

# Recursion, Induction, and Iteration

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## A Simple Property of Sum

We would like to prove the following closed form solution to sum:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}.$$

In PVS:

```
closed_form: THEOREM
  sum(n) = (n * (n + 1)) / 2
```

## Induction Proofs

(induct/\$ var &optional (fnum 1) name) :

Selects an induction scheme according to the type of VAR in FNUM and uses formula FNUM to formulate an induction predicate, then simplifies yielding base and induction cases. The induction scheme can be explicitly supplied as the optional NAME argument.

## Induction Schemes from the Prelude

```
% Weak induction on naturals.  
nat_induction: LEMMA  
  (p(0) AND (FORALL j: p(j) IMPLIES p(j+1)))  
    IMPLIES (FORALL i: p(i))  
  
% Strong induction on naturals.  
NAT_induction: LEMMA  
  (FORALL j: (FORALL k: k < j IMPLIES p(k)) IMPLIES p(j))  
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## Limitations of automation

Consider the  $n$ th factorial:

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n(n - 1)!, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In the NASA PVS theory ints@factorial:

```
factorial(n : nat): RECURSIVE posnat =
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# A Simple Property of Factorial

$$\forall n : n! \geq n$$

In PVS:

```
factorial_ge : LEMMA
  FORALL (n:nat): factorial(n) >= n
```

## A Series of Unfortunate Events . . .

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...

Whenever the theorem prover falls into an infinite loop, the **Emacs command C-c C-c** will force PVS to break into Lisp. The Lisp command (**restore**) will return to the PVS state prior to the last proof command.

```
...
Error: Received signal number 2 (Interrupt)
[condition type: interrupt-signal]
Restart actions (select using :continue):
0: continue computation
1: Return to Top Level (an "abort" restart).
2: Abort entirely from this (lisp) process.
[1c] pvs(137): (restore)
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## But The Price is Higher

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fact_it2_TCC5: OBLIGATION
FORALL (n: nat, i: upto(n),
        v:
            [d1: z: [n: nat, upto(n), posnat] |
             z'1 - z'2 < n - i ->
             b: posnat | b = d1'3 * factorial(d1'1) /
                         factorial(d1'2)],
         a: posnat):
NOT i = n IMPLIES
v(n, i + 1, a * (i + 1)) =
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```

**Rule? (skeep :preds? t)**

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fact\_it2\_TCC5 :

```
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Rule? (grind-reals)

Rewriting with pos\_div\_gt

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Applying GRIND-REALS,

This completes the proof of fact\_it2\_TCC5.1.

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- ▶ The variable  $i$  in the invariant refers to the  $i$ th iteration.
- ▶ Remaining subgoals are discharged with (grind). See Examples/Lecture-2.pvs.

## Inductive Definitions

- ▶ An inductive definition gives rules for generating members of a set.
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## Induction Schemes

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(use the Emacs command M-x ppe):

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$$\text{odd?}(1) = \text{true}$$

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