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- HW6 (graphs) due this Friday Nov 8
- Exam2:
  - next friday Nov 15
  - review next week in recitation (no quiz)
  - you'll get practice problems this Friday Nov 8
- HW7 (induction) is also due next Friday Nov 15
  - not graded before exam2 but you'll have other induction examples to study from

Content:

Induction (proving a sequence of statements)

- Proving a conditional  $P \rightarrow Q$
- Weak Induction (algebraic equality)

Why write a proof in CS?

So far:

To demonstrate that an algorithm works

- e.g. how can we show that Dijkstra's Algorithm really does find the shortest path?  
(our previous class notes are suggestive ... but I wouldn't call them a "proof")
- e.g. how can we show that Euclid's Division Algorithm really does convert to binary?

Towards the end of the semester

To demonstrate that one function is always bigger than another

- e.g. \*insertion sort will take more operations to sort a list than merge sort

\* ... in the worst case (more to come later)

## Proving a conditional

Define:

a rectangle is a polygon with 4 sides whose interior angles are all 90 degrees

a square is a polygon with 4 equal sides whose interior angles are all 90 degrees

Example conditional statement:

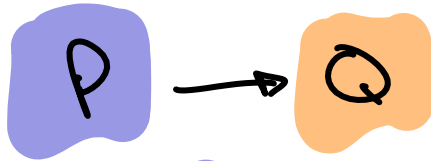
If a shape is a square, then that shape is (also) a rectangle

Proof:

Assume a shape is a square

- then the shape has 4 sides and interior angles which are all 90 degrees
- then the shape is a rectangle

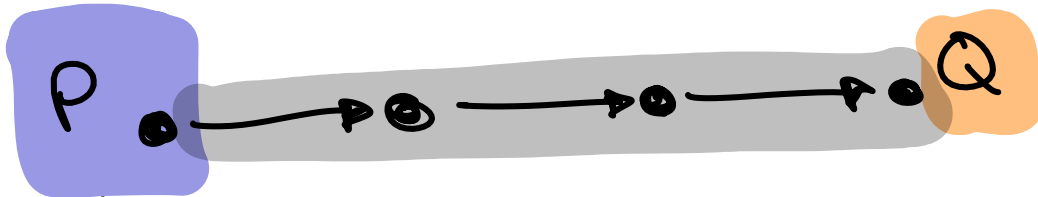
## Proving a conditional



① Assume P

②

GIVE SEQUENCE OF IMPLICATIONS  
WHICH END AT Q



Tip: Use P somewhere in your argument to get to Q  
(Otherwise Q true by itself, if so its simpler to drop conditioning on P)

## In Class Activity:

Define: integer  $z$  is even if there exists some integer  $a$  with  $z = 2a$

Useful fact: multiplying two integers always yields another integer

Prove the following statement:

If an integer  $z$  is even, then  $z$  squared is also even.

Assume  $z$  is even  $\Rightarrow \exists a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$2a^2$  is an integer

so  $z^2$  is also even

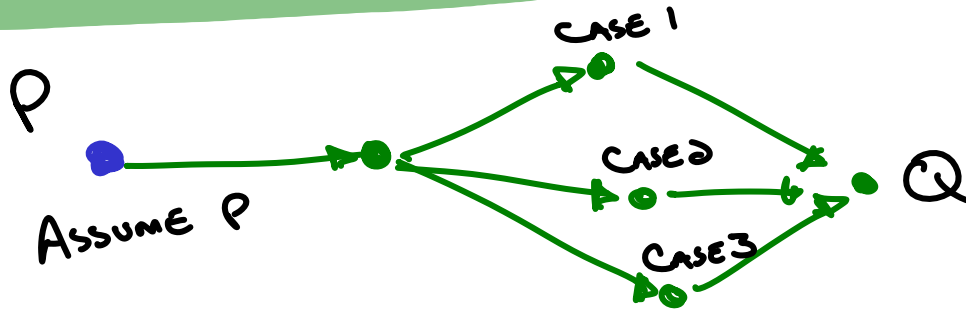
$$z = 10$$

$$z^2 = 100 = 50 \cdot 2$$

↑

$$\begin{aligned} z &= 2a \\ z^2 &= 4a^2 \\ &= 2(2a^2) \end{aligned}$$

## Proof Move: Break Your Argument Into Cases



Approach:

Partition all possibilities into cases, argue each will imply Q

Example: If you wear sunscreen on every sunny day, then you won't get any burns from the sun.

