

## Section 4.4: Strong Induction and Well Ordering

### Strong Induction:

1. Principle of Strong Mathematical Induction:

Let  $P(n)$  be defined for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  be fixed. Then, if

- (a)  $P(a), P(a+1), \dots, P(b)$  are all true. (Basis step)
- (b) For all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > b$ ,  $P(i)$  true for all  $a \leq i < k \Rightarrow P(k)$  is true.

Then  $P(n)$  is true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq a$ .

2. The inductive hypothesis for strong induction assumes not only that  $P(n)$  is true for a single value  $k$  (as with Mathematical Induction) but for **all**  $n$  up to, but not including,  $k$ .
3. Any statement that can be proved with MI can be proved with SMI. (Explain why.)  
The converse is also true but takes a little more work.
4. Example #1: (p. 242, pr. 2)  
Suppose  $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots$  is a sequence defined as follows:

$$b_1 = 4, \quad b_2 = 12, \quad b_k = b_{k-2} + b_{k-1}, \quad \forall k \geq 3.$$

Prove that  $b_n$  is divisible by 4 for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 1$ .

5. Theorem 4.4.1 (Existence and Uniqueness of Binary Integer Representations)  
Given any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $n$  has a unique representation in the form

$$n = c_r \cdot 2^r + c_{r-1} \cdot 2^{r-1} + \dots + c_2 \cdot 2^2 + c_1 \cdot 2 + c_0,$$

where  $r$  is a nonnegative integer,  $c_r = 1$ , and  $c_j = 1$  or  $0$  for all  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, r-1$ .  
pf. Strong induction and divide into cases ( $k$  even/odd)

6. Example #2: (p. 242, pr. 14)  
Use strong mathematical induction to prove that for any integer  $n \geq 2$ , if  $n$  is even, then any sum of  $n$  odd integers is even, and if  $n$  is odd, then any sum of  $n$  odd integers is odd.

## Well Ordering:

7. Well-Ordering Principle for the Integers:

Any set  $S$  containing one or more integers, all of which are greater than some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  (note  $a$  may not be in  $S$ ) has a least element.

8. It can be showed that MI, SMI, and Well-ordering principles are all equivalent

9. Example #1: (p. 243, pr. 20)

The Archimedean property for the rational numbers states that for all  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $n > r$ . Prove this property.

pf. Divide into cases:  $r \leq 0$  (trivial,  $n = 1$ ),  $r = \frac{a}{b} > 0$ :  $r < n \Leftrightarrow a < nb$ .

$1 < 2 \Rightarrow a < 2a, 1 < b \Rightarrow 2a < 2ab = nb \Rightarrow a < 2a < nb$ .

10. Example #2: (p. 243, pr. 21)

Use the result of the Example #1 and the well-ordering principle for the integers to show that given any  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $m \leq r < m + 1$ .

pf. Divide into cases:  $r < 0$ ,  $r = 0$ , and  $r > 0$ .

For  $r > 0$ ,  $r = \frac{a}{b}$ , use Example #1.

For  $r < 0$ , modify the result for the  $r > 0$  case.

11. Quotient-Remainder Theorem (Existence Part)

Given any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and any  $d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$n = dq + r \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq r < d.$$