

## Chapter 3 : $\mathbb{R}$ .

### § 10. $\mathbb{N}$ (!?) and induction

$\mathbb{N}$  provides nice intro to properties of number systems/sets. For example:

Axiom 10.1  $\mathbb{N}$  is well-ordered, meaning

$$\forall \emptyset \neq S \subseteq \mathbb{N}, \exists \text{ "least" elt } m \in S \exists m \leq k \forall k \in S.$$

Ex  $S = \{10, 9, 100, 99, 1000, 999, \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .

9 is least elt here:  $9 \leq k \forall k \in S$ .

Aside #1 After choosing smallest elt, do it again for remaining #'s. Then again. And again. This lets you write all of  $S$  in "ascending order."

$$S = \{9, 10, 99, 100, 999, 1000, \dots\}$$

Aside #2 Can every set be well-ordered?!<sup>1</sup>

What's the least elt of  $(0,1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ?

Well Ordering "Thm" Every set can be well ordered using some relation.

Human believable?

Equivalent to

Axiom of Choice Given any infinite collection of bins (sets), we can choose one object (elt) from each.

More believable, but

has weird consequences like Well Ordering Thm

or, ...

# Banach-Tarski Paradox

1"

A sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can be cut into a finite number of pieces which can be rearranged and glued back together into **TWO** identical copies of the original sphere. (!!!)



Not physically possible - pieces are "infinitely jagged" with parts that are smaller than atoms.



Thm 10.2 (Pf by Induction)

Let  $P(n)$  be a stmt which is true/false for each  $n$ . If:

(a)  $P(1)$  is true **base, anchor**

(b)  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, P(k) \text{ true} \Rightarrow P(k+1) \text{ true.}$  **induction step**

Then  $P(n)$  true for all  $n$ .

Pf Assume (a), (b) true but  $\exists$  some  $P(n)$  which is false.

Let  $S = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : P(n) \text{ is false.}\}$

WOP of  $\mathbb{N}$  says  $\exists$  least elt  $n \in S$  b/c by assumption  $S \neq \emptyset$

(a)  $\Rightarrow n \neq 1$ .

$n$  least value for which  $P(n)$  false  
 $P(n-1)$  true, (b)  $\Rightarrow P(n)$  true  $\square$ .

10.3 Obligatory Historical Example

Prove  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

Ex  $P(1): 1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1.$

$P(2): 1+2=3, \frac{2(2+1)}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3.$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 999 + 1000 \\
 1000 + 999 + 998 + \dots + 2 + 1 \\
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 1001 + 1001 + 1001 + \dots + 1001 + 1001
 \end{array}$$

Sum is  $\frac{1000 \cdot (1001)}{2}$

Inductive Pf:  $P(n) = 1+2+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

base:  $P(1)$ : already checked!

Inductive Step: Assume  $P(k)$ ,  
show  $P(k+1)$  is true:

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underbrace{1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k + (k+1)} &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (k+1) \\
 &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \text{ by } P(k)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{k^2 + k + 2k + 2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{k^2 + 3k + 2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$



Can also verify at end  
which case  $P(k)$  true

See how they cancel

Avoid:

Assume  $P(k)$ , then:

$$1 + 2 + \dots + k + k + 1 = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

$$\frac{k(k+1)}{2} + k + 1 = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

$$\vdots$$

LHS = RHS

$$a = b$$

$$a^2 = b^2$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = b^2 - b^2$$

$$(a-b)(a+b) = 0$$

$$a+b = 0$$

$$a = -b$$

$$a = -a$$

$$1 = -1.$$

avoid "two  
sided" equality  
proofs - too  
easy to  
divide/mult  
by zero, etc.