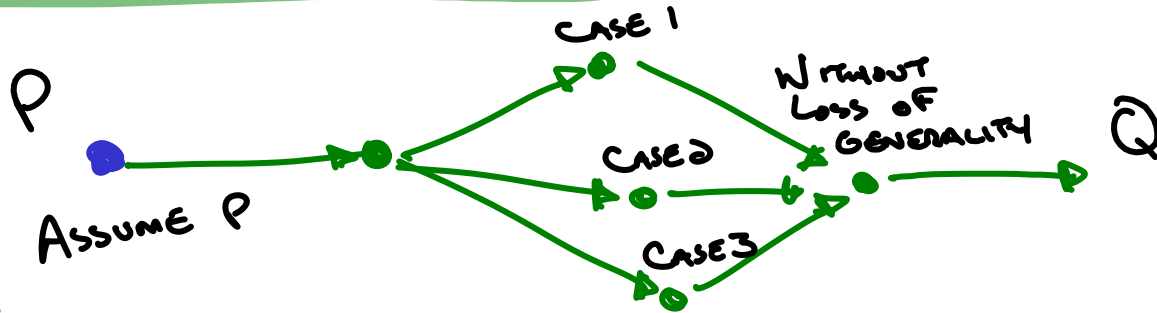
Proof: Assume if one is in the sun, then they wear sunscreen

case1: sunny day  $\rightarrow$  one wears sunscreen  $\rightarrow$  no burn from the sun

case2: not a sunny day  $\rightarrow$  no burn from the sun

Notice: we argue from each case to conclusion Q. The argument has a feeling of "no matter what case ... Q"

## Proof Move: Without Loss of Generality (WLOG)



Approach:

Simplify your argument by combining your cases, often by re-labelling or re-orienting how you define things.

Example: If you cut a 100g wheel of cheese into 2 pieces, one side will be at least 50g

Proof: Assume we cut a 100g wheel of cheese into two pieces.

WLOG, let us call the mass of larger piece  $A$  and the smaller mass  $B$ .

Then  $100 = A + B$

$\leq A + A = 2A$  (first equality from  $B \leq A$ )

so that  $50 \leq A$

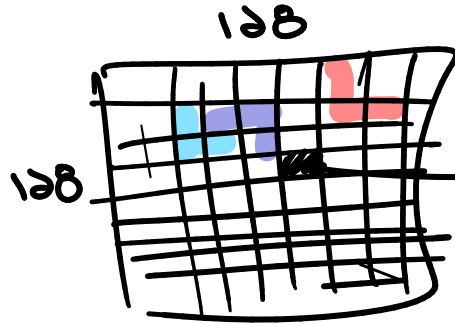
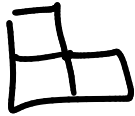
# TILING A BATHROOM FLOOR

GIVEN A BATHROOM FLOOR IS AN ARRAY OF  $2^n \times 2^n$

NEW  
 $n \neq 0$

MAY WE ALWAYS BE ABLE TO TILE ALL OF ONE SPACE WITH

AN "L SHAPE"?



NO MATTER  
WHERE SPOT  
IS

SPOT



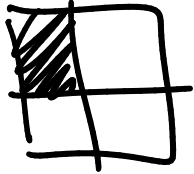
LET'S SOLVE SIMPLER PROBLEM...

