

STRONG INDUCTION

Let $\{P(n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a sequence of
Mathematical statements

Assume

(a) $P(1)$ is true

(b) For $k \geq 2$, $P(i)$ is true for $i < k$

implies $P(k)$ is true

Then $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Follows from P.M.I.

Take

$$Q(n) = \begin{cases} P(i) \text{ is true} \\ \forall i \leq n \end{cases}$$

$\nexists P(n) \text{ P.M.I. to } Q$

Proof ① in Worksheet

Case 1: $|a| = |b|$

Relatively Prime $\Rightarrow |a| = 1 = |b|$
[Explicitly write out combinations]

$$a=1, b=1 \quad 2a-b=1$$

$$a=-1, b=1 \quad a+2b=1$$

$$a=1, b=-1 \quad 2a+b=1$$

$$a=-1, b=-1 \quad -2a+b=1$$

Case 2: $b=0$ (a,b) relatively prime $|a|=1$

$$|a|=1 \Rightarrow m=a, n=0$$

to get $ma+nb=1$

Case 3: $|a| > |b|$

w.l.o.g. $a > 0$ & $b > 0$

STRONG INDUCTION on $a+b$

$$P(k) = \left\{ \exists m, n \quad ma+nb=1 \mid \begin{array}{l} a \text{ \& b are relatively prime} \\ a+b=k \end{array} \right\}$$

Assumptions :-

(iii) # of heads is k

$b, a-b$ are relatively prime $\textcircled{*}$

If $m|a$ & $m|a-b \Rightarrow m|b$

As a, b are relatively prime $\Rightarrow \textcircled{*}$

✓ $a+b=1 \Rightarrow P(1)$ is true

• Assume $a+b \geq 2$ $P(l)$ is true for $l < a+b$

As $a > b, b > 0$, consider b & $a-b$

Notice $l = b + a - b = a < a+b$ $\textcircled{*}$ As $P(l)$ is true we

have $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $mb + n(a-b) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow na + (m-n)b = 1$$

As $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ & $m-n \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow P(a+b)$ is true.

By strong Induction
 $P(n)$ is true for all
 $n \in \mathbb{N}$ $\square$

(2) In Worksheet $a, q, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

a, b are relatively prime

$$a \mid qb \Rightarrow a \mid q$$

Sol: From Question 1 [Because a and b are relatively prime]

$$\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ st } ma + nb = 1 \quad \text{--- (xx)}$$

multiply both sides of (xx) by q .

$$qma + qnb = q. \quad \text{--- (xxx)}$$

$$a \mid ab \Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad ab = ka$$

$$\textcircled{xxx} \Rightarrow a = am + n(ka)$$

$$= a(am + nk)$$

Associative &
Distributive properties

$$\text{As } am + nk \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a \mid a \quad \square$$

$\textcircled{4}$ in Worksheet.

Solution: - if $m \mid a$ & $m \mid b \Rightarrow m \mid a - kb \Rightarrow$
 $m \mid a - kb$ & $m \mid b \Rightarrow m \mid a$

$$\boxed{l \mid a \text{ \& } l \mid b \Rightarrow l \mid a - kb \text{ and } l \mid b}$$

Ex: $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a - kb, b) \quad \square$

(3)

d is greatest common divisor of a & b , a, b are relatively prime

$$S = \{ma + nb \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$T = \{kd \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$S \subseteq T$$

$$d \mid a \text{ \& } d \mid b \Rightarrow d = \gcd(a, b)$$

$$\beta \in T \Rightarrow \beta = nd \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = kd \text{ \& } b = ld \text{ for some } k, l \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } k, l \text{ relatively prime}$$

$$\alpha \in S \Rightarrow \alpha = ma + nb \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = m(kd) + n(ld)$$

$$= (mk + ln)d$$

$$mk + ln \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \alpha \in T$$

$\frac{a}{d}$ & $\frac{b}{d}$ are relatively prime integers

Apply Question 1 $\exists t, s \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$t \frac{a}{d} + s \frac{b}{d} = 1 \Rightarrow ta + sb = d \quad \beta$$

$$\Rightarrow nta + nsb = nd \quad \beta$$

$\in S$ or $nd \in \mathbb{Z}$