

# MAT200: Logic Language and Proof

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Lecture 8 - March 1 2021

Recently: induction/recursion

Today: Sets

HW3 Problem 3

Let  $P(n)$  be the following statement:

$P(n)$ : "n is divisible by 5".

Prove that  $P(n) \implies P(n+5)$

- 1) You shouldn't need to use induction to prove this.
- 2) You can't treat  $P(n)$  as a number.

Let  $P(n)$  denote  $5q$ .  
Bad "proof"

1)  $P(n)$  is already defined.  
2)

$$P(n) = n = 5q, \quad n = 5q, \text{ where } q \text{ is integer}$$

$$P(q) = \frac{5q}{q}$$

$$P(1) = \frac{5(1)}{5} = 1$$

$$P(n) \implies P(n+5)$$

$$\frac{n+5}{5} = P(n+5)$$

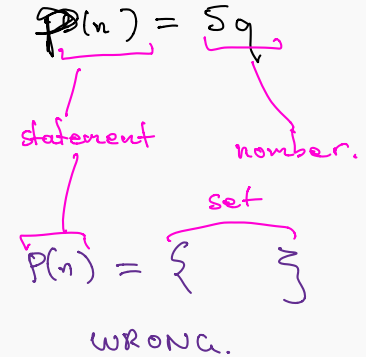
$$\frac{5q+5}{5} = P(n+5) \quad \text{distributivity}$$

$$\frac{5(q+1)}{5} = P(n+5)$$

$$q+1 = P(n+5) \quad \text{True}$$

$P(n+5)$  is shown above and it's true

Meaningless



HW2 - Problem 5c)

Prove that  $x^2 = 0 \implies x = 0$ .

**Incorrect (and confusing)**

- $x^2 = 0 \implies x = 0$
- Contrapositive
- $x \neq 0 \implies x^2 \neq 0$
- $xy \neq 0 \implies (xy)^2 \neq 0$  Multiplication law
- $xy > 0 \implies (xy)^2 > 0 \implies xy > 0$
- $xy < 0 \implies (xy)^2 > 0 \implies xy < 0$

✗ Don't throw a bunch of equations at the reader.

Still confusing? Let  $n = 5q$ .

Better: Let  $q$  satisfy  $n = 5q$ .

3) Clarity.

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Good proof:

$P(n)$  states that  $n$  is divisible by 5. Therefore,  
 Therefore, there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $n = 5k$ .  
 Since  $n = 5k$ , it follows that  $n+5 = 5k+5$  by adding 5  
 to both sides.  
 By distributivity:  $n+5 = 5(k+1)$   
 Therefore,  $n+5$  is divisible by 5 by a factor of  $(k+1)$ .  
 Thus,  $P(n) \implies P(n+5)$  is verified and recursive for  
 all true  $P(n)$ . QED

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Chains of equalities are ok,  
if each step is very small, or you explain each step.

### Problem 1 (10 points)

Prove that for all positive integers  $n$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1).$$

Base case: For  $n=1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i^2 = 1$  and  $\frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1) = \frac{1}{6} \times 2 \times 3 = 1$   
and therefore  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$ .

Inductive step: Suppose now as inductive hypothesis that when  $n=k$ ,  
 $\sum_{i=1}^k i^2 = \frac{1}{6}k(k+1)(2k+1)$  for some positive integer  $k$ .

Then when  $n=k+1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^k i^2 + (k+1)^2 \quad (\text{by definition}) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}k(k+1)(2k+1) + (k+1)^2 \quad (\text{by inductive hypothesis}) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1) + 6(k+1)^2}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(2k^2 + k + 6k + 6)}{6} \quad (\text{by distributivity}) \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)[(k+1)+1][2(k+1)+1]}{6} \quad (\text{by distributivity and associativity}) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(k+1)[(k+1)+1][2(k+1)+1] \end{aligned}$$

and so we prove  $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^2 = \frac{1}{6}(k+1)[(k+1)+1][2(k+1)+1]$ .

Conclusion: Hence, by induction,  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$  for all positive integers  $n$ .

QED

HW3 Problem 6

Consider the following statement,  $P$ .

All people have the same surname.

Or, more formally,

if  $X$  is any finite set of people then each person in  $X$  has the same surname as every person in  $X$ .

The result is clearly false. So the proof must be flawed. What is the flaw?

**Proof:** We use induction on  $n$ , the number of people in  $X$ .

**Base Case:** Clearly, in any group of one person, all people have the same surname. Thus  $P(1)$  is true.

**Inductive Step:** Suppose that  $P(k)$  is true for some integer  $k$ , that is, in any group of  $k$  people, all people have the same surname (inductive hypothesis). We have to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true. To do this, consider a group of  $k+1$  people.