STATEMENT ( $n=1$ )

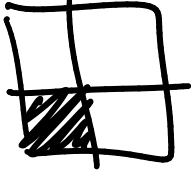
A  $2 \times 2$  ARRAY WITH ONE MISSING SPOT MAY BE TILED WITH L SHAPES

PROOF

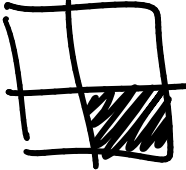
CASE 0



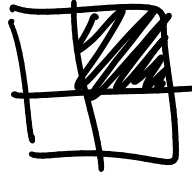
CASE 1



CASE 2



CASE 3



IN ANY CASE, WE MAY TILE THE ARRAY

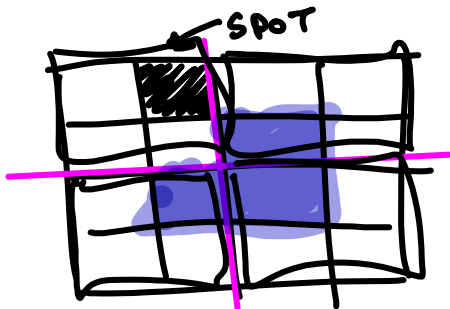
# GENERALIZING FROM $n=1$ TO $n=2$

## STATEMENT ( $n=2$ )

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## PROOF

WLOG: ASSUME MISSING SPOT IN TOP LEFT QUADRANT  
(ROTATE ARRAY UNTIL THIS IS TRUE)



- ADD L TILE TO INDUCE "SPOT" IN OTHER QUADRANTS

-  $n=1$  CASE (PREVIOUS SLIDE) TELLS US EACH QUADRANT CAN BE TILED

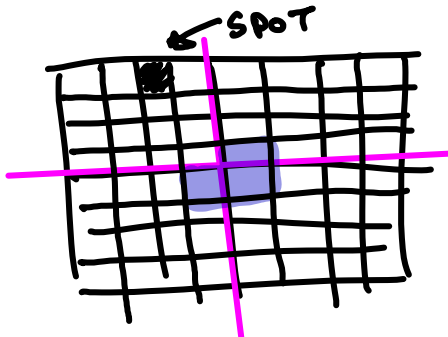
# GENERALIZING FROM $n=2$ TO $n=3$

## STATEMENT ( $n=3$ )

A  $2^3 \times 2^3$  ARRAY WITH ONE MISSING SPOT MAY BE TILED WITH L SHAPES

## PROOF

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# GENERALIZING FROM $n$ TO $n+1$

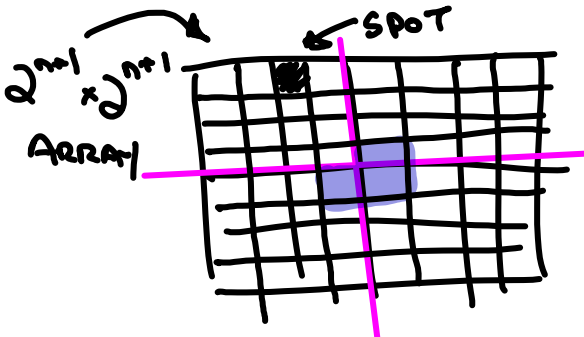
## STATEMENT

( $n$ )

A  $2^n \times 2^n$  ARRAY WITH ONE MISSING SPOT MAY BE TILED WITH L SHAPES

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## Induction (Weak):

Induction allows us to prove a never-ending sequence of statements:  $S(1), S(2), S(3), S(4), \dots$

Process:

- Prove the first statement,  $S(n)$  for some  $n$

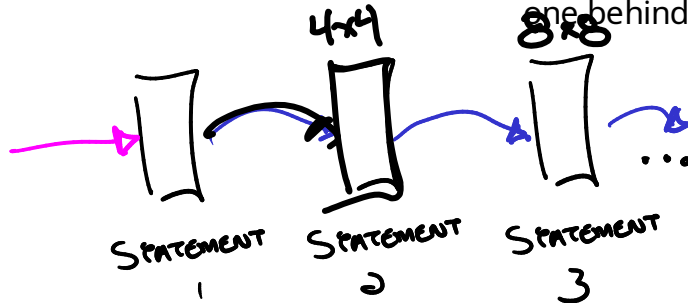
- Show that each statement implies the next statement:

Metaphor (Dominos):

To knock over all the dominos

- Push over the first one

- Place each other domino so that if the one behind it falls, it too will fall



A delicious induction example



IF  $z_1, z_2$  ARE EVEN THEN  $z_1 z_2$  IS EVEN

ASSUME  $z_1$  IS EVEN  $\Rightarrow \exists a_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad z_1 = 2a_1$   
 $z_2$  IS EVEN  $\Rightarrow \exists a_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad z_2 = 2a_2$

$$z_1 \cdot z_2 = 2 \cdot \underbrace{(2a_1 a_2)}_{\text{INTEGER}}$$

$z_1 z_2$  IS EVEN

## Weak Induction: Algebraic Equality

Show that the sum of the first  $n$  odd numbers is  $n^2$

$$1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \\ n \geq 1$$

While not part of our proof, it can help to test statement out a bit. Is this statement reasonable?

We explore below:

$n=1$  CASE

Biggest TERM:  $2 \cdot 1 - 1 = 1$

$$1 \stackrel{?}{=} 1^2$$

$n=2$  CASE

Biggest TERM:  $2 \cdot 2 - 1 = 3$

$$1 + 3 \stackrel{?}{=} 2^2$$

$n=5$  CASE

Biggest TERM:  $2 \cdot 5 - 1 = 9$

$$1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9 \stackrel{?}{=} 5^2$$



A template for equality / inequality style induction proofs:

1. define & remind: statement  $n$
2. choose base case  $n$  & show it
3. write "inductive step: if statement  $n$  then statement  $n + 1$ "
4. Prove inductive step:
  - a. assume statement  $n$  (inductive hypothesis)
  - b. write statement  $n + 1$  in two halves  
(tip: start at sum side, work towards other side)
  - c. apply assumption to get from one half to other

INDUCTIVE STEP:  $S(n) \rightarrow S(n+1)$

ASSUME

$$1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 3 + \dots + (2n-1) + (2(n+1)-1) &= n^2 + 2(n+1) - 1 \\ &= n^2 + 2n + 2 - 1 \\ &= n^2 + 2n + 1 \\ &= (n+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

STATEMENT  $N$ :

$$1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$$

BASE CASE  $N=1$

$$N=1 = 1^2 = N^2$$

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STATEMENT  $n$

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$$

BASE CASE ( $n=1$ ):

$$1 = 1^2 = n^2$$

INDUCTIVE STEP: IF  $S(n) \rightarrow S(n+1)$

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INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS

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<walk through the induction rubric / guide on website>

## In Class Activity:

Using induction prove that the sum of consecutive integers is  $n(n+1)/2$ :

STATEMENT  $N$  :  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

BASE CASE  $N=1$  :  $1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2} = \frac{N(N+1)}{2}$

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In Class Activity:

$$S(n+1): 1+2+3+\dots+n+(n+1) = \frac{(n+1)((n+1)+1)}{2}$$

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INDUCTIVE STEP:  $S(n) \rightarrow S(n+1)$

ASSUME  $1+2+3+4+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

$$1+2+3+\dots+n+(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n+1)$$
$$= \frac{n(n+1) + 2(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} = \frac{(n+1)((n+1)+1)}{2}$$

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

INDUCTIVE STEP  $S(n) \rightarrow S(n+1)$

$$\text{ASSUME } 1+2+3+4+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{THEN } 1+2+3+4+\dots+n+(n+1) &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n+1) \\ &= \frac{n(n+1) + 2(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$