

Correctness

It is **impossible** to design an algorithm to analyze if general algorithms are going to halt or not, emphasis on *general*. Halting Problem

With specific algorithms or base-cases in such algorithms it is possible to know when and how it will halt.

TOPIC : Correctness via induction

Induction Accepted axioms:

- Well-Ordering Principle (WOP):

$$if X \subseteq \mathbb{N} = 0, 1, \dots$$

is nonempty, then X has a least element $\exists m \in X$ s.t. $m \leq x, \forall x \in X$

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→ “LEAST” IN THIS CASE
DOES NOT mean it is WITHIN
THE BOUNDS. It means there is
an element that is SMALLER
THAN THE SMALLEST
ELEMENT IN X !!!