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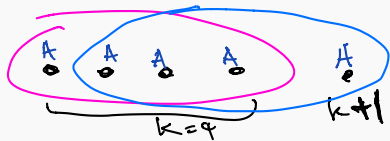
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**Conclusion:** Therefore, by the induction principle,  $P(n)$  is true for all integers  $n \geq 1$ . In other words, in any group of  $n$  people, all people have the same surname.

Inductive step:  $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$ .

Suppose  $P(k)$  is true.

"For every set  $X$  of  $k$  people, all the people in  $X$  have the same surname".



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Base Case

$P(1)$ : "For every set  $X$  of 1 people, all the people in  $X$  have the same surname".



The proof of

$P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$

is correct when  $k \geq 2$ .

But it is incorrect for  $k=1$ .

$P(1) \not\Rightarrow P(2)$ .



Summary

\*  $P(1)$  is true

\* The proof of  $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$  is correct when  $k \geq 2$ .

\*  $P(1) \not\Rightarrow P(2)$ .

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$\in$   $\subset$   
 $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 ∈ subset.

- $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$
- $A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$
- $\emptyset = \{\}$  Empty set
- $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{X : X \subset A\}$  Power set
- $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$  Product.
- $A - B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$  Difference
- $A^c = U - A$  Complement.

↑  
 "Everything not in A"

E.g.  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $A^c = \{3, 4, \pi, \text{Jupiter}, \text{MAT200}, \dots\}$

E.g.  $\mathcal{P}(\{0, 1\}) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\}\}$

Warning:  $0 \notin \mathcal{P}(\{0, 1\})$

Because 0 is not a subset of  $\{0, 1\}$ .

i.e. "0  $\subset$   $\{0, 1\}$ " is meaningless.

number set

(But "0  $\in$   $\{0, 1\}$ " works,

number set

$\emptyset \subset \{0, 1\}$ .

Proof:

$x \in \emptyset \Rightarrow x \in \{0, 1\}$   
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$A = \{1, 0\}$      $B = \{2, 3, 0\}$

$A \times B = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 0), (0, 2), (0, 3), (0, 0)\}$

$\emptyset \in \{1, 2\}$  F      However  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(\{1, 2\})$  T  
 $\emptyset \in \{\emptyset, 1, 2\}$  T       $\emptyset \subset \{1, 2\}$  T



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\* Let  $P(n) = "n \text{ is divis by } 5"$

$P(n) = 5q.$   
 statement number

\* " $0 \in \{0, 1\}$ "  
 number set

\*  $\{1, 2, 3\} \times 5$   
 set number.

\*  $5 \in 5$   
 number number.

$\emptyset = \{5\}$  T  
 But  $\{5\} \neq \{\emptyset\}$  F

$\{\emptyset\} = \{\{5\}\}$  T

$\{\emptyset\}$  has 1 element.

Theorem:  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

1) Find relevant defs.

Proof:

We have:

$A \cap (B \cup C) = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in (B \cup C)\}$  by definition of  $\cap$   
 $= \{x : x \in A \text{ and } (x \in B \text{ or } x \in C)\}$  by defn of  $\cup$   
 $= \{x : (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \text{ or } (x \in A \text{ and } x \in C)\}$  because  $P \text{ and } (Q \text{ or } R) \equiv (P \text{ and } Q) \text{ or } (P \text{ and } R)$   
 $= \{x : (x \in A \cap B) \text{ or } (x \in A \cap C)\}$  by definition of  $\cap$   
 $= (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  by definition of  $\cup$ .

distributivity of logical statements.

→  $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

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No venn diagrams.  
No truth tables.

Theorem:  $(A \subset B) \Leftrightarrow (A \cup B = B)$

Proof:

$(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose  $A \subset B$

Then  $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$ . (\*)

We want to show  $A \cup B = B$ ,

i.e.  $(x \in A \text{ or } x \in B) \Leftrightarrow x \in B$ .

i.e.  $\begin{cases} (x \in A \text{ or } x \in B) \Rightarrow x \in B & (1) \\ \text{and} \end{cases}$

$\begin{cases} x \in B \Rightarrow (x \in A \text{ or } x \in B) & (2) \end{cases}$

For (1),

if  $x \in A$  then  $x \in B$  by assumption (\*)

if  $x \in B$  then  $x \in B$  trivially.

(2) is true tautologically.

Thus we have shown  $A \cup B = B$

So  $A \subset B \Rightarrow A \cup B = B$ .

Rough work:

Given  
 $A \subset B$ .  
 $(x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B)$

Want

$A \cup B = B$   
 $x \in A \cup B \Leftrightarrow x \in B$   
 $x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \Leftrightarrow x \in B$   
 $\begin{cases} x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \Rightarrow x \in B \\ \text{and} \\ x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \end{cases}$   
 Taut.

Which definitions?

- ✓  $A = B$  means  $x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in B$
- ✓  $A \subset B$  means  $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$
- ✓  $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$
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(Still have to do  $\Leftarrow$ )