

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 epz ach $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq n_0}$.

Ex. 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: $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) (\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}) (\exists m \in \mathbb{N}) [k \geq 0 \wedge m \text{ is odd} \wedge n = 2^k m]$.

Proof. We shall show that if $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then n can be written as

$$n = 2^k m \quad \text{for some } k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \text{ and odd natural number } m \quad (1)$$

by strong induction on n .

For the base step, let $n = 1$. Then

$$n = 1 = 2^0 \cdot 1 = 2^k m$$

where $k = 0 \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ and $m = 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ is odd. Thus (1) holds when $n = 1$. This completes the base step.

For the inductive step, fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume the inductive hypothesis, which is

$$\text{if } j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, \text{ the } j = 2^a b \text{ for some } a \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \text{ and odd natural number } b. \quad (\text{IH})$$

We will show the inductive conclusion, which is

$$n + 1 = 2^k m \quad \text{for some } k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \text{ and odd natural number } m, \quad (\text{IC})$$

by considering (the only possible) two cases: n is even and n is odd.

For the first case, let n be an even integer. Then $n + 1$ is odd and so

$$n + 1 = 2^0 (n + 1) = 2^k m$$

where $k = 0 \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ and $m = n + 1$ is an odd integer. Thus (IC) holds for the first case. For the second case, let n be an odd integer. Then $n + 1$ is even; thus, there is $l \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$n + 1 = 2l. \quad (2)$$

Note that $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ since $l \in \mathbb{N}$ and

$$1 \leq l = \frac{n + 1}{2} \leq \frac{n + n}{2} = n.$$

Thus by the inductive hypotheses (IH), applies to l , there exists $a \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ and an odd natural number b such that

$$l = 2^a b. \quad (3)$$

Equations (2) and (3) give,

$$n + 1 = 2l = 2(2^a b) = 2^{a+1} b = 2^k m$$

where $m := b$ is an odd natural number and $k := a + 1 \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ (since $a \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$). Thus (IC) holds for the second case. This completes the inductive step.

Thus the base step and the inductive step hold. So, by strong induction, equation (1) holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. \square