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Let  $S$  be a non-empty set of positive integers  $\geq 0$   
then  $\exists$  a least integer  $\in S$ .

Well ordering Principle (W.O.P.)

Least in  $S$ : ( $S \neq \emptyset$ )

$x$  is said to be the least element in  $S$   
if  $\forall m \in S, x \leq m$ .

## Division algorithm

$a$  = any arbitrary integer

$d$  = a +ve integer

then  $\exists q, r$  s.t.

$$0 \leq r < d$$

and

$$a = qd + r.$$

$(q, r)$  = unique

$$\frac{17}{4} \Rightarrow$$

$$17 = 4 \times 4 + 1$$

w.o.p.  $\rightarrow$  division property

$a, d$  are given: in div. algo, we aim to find  $q, r$ .

$$S = \{a - kd, \text{ where } k = \text{integer}\}$$

$$S' = \{x \in S \text{ s.t. } x \geq 0\}$$

claim

(i)  $S' = \text{non-empty}$   $\Rightarrow$  w.o.p. applies on  $S'$   
( $S'$  has integers only)

w. r. p.  $\Rightarrow$

$a - kd = r$  is the least integer in  $S'$ .  
 $r \geq 0$  (since  $r \in S'$ )

Upper bound on  $r$ :

Suppose  $r \geq d$

Consider  $(r-d)$ .

clearly  $(r-d) \geq 0 \Rightarrow (a - kd) - d \geq 0$

$$a - (k+1)d \geq 0.$$

By the defn. of  $S'$ , we have

$$a - (k+1)d \in S'$$

$$a - (k+1)d < (a - kd) = r$$

Let  $S \subset \mathbb{N}$  be a set satisfying the following two properties :

(i)  $1 \in S$

(ii) if  $k \in S$  then  $(k+1) \in S$

then  $S = \mathbb{N}$

Principle of Mathematical Induction

$$\underline{W.O.P. \Leftrightarrow P.M.I.}$$

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$$W.O.P. \rightarrow P.M.I.$$

Technique: Consider  $(N-S)$  and show that it is empty.

Let  $(N-S)$  be non-empty.

$\Rightarrow$  By W.O.P.  $\exists x \in (N-S)$  which is least.

$x$  is least  $\Rightarrow (x-1) \in S$   $\rightarrow (x \neq 1)$

By the defn of  $S$ : if  $(x-1) \in S$   
then  $x \in S$

$\rightarrow$  Contradiction

Applications:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}.$$

$P(n)$ : . - - - -

$P(1)$ : Basis:  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$

$$1 = \frac{1 \times 2}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

(2) Hypothesis:

$\Rightarrow$

Let  $P(k)$  be true

$$\sum_{i=1}^k i = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

(3) Induction:

$P(k+1)$  ?

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k i \right) + (k+1)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (k+1)$$

$$= (k+1) \left( \frac{k}{2} + 1 \right) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  p.m.i. implies  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

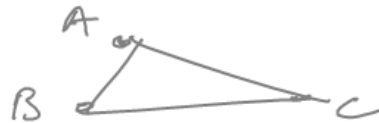


### Odd Pie Fight:

an odd no. of people stand in a yard at mutually distinct distances.

At the same time, each person throws a pie at his/her nearest neighbour. Prove that there is at least one survivor.

Base:



$A \rightarrow B$

$B \rightarrow A$

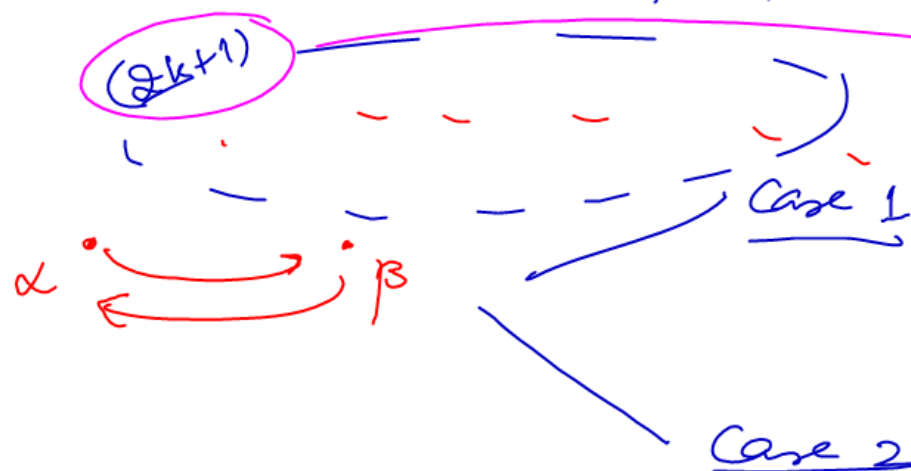
$C \rightarrow \dots$

C is survivor

Hypothesis  $P(k)$ : if  $(2k+1)$  people play this game, there is a survivor.

Induction Step  
 $P(k+1)$ : if  $(2k+3)$  people.

let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the closest neighbors among these  $(2k+3)$  people



Someone from these throw a pie at  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$

none of these  $(2k+1)$  people throw a pie at  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$