



When you come to a fork in the road...  
... take it.

(inspiration)

direct proof

$$x = y + z$$
$$w = f(x)$$

Contradiction  
mostly for impossible

if

for

else

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Case analysis  
By cases

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induction

thm:  $\neg\neg P \equiv P$

Proof: Either  $P$  is true or  $P$  is false

Case  $P$  is true

$$\neg\neg P \equiv \neg\neg T \equiv \neg\perp \equiv T \equiv P \quad \therefore C$$

Case  $P$  is false

$$\neg\neg P \equiv \neg\neg\perp \equiv \neg T \equiv \perp \equiv P$$

Because  $\neg\neg P \equiv P$  in both cases,  
 $\neg\neg P \equiv P$  in general.  $\square$

disjunction

$$\rightarrow \boxed{A \vee B} \leftarrow \boxed{A \vee \neg A}$$

$$A \vdash C$$

$$B \vdash C$$

$\therefore C$

if (A)

else  $\leftarrow \neg A$

P	$\neg$	$\neg$	P
T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T

Bad:  $\underline{P \vee Q \equiv T}$

either  $P$  or  $Q$   $\leftarrow$  might be false

case  $P$ :  $T \vee Q \equiv T$

case  $Q$ :  $P \vee T \equiv T$

Because held in all, holds in general

disjunctive  
tautology

$\equiv T$

$f(n)$ :

$x = 0$

for  $i$  from 1 to  $n$

$x += 1$

return  $x$

case:  $f(1)$  runs loop once, return  $0+1=1$

case  $f(2)$  runs loop twice, "  $0+1+1=2$

case  $f(3)$  " " 3 times "  $0+1+1+1=3$

$f(n)$  runs loop once more than  $f(n-1)$ ,  
returning  $f(n-1) + 1$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, f(n) = n$

Thm:  $A \rightarrow B$

Proof: assume A. ... therefore B.

either  $n = 1$  or  $n > 1$

Base case:

~~case  $n = 1$ :~~

$f(1)$  runs loop once, return  $0+1=1=n$  }  $f(1)=1$

Inductive Step:

~~case  $n > 1$ :~~

assume  $f(n-1) = n-1$ . then  $f(n)$  runs loop  
once more than  $f(n-1)$ , return  $f(n-1) + 1 = n$  }  $f(n-1) = n-1$   
→  $f(n) = n$

By the principle of induction,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, f(n) = n$

Previous slide

$$P(n) := f(n+1) = n+1$$

## The Principle of Induction

$$\rightarrow P(0)$$

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}. P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$$

$$\therefore \forall x \in \mathbb{N}. P(x)$$

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ \equiv P(k-1) \rightarrow P(k)$$

$$P(0)$$

$$P(0) \rightarrow P(1) \quad \therefore P(1)$$

$$P(1) \rightarrow P(2) \quad \therefore P(2)$$

$g(n)$ :

$x = 0$

for  $i$  from 1 to  $n$

$x += i$

return  $x$

0: 0

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

1: 1

2: 3

3: 6

4: 10

5: 15

6: 21

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. g(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Base case:

$g(0) = 0$  Because it doesn't run the loop

Inductive step:  $g(n-1) = \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \rightarrow g(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

assume  $g(n-1) = \frac{(n-1)n}{2}$ . Then  $g(n)$  runs the loop one more than  $g(n-1)$ , return  $g(n-1) + n$ .  
$$g(n) = \frac{(n-1)n}{2} + n = \frac{n^2 - n}{2} + \frac{2n}{2}$$
$$= \frac{n^2 + n}{2} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

By the principle of induction,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. g(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$