

Theorem: First principle of Finite induction.

Let S be a set of positive integers with the following properties:

- (a) The integer $1 \in S$
- (b) whenever the integer $k \in S$, the next integer $k+1$ must also be in S .

Then S is the set of all positive integers, i.e., $S = \mathbb{N}$.

Pf. Let T be the set of all positive integers not in S , and assume that T is nonempty. ~~Let $T \neq \emptyset$ then $S \neq \mathbb{N}$~~ . By well ordering principle T will have a least element, say a . Since $1 \in S$, so $a > 1$ and so $0 < a-1 < a$. Since a is the smallest positive integer in T so $a-1 \notin T$. ~~ex this~~ This implies $a-1 \in S$. By hypothesis (b), S must also contain $(a-1)+1 = a$, which is a contradiction to the fact that $a \in T$. Hence we conclude that ~~$T \neq \emptyset$~~ T is empty.

Hence $S = \mathbb{N}$.

Ex. Using principle of mathematical induction prove that

(a) $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

(b) $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$ for all $n \geq 1$.

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Soln.

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$$

for $n=1$, LHS = $2 \times 1 - 1 = 1$

RHS = $1^2 = 1$

$\therefore$ the formula is true for $n=1$.

Let the formula be true for $n=k$

$$\therefore 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = k^2$$

Now,

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) + (2(k+1)-1)$$

$$= k^2 + 2k + 2 - 1$$

$$= k^2 + 2k + 1$$

$$= (k+1)^2$$

So the result is true for $n=k+1$.

Hence by Mathematical induction the result is true for all natural number n .

Division Algorithm. Given integers a and b , with $b > 0$, there exist unique integers q and r satisfying

$$a = qb + r, \quad 0 \leq r < b$$

The integers q and r are called, respectively, the quotient and remainder in the division of a by b .

Pl: Consider the set $S = \{a - xb \mid x \text{ is an integer, } a - xb \geq 0\}$

since $b > 0$ so $b \geq 1 \Rightarrow |a|b \geq |a| \cdot 1$

$$\Rightarrow |a|b \geq |a|$$

Now,

$$a - (-|a|)b = a + |a|b \geq a + |a| \geq 0$$

since a is an integer so $-|a|$ is also an integer.

Taking $x = -|a|$, we get

$$a - (-|a|)b = a - xb \geq 0$$

$\therefore$ the set S is nonempty. Thus S is a non empty set of non negative integers. So by well ordering principle S contains a smallest integer. Call it r . By definition of S , there exists an integer q satisfying

$$r = a - qb, \quad \cancel{r \geq 0} \quad 0 \leq r.$$

$$\Rightarrow a = qb + r, \quad 0 \leq r.$$

We claim $r < b$. If this were not the case, then $\cancel{r \leq} r \geq b$ and

$$a - (q+1)b = (a - qb) - b = r - b < 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow a - (q+1)b \in S.$$

But $a - (q+1)b = r - b < r$ as $b > 0$. which is a contradiction because r is the smallest integer of S . Hence $r < b$.

Thus we have

$$a = qb + r, \quad 0 \leq r < b.$$

Uniqueness of q and r .

Suppose that a has two representations of the desired form, say

$$a = qb + r = q'b + r' \quad \text{where} \\ 0 \leq r < b, \quad 0 \leq r' < b$$

$$\text{Then } r' - r = qb - q'b = b(q - q') \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

$$\Rightarrow |r' - r| = |b(q - q')| = |b| |q - q'| \\ = b |q - q'| < b \quad (\because b > 0 \text{ so } b|q - q'| < b) \\ \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now, } 0 \leq r < b \Rightarrow -b < -r \leq 0$$

$$\text{and } 0 \leq r' < b$$

Adding these two inequalities we get

$$-b < r' - r < b$$

$$\Rightarrow |r' - r| < b$$

$$\text{--- (1)} \Rightarrow b |q - q'| = |r' - r| < b$$

$$\Rightarrow b |q - q'| < b \Rightarrow |q - q'| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq |q - q'| < 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

But since q, q' are integers so $|q - q'|$ is nonnegative integers. So (2) is possible

$$\text{only when } |q - q'| = 0 \Rightarrow q - q' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q = q'$$

Then from (*)

$$r' - r = b(q - q') = b \cdot 0 \quad (\because q = q')$$

$$\Rightarrow r' - r = 0 \Rightarrow r' = r$$

Hence both the representations of a are the same. Hence the proof.