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- Step 0: Believe in the "magic."
 - You will show that it's not really magic at all. But you have to believe.
 - If, when you are in the middle of an induction proof, you begin to doubt whether the principle of mathematical induction itself is true, you are sunk!
 - So even if you have some trouble understanding the proof of the principle of mathematical induction, you must believe its truth if you are to be successful in using it to prove things.



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Step 2 (induction step)

- Let k be any number that is greater than n₀.
 - You can't pick some specific k, you have to do this step for a generic k that is greater than n_0 .
- Assume that p(j) is true for all j that are less than k (and also $\ge n_0$, of course).
- This is called the induction assumption, and is akin to the assumption that recursive calls to a procedure will work correctly.
- Then show that p(k) must also be true, using the induction assumption somewhere along the way.

Example

- ► Every integer n≥1 is a product of zero or more prime integers
- Proof by strong induction:
- **Base case.** n=1 is a product of zero prime integers
- Induction step. Let k be an integer that is greater than 1 The induction assumption is that every positive integer smaller than k is a product of prime integers
- We must show that k is a product of prime integers
 - If k is prime, then clearly k is the product of one prime integer
 Otherwise k is a *composite* integer:
 - i.e., $k = j^*m$, where integers j and m are both greater than one
 - Since *j* and *m* are both larger than 1, j < k and m < k
 - Thus by the induction assumption, m and j are both products of prime integers, and so k = jm is a product of prime integers
- This would be very difficult to prove using ordinary







<pre>// Print tree rooted at current node public void printPreOrder() {</pre>	using preorder
System.out.println(element);	// Node
if(left != null)	
left.printPreOrder();	// Left
if(right != null)	
right.printPreOrder();	// Right
}	
// Print tree rooted at current node	using postorde:
<pre>public void printPostOrder() {</pre>	
if(left != null)	
left.printPostOrder();	// Left
if(right != null)	
right.printPostOrder();	// Right
<pre>System.out.println(element);</pre>	// Node
}	
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protected BinaryTree t;
                         // Tree
protected BinaryNode current;
                               // Current position
public TreeIterator( BinaryTree theTree ) {
   t = theTree;
   current = null;
}
abstract public void first( );
final public boolean isValid( ) {
   return current != null;
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final public Object retrieve( ) {
    if ( current == null )
       throw new NoSuchElementException( );
   return current.getElement( );
}
abstract public void advance( );
```

Preorder: constructor and *first*

```
private Stack s; // Stack of TreeNode objects
public PreOrder( BinaryTree theTree ) {
    super( theTree );
    s = new ArrayStack();
    s.push( theTree.getRoot( ) );
}
public void first( ) {
    s.makeEmpty( );
    if( t.getRoot( ) != null )
        s.push( t.getRoot( ) );
    try
        { advance( ); }
    catch( NoSuchElementException e ) { } // Empty tree
}
```



LevelOrder: constructor and *first*

```
private Queue q; // Queue of TreeNode objects
public LevelOrder( BinaryTree theTree ) {
    super( theTree );
    q = new ArrayQueue( );
    q.enqueue( t.getRoot( ) );
}
public void first( ) {
    q.makeEmpty( );
    if( t.getRoot( ) != null )
        q.enqueue( t.getRoot( ) );
    try
        { advance( ); }
    catch( NoSuchElementException e ) { } // Empty tree
}
```

Preorder: constructor and first private Stack s; // Stack of TreeNode objects public PreOrder(BinaryTree theTree) { super(theTree); s = new ArrayStack(); s.push(theTree.getRoot()); } public void first() { s.makeEmpty(); if(t.getRoot() != null) s.push(t.getRoot()); try { advance(); } catch(NoSuchElementException e) { } // Empty tree }

LevelOrder: *advance*

```
public void advance() {
    if( q.isEmpty( ) ) {
        if( current == null )
            throw new NoSuchElementException();
        current = null;
        return;
    }
    current = ( BinaryNode ) q.dequeue( );
    if( current.getLeft( ) != null )
        q.enqueue( current.getLeft( ) );
    if( current.getRight( ) != null )
        q.enqueue( current.getRight( ) );
```






Alternative:

- Store in the node info needed to find the next node for iterator.
- We must make sure that this info can be updated in constant time whenever we add a node to the BST.
- Example: inorder threads see WA7.

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