

Strong Induction (also called complete induction, our book calls this 2nd PMI)

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Fix $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

If

BASE STEP: $P(n_0)$ is true

INDUCTIVE STEP: for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq n_0}$: $\underbrace{[P(j) \text{ is true for } j \in \{n_0, 1 + n_0, \dots, n\}]}_{\text{inductive hypothesis}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{[P(n + 1) \text{ is true }]}_{\text{inductive conclusion}}$

then $P(n)$ is true for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq n_0}$.

Ex. Theorem. Let $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ be the recursively defined sequence of integers

$$a_0 = 2 \quad , \quad a_1 = 4 \quad , \quad a_2 = 6$$

and

$$a_n = 5a_{n-3} \quad \text{when } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } n \geq 3. \tag{RD}$$

Then a_n is even for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0} \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$.

RD = Recursive Def. ↑

►. Symbolically:

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Let's make a chart to help us understand better what is going on.

n	a_n
0	2 (given)
1	4 (given)
2	6 (given)
now the recursive definition <i>kicks in</i>	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
Do we see a pattern?	

◦. For the Base Step, which n 's do we need to check? _____.

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Theorem. Each natural number n has a factorization as

$$n = 2^k m$$

for some k is some nonnegative integer and some odd natural number m .

►. Written symbolically:

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n	$n = 2^k m$ where $k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$ and $m \in \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, \dots\}$
1	1 =
2	2 =
3	3 =
4	4 =
5	5 =
6	6 =
7	7 =
So if n is _____, then $n =$ _____ so $k :=$ _____ $\in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ and $m :=$ _____ with m an odd natural number.	
8	8 =
10	10 =
12	12 =

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To show the (IC), we will need to consider (the only possible) two cases for n : _____ and _____.