

**EXERCISE:** Show that for  $p \geq 5$   
and  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  
 $4p < 2^p$ .

### 1. Define the predicate

(The predicate is a function that maps an positive integer to a logic statement.)

$P_1(p) : p \geq 5$  and  $p \in \mathbb{Z}, 4p < 2^p$  ← ok, good  
→  $P_2(p) : 4p < 2^p$  ← good enough  
 $P_3(p) : p \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(p < 5$  or  $4p < 2^p)$  ← perfect  
(There are several ways to define the predicate.) but will make things harder)

### 2. Base case (we look for the first value of $p$ for which $P(p)$ is true)

$p=5$

Now we check that it is true.

The typical approach is either:

\* Start from LHS, and simplify.  
Then simplify RHS and show they are equal.

\* Start either from the LHS or the RHS and transform the expression.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{LHS: } 4p \Big|_{p=5} = 4 \times 5 = 20 \\ \text{RHS: } 2^p \Big|_{p=5} = 2^5 = 32 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 20 < 32 \\ \text{therefore} \\ \text{LHS} < \text{RHS} \\ \text{therefore} \end{array} \right\} \quad 4 \times 5 < 2^5$$

So  $P(5)$  is true and we have shown the base case

### 3. Inductive step

(INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS)

"I suppose it's true and let's see what happens"

Let's assume that  $P(p)$  is true. optional

[Let's show that this implies  $P(p+1)$ .]

Because  $P(p)$ , we have

$$4p < 2^p$$

Consider  $P(p+1)$ : [we need to do algebraic manipulation to end up on a term that resembles the induction hypothesis]

$$\text{LHS: } 4(p+1) = 4p+4$$

$$\text{RHS: } 2^{p+1} = 2^p \cdot 2$$

We can divide both terms by the same positive factor without changing the relative order of the terms.

$$\text{LHS: } (4p+4)/2 = 2p+2 \quad \text{(1) needs some "transforming"}$$

$$\text{RHS: } (2^p \cdot 2)/2 = 2^p \quad \text{(2) (looks like the term in } P(p) \text{!)}$$

Because  $p \geq 5$  then:

$$2 < 2p \quad \text{(3) I'm picking } 2p \text{ because it will help me get closer to expressing } 2p+2 \text{ in terms of } 4p$$

By combining (1) (2) and (3), I get

$$2p+2 < 2p+2p = 4p$$

By applying the IH,

$$4p < 2^p$$

Let's rewind! For  $P(p+1)$  we have to show

$$\text{that } \underbrace{4(p+1)}_{\text{LHS}} < \underbrace{2^{p+1}}_{\text{RHS}} \quad \text{because } p \geq 5$$

(I can divide by a positive without changing the relative of the terms)

$$\frac{\text{LHS}}{2} = \frac{4(p+1)}{2} = \frac{4p+4}{2} = 2p+2 < 4p$$

$$\frac{\text{RHS}}{2} = \frac{2^{p+1}}{2} = \frac{2^p \cdot 2}{2} = 2^p$$

By our previous inductive hypothesis,  $P(p)$ , we have  $4p < 2^p$ , therefore we can conclude

$$\frac{\text{LHS}}{2} < \frac{\text{RHS}}{2}$$

therefore

$$\text{LHS} < \text{RHS}$$

Therefore  $P(p+1)$  holds.

4. By induction  $P(p)$  is true for all  $p \geq 5$ .

### Proof of $A \cup B = B \cup A$

#### 1. $A \cup B \subseteq B \cup A$

Let  $x \in A \cup B$ . Then by def. of union either  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ .  
If  $x \in A$ , then by def. of union  $x \in B \cup A$ .  
If  $x \in B$ , then by def. of union,  $x \in B \cup A$ . ✓

• To prove equality of sets like

$$X = Y$$

you do  $X \subseteq Y$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ .

• To show  $X \subseteq Y$ ,

you start by assuming  $x \in X$  and you show that  $x \in Y$ .

#### 2. $B \cup A \subseteq A \cup B$

→ copy-paste (almost)

### Other proof of $A \cup B = B \cup A$

By commutativity of set union,

$$A \cup B = B \cup A.$$