

# 6 Mistakes in induction proofs

## 6.1

The induction hypothesis implies that all groups are the size  $k$ , and in the induction step it says that both group  $L$  and  $F$  are the same size  $k$ , but group  $L$  should be the size  $k+1$ . It also assumes that the presence of a common person between  $F$  and  $L$  guarantee that all members of a larger group share the same name which is wrong.

## 6.2

First, they turn  $\frac{1}{n(n+1)}$  Into  $\frac{1}{(k-1)K}$  which is not possible, and when they add  $\frac{1}{k(k+1)}$  it should be  $\frac{1}{(k+1)((k+1)+1)}$ .