


W10 Pre-Lecture

1. Prove the statement for a collection of natural numbers x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and the set $I = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

$$\forall x_i \in \mathbb{N}, (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) > \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \rightarrow \exists i \in I, x_i > i$$

$$\text{Contrapositive: } \exists i \in I, x_i \leq i \rightarrow \forall x_i \in \mathbb{N}, (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \leq \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

There exists some i that belongs to I

Let x_i be an arbitrary natural number

Suppose that $x_i \leq i$:

Since we know that if $a \leq b$ and $c \leq d$

$$\text{Then } a + c \leq b + c, c + b \leq d + b \Rightarrow a + c \leq b + d$$

$$\text{Then } x_i + x_{i+1} + \dots + x_n \leq i + (i+1) + \dots + n$$

Let $i=1$.

$$\text{Then } x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n \leq 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \text{ by the sum of natural numbers formula.}$$

$$\text{Since we assumed } x_i \leq i, x_i \leq i \rightarrow (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \leq \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\text{Since } x_i \text{ is an arbitrary natural number, } x_i \leq i \rightarrow \forall x_i \in \mathbb{N}, (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \leq \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\text{Since there exists some } i \text{ that belongs to } I, x_i \leq i \rightarrow \forall x_i \in \mathbb{N}, (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \leq \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

and by contraposition,

$$\forall x_i \in \mathbb{N}, (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) > \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \rightarrow \exists i \in I, x_i > i$$