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Simple Induction



Reachability

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(Base-case)





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Counter-examples with loops can always be made loop-free!

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Induction in Practice

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- Or, prove that no such set of values exists

Why is it hard?

<i>x</i> ₀	<i>x</i> ₁	<i>x</i> ₂	<i>x</i> ₃	ok
0	0	0	0	0
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- Enumeration does not work
- Given k inputs there are 2^k combinations

Conjunctive Normal Form

Variables: a, b, c, \dots Literals: $a, \neg a, b, \neg b, c, \neg c, \dots$

Clauses: Disjunctions of literals

Ex: (¬*a* ∨ *b*, ¬*c*)

CNF: Conjunction of clauses

Ex: $(\neg a \lor b) \land (\neg a \lor c) \land (\neg a \lor \neg b \lor c)$

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