (2i-1) = k^2 \right)$

$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (2i-1) = (k+1)^2 \right)$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (2 \cdot i - 1) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k (2i-1) \right) + (2 \cdot (k+1) - 1)$$

$$= k^2 + (2k+2-1)$$

$$= k^2 + 2k + 1$$

$$= (k+1)^2 \quad \checkmark$$

# Postage Stamp Problem

Claim: Can always make postage for  $n$  cents  
using just 4¢ & 5¢ stamps.  $\forall n \geq 12$

Try weak induction...

B.C.  $n=12$   $3 \times 4¢ = 12¢$  ✓

I.S. Show if true at  $n=k$ ,  $\rightarrow$  I.H.: Assume can make  
change for  $k$  cents using  
just 4¢ & 5¢ stamps  
then true at  $n=k+1$   $\rightarrow$  Prove that can make change

$\Rightarrow$  in other words, prove true at  $n=k+1$  for  $k+1$  cents using  
just 4¢ & 5¢ stamps

relying only on true at  $n=k$

(and algebra).

Proof fails: at  $n=k+1$ , use either 4 or 5¢  
stamp, but then have an  
 $n=k-3$  or  $n=k-4$  problem  
(so ind. hyp. does not apply)

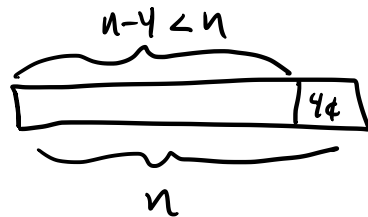


# Strong Induction

Ind. step: • Show that if true for all  $12 \leq k < n$ ,  
then true at  $n$ .

• Proof: - Use 4¢ stamp. Then  
must make postage for  
 $n-4$ ¢ using just 4¢ & 5¢  
stamps.

• Since  $n-4 < n$ , this can always  
be done using 4¢ & 5¢ stamps  
by ind. hyp. ✓



Base cases:

$n=12$	3x 4¢	
$n=13$	2x 4¢ 1x 5¢	
$n=14$	1x 4¢ 2x 5¢	✓
$n=15$	3x 5¢	