

# Cantor-Bernstein implies LEM

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**Definition 0.1.**  $O$  is called Binary-Sequentially-Constructive(BSC) if:

$$\forall p \in 2^O (\exists x \in O p(x) = 0) \vee p \equiv 1$$

(This is my own naming , I don't know how those sets are usually called)

**Lemma 0.2.** *If  $O$  is BSC and there exists surjective function  $F : O \rightarrow A + B$  then  $A$  is empty or inhabited*

*Proof.* Define  $f \in 2^O$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \exists a \in A F(x) = \text{inl}(a) \\ 2, & \exists b \in B F(x) = \text{inr}(b) \end{cases}$$

Because  $O$  is BSC then either  $\exists x f(x) = 0 \implies \exists a \in A$  or  $\forall x f(x) = 1 \implies A = \emptyset$ , the last implication is by the fact that  $F$  is surjective.  $\square$

**Definition 0.3.**

$$\mathbb{N}_\infty = \{p \in 2^\mathbb{N} \mid \forall n \in \mathbb{N} (p(n) = 1 \implies \forall m < n (p(m) = 1))\}.$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$fn \in \mathbb{N}_\infty$$

$$fn(m) = \begin{cases} 1 & m < n \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f\omega \in \mathbb{N}_\infty$$

$$f\omega \equiv 1$$

$$fS \in \mathbb{N}_\infty^{\mathbb{N}_\infty}$$

$$fS(p)(k) = \begin{cases} 1 & k = 0 \\ p(n) & k = n + 1 \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 0.4.**  $fS$  is injective, and  $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}_\infty fS(p) \neq f0$

*Proof.*

If  $p \in \mathbb{N}_\infty$  then  $fS(p)(0) = 1 \neq 0 = f0(0)$ .

If  $fS(p) = fS(q)$  then  $\forall m p(m) = fS(p)(m+1) = fS(q)(m+1) = q(m)$   $\square$

**Lemma 0.5.** *If  $P \in 2^{\mathbb{N}_\infty}$  and  $P(f\omega) = 1$ , and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (P(fn) = 1)$  then  $P \equiv 1$*

*Proof.*

Let  $P$  be such function, and let  $p \in \mathbb{N}_\infty$ , it is enough to prove that  $P(p) \neq 0$ .

Assume that  $P(p) = 0$ , // Also assume  $\forall k (k < n \implies p(k) = 0) \wedge p(n) = 0$ , then  $p = fn$  (not sure how to prove this), but  $0 = P(p) = P(fn) = 1$ , so  $p = f\omega$ , but  $0 = P(p) = P(f\omega) = 1$ , contradiction.  $\square$

**Lemma 0.6.** *There exists a function  $e \in \mathbb{N}_\infty^{(2^{\mathbb{N}_\infty})}$  such that  $P(e(P)) = 1 \implies P \equiv 1$*

*Proof.*

Define for  $Q \in 2^{\mathbb{N}_\infty}$

$$e(Q)(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall k \leq n \ Q(fk) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

By induction one can prove that  $Q(fk) = 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and it is obvious that  $Q(f\omega) = 1$ , thus by lemma 0.3  $Q \equiv 1$ .  $\square$

Noticing that if  $Q \in 2^{\mathbb{N}_\infty}$  then either  $Q(e(Q)) = 0$ , in which case  $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}_\infty \ Q(p) = 0$ , or  $Q(e(Q)) = 1$ , then by Lemma 0.4  $Q \equiv 1$ , so  $\mathbb{N}_\infty$  is BSC.

**Theorem 0.7.**  $\text{CB} \implies \text{LEM}$

*Proof.* Let  $pr$  be some proposition, and  $A = \{0 \mid pr\} \subseteq 1$  and define:

$f : \mathbb{N}_\infty \rightarrow A + \mathbb{N}_\infty$  with  $f(p) = \text{inr}(p)$

$g : A + \mathbb{N}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_\infty$  with  $g(\text{inl}(0)) = \text{f0}$  and  $g(\text{inr}(p)) = \text{fS}(p)$ .

Both are injective, so by CB there exists bijection  $h : \mathbb{N}_\infty \rightarrow A + \mathbb{N}_\infty$ , in particular,  $h$  is surjective, so by Lemma 0.1, either  $A = \emptyset$ , which implies  $\neg pr$ , or  $A$  is inhabited, which implies  $pr$ .  $\square$