

Notes 230

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Section Strong induction \Rightarrow standard induction.

Proof. Suppose strong induction holds, then for any predicate P on \mathbb{N} .

If $P(n)$ holds and $\forall k P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge \dots P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$

Then $\forall n \geq 0, P(n)$ holds

Suppose $P(0)$ holds, and $\forall k \geq 0 P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$

If $P(K)$ is true, then $P(K+1)$ is true. Assume $P(0)$ and $P(1)$ and ... $P(K)$ holds true. So, so does $P(K+1)$. Hence, strong induction lets us calculate $\forall n \geq 0, P(n)$

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Section Standard induction implies well ordering principle. *Proof.* Let $P(n)$ be a predication on \mathbb{N}

If $\exists i \leq n \in S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$

Then S has a least element. If S is non empty, then there exists an n in S so $P(n) \Rightarrow$ well ordering principles holds for S .

Now we will prove by induction that $\forall n \geq 0 P(n)$ is true.

Base Case: $P(0)$ states if $0 \in S$, S has a least element, namely 0

Inductive Step: Assume $P(k)$ If $\exists j \leq k \in S$ then $\exists l \in S$ such that $m \in S \Rightarrow l \leq m$

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Section Well Ordering Principle implies Strong Induction. *Proof.* Assume Well ordering principle $P(0)$

Assume by contradiction $\exists n$ such that $P(n)$ is false.

Let S be the set of all the Positive integers, n , such that $P(n)$ is false. Then S is nonempty, let l be the least element. $l \neq 0$ because $P(0)$ is true. As l is the least element of S , $P(0)$, $P(1)$... are all true.

Hence $P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge \dots P(l-1)$ is true, a contradiction!

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Section standard induction implies strong induction. *Proof.* Given a predicate $P(n)$

let $Q(n)$ be if $0 \leq i \leq n$ then $P(i)$ is true

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