

Well Ordering Principle

Every non-empty subset $S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ contains a least element

$$\forall_{S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, |S| \neq 0} \exists_{x \in S} \forall_{y \in S, y \neq x} x < y$$

From my understanding this is only considering to the infinite $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ set in terms of special sets (i.e. \mathbb{N} , \mathbb{Z} , ...). In terms of non-empty finite sets (i.e. $\{-1, 0, 1\}$) and infinite sets like $A = \{-1, 0, 1, \dots\}$, there always exist a least element. To show why this works, let $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ and let S represent all the special sets except \mathbb{N} . We can clearly define the least number within set $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ as 0 as opposed to S where they contain infinite negative numbers. Since we know that there exist a least element in $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ then any non-empty subset of $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ will contain a least element as it cannot contain any element < 0 . In other words, there won't be an infinite amount of least numbers, thus there will be a least element in the set (if that makes more sense).