



COMP 1002

# Logic for Computer Scientists

Lecture 23

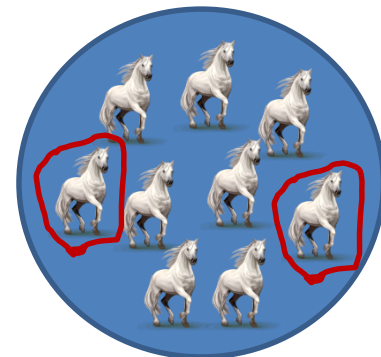
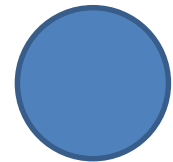




# Puzzle: all horses are white



- Claim: all horses are white.
- Proof (by induction):
  - $P(n)$ : any  $n$  horses are white.
  - Base case:  $P(0)$  holds vacuously
  - Induction hypothesis: any  $k$  horses are white.
  - Induction step: if any  $k$  horses are white, then any  $k+1$  horses are white.
    - Take an arbitrary set of  $k+1$  horses. Take a horse out.
      - The remaining  $k$  horses are white by induction hypothesis.
    - Now put that horse back in, and take out another horse.
      - Remaining  $k$  horses are again white by induction hypothesis.
    - Therefore, all the  $k+1$  horses in that set are white.
  - By induction, all horses are white.





# Strong induction: product of primes

- **Strong Induction** principle (general form):
  - $(\exists b \geq a \forall c \in \{a..b\} P(c)) \wedge \forall k > b (\forall i \in \{a, \dots, k-1\} P(i)) \rightarrow P(k)$   
 $\rightarrow \forall x \in \mathbb{N} (x \geq a \rightarrow P(x))$
- **Theorem:** Every natural number  $\geq 2$  is a product of powers of prime numbers.
  - **$P(n)$ :**  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N} \exists p_1, \dots, p_m, d_1, \dots, d_m$  such that  $n = p_1^{d_1} \cdot p_2^{d_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_m^{d_m}$ 
    - For example,  $24 = 2^3 \cdot 3^1$ ,  $23 = 23^1$
  - **Base case:**  $a = b = 2$ . 2 is a prime, so  $P(2)$  holds with  $m = 1, p_1 = 2, d_1 = 1$ .
  - **Induction hypothesis:** Let  $k$  be an arbitrary integer  $> 2$ . Assume that  $\forall i \in \{2, \dots, k-1\} \exists m \in \mathbb{N} \exists p_1, \dots, p_m, d_1, \dots, d_m \ i = p_1^{d_1} \cdot p_2^{d_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_m^{d_m}$
  - **Induction step.** Show that the induction hypothesis implies that  $\exists m' \in \mathbb{N} \exists q_1, \dots, q_{m'}, d'_1, \dots, d'_{m'} \ k = q_1^{d'_1} \cdot q_2^{d'_2} \cdot \dots \cdot q_{m'}^{d'_{m'}}$



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- Rename variables to distinguish from induction hypothesis.

– Case 1:  $k$  is prime. Then  $m' = 1, q_1 = k, d'_1 = 1$

– Case 2:  $k$  is not prime. Then  $k = k_1 \cdot k_2$ . By induction hypothesis, both  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are products of primes.

- Here is where *strong* induction is useful.

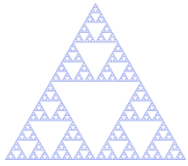
- Then get  $m', q_1 \dots q_{m'}, d'_1, \dots, d'_{m'}$  as follows:

- Let  $m'$  be the number of unique primes in  $k_1, k_2$  (that is, if a prime occurs in both, count it once.) Then  $q_1 \dots q_{m'}$  is the set of unique primes in  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ .

- If a prime  $p$  occurs in both  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , it will be in  $k$  with power which is sum of its powers in  $k_1, k_2$

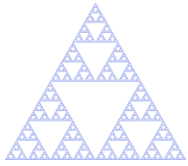
- If it occurs in only one of  $k_1, k_2$ , put it in  $k$  with the same power it had where it appeared.

- By strong induction, every number  $\geq 2$  is a product of prime powers.



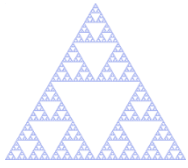
# Recurrences and sequences

- To define a sequence (of things), describe a process generating it.
  - Sequence: enumeration of objects  $s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n, \dots$ 
    - Sometimes use notation  $\{s_n\}$  for the sequence (set of elements forming a sequence)
  - **Basis (initial conditions):** what are the first (few) element(s) in the sequence.
    - $\sum_{i=m}^m i = m$ .
    - $0! = 1$ .  $1! = 1$ .
    - $A_0 = \emptyset$
  - **Recurrence (recursion step, inductive definition):** a rule to make a next element from already constructed ones.
    - $\sum_{i=m}^{n+1} i = (\sum_{i=m}^n i) + (n + 1)$ . Here, assume that  $m \leq n$ , make it 0 otherwise
    - $(n+1)! = n! \cdot (n+1)$
    - $A_{n+1} = \mathcal{P}(A_n)$
- Resulting sequences:
  - $m, 2m+1, 3m+3, \dots$
  - $1, 2, 6, 24, 120, \dots$
  - $\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}, \dots$

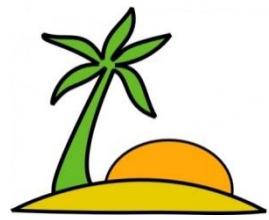


# Special sequences

- Arithmetic progression:
  - Sequence:  $c, c + d, c + 2d, c + 3d, \dots, c + nd, \dots$
  - Recursive definition:
    - Basis:  $s_0 = c$ , for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$
    - Recurrence:  $s_{n+1} = s_n + d$ , where  $d \in \mathbb{R}$  is a fixed number.
- Geometric progression:
  - Sequence:  $c, cr, cr^2, cr^3, \dots, cr^n, \dots$
  - Recursive definition:
    - Basis:  $s_0 = c$ , for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$
    - Recurrence:  $s_{n+1} = s_n \cdot r$ , where  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  is a fixed number.



# Puzzle



- A ship leaves a pair of rabbits on an island (with a lot of food).
- After a pair of rabbits reaches 2 months of age, they produce another pair of rabbits, and keep producing a pair every month thereafter.
- Which in turn starts reproducing every month when reaching 2 months of age...
- How many pairs of rabbits will be on the island in  $n$  months, assuming no rabbits die?

