

# Mathematical Induction

Peano's axiom of induction states:

Let  $V$  be a set such that:

$$0 \in V \text{ and,}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $n \in V$  then:  $Succ(n) \in V$ ,

$$\text{then } \mathbb{N} \subseteq V$$

This principle states a **closure condition**:  $N$  is the smallest set that contains 0 and is closed under  $Succ$  (so applying  $Succ$  to an element of  $N$  gives an element of  $N$ ).

It cannot be proved to satisfy this, we assume it.