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1 Principle of Well-Ordering

1. $P(n)$: if the game is played with n players and n is odd natural number, there will be at least a survivor
WTP: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, if n is odd, then $P(n)$ holds
Assume the contradiction: $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$, such that n is odd, $P(n)$ does not hold.
Let S be the set of all $j \in \mathbb{N}$, j is odd such that $P(j)$ does not hold.
By definition of S , $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, by assumption, S is not empty
(By Principle of Well-Ordering) $\Rightarrow S$ has a minimum element c where c is odd natural number.
By definition, since c is odd, so $c-2$ is odd, also $c-2 \notin S$
 $\Rightarrow P(c-2)$ holds, i.e. there will always be at least one survivor when the game played with $c-2$ people.

Define $d(a,b)$ as the distance between a and b

Assume there are c players with id $1, 2, \dots, c$.

Without loss of generality, assume $d(1,2)$ is the least element of all possible distances between pairs

That means 1 and 2 are closest to each other, 1 would throw water balloon to 2 and 2 throw water balloon to 1

If we remove the pair which has the closest distance among all possible pairs of c players i.e. pair of 1 and 2

For the rest $c-2$ players, there are two cases

Case 1: there exists some of the rest $c-2$ players who originally throw water balloon to 1 or 2

Since 1 and 2 are removed, so those players who throw to 1 or 2 before

has to choose another players among $c-2$ players to throw.

By assumption, since 1 and 2 throw water balloon to each other and $P(c)$ does not hold

$\Rightarrow P(c-2)$ should not hold since the rest $c-2$ players should also not have survivors.

In such a case, since $P(c-2)$ holds, it is contradiction.

Case 2: No one in $c-2$ players throw water balloons to 1 or 2

So the rest $c-2$ players throw water balloons among each other

By assumption, since 1 and 2 throw water balloon to each other and $P(c)$ does not hold

$\Rightarrow P(c-2)$ should not hold since the rest $c-2$ players should also not have survivors.

In such a case, $P(c-2)$ holds i.e. there will be at least one survivor in c players which is a contradiction

In conclusion, by two cases, if $P(c)$ not hold, there is always contradiction

So $P(c)$ holds

$\Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, n is odd, $P(n)$ holds i.e. there will be at least one survivor

2 Induction

$P(x,y)$: if $(x,y) = (2^{k+1} + 1, 2^k + 1)$ where $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then $(x,y) \in S$

Base Case: $(x,y) = (3,2)$.

Let $k = 0$, then $2^{k+1} + 1 = 2^1 + 1 = 3$

$2^k + 1 = 2^0 + 1 = 2$.

So for $k = 0$, $P(x,y)$ holds.

Inductive Step: Let $(x,y) \in \mathbb{N}^2$. By definition, $(3x-2y,x) \in \mathbb{N}^2$.

Suppose $P((x,y))$ holds, i.e., $(x,y) = (2^{k+1} + 1, 2^k + 1)$ where $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then $(x,y) \in S$ [IH]

WTP: $P((3x-2y,x))$ holds, i.e., $(x,y) = (2^{k'+1} + 1, 2^{k'} + 1)$ where $k' \in \mathbb{N}$, then $(3x-2y,x) \in S$
Let $k' = k + 1$. Since $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then $k' \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2y &= 3(2^{k+1} + 1) - 2(2^k + 1) \text{ (By IH)} \\ &= 3 * 2^{k+1} + 3 - 2^{k+1} - 2 \\ &= 2 * 2^{k+1} + 1 \\ &= 2^{k+2} + 1 \\ &= 2^{k'+1} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

By IH, $x = 2^{k+1} + 1 = 2^{k'} + 1$.
 $\Rightarrow (3x-2y,x) = (2^{k'+1} + 1, 2^{k'} + 1)$.
Thus $P((3x-2y,x))$ holds.

$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, $P((3x-2y,x))$ holds
 $\Rightarrow R \subset S$

3 Root Tree

$P(t)$: The root of t has the largest label of all nodes in the tree.

Base Case: Let t be a single node. Then t has only the root, so t is the largest label of t .
So $P(t)$ holds.

Inductive Step: Let $t \in T$. Let x be the root of a tree t . Let $i \in \mathbb{N}$

Assume that for all subtree t_i of t , $P(t_i)$ holds, i.e., the root of t_i has the largest label in t_i . [IH]

WTP: $P(t)$, i.e. the root of t has the largest label in t

let x_1, \dots, x_n be the root of all the subtrees of t , so x_1, \dots, x_n are the children of x

By IH, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, x_i is the largest label in t_i .

Also, by the definition of T , for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, since all x_i are children of x , so $a_{x_i} < a_x$,

Therefore, a_x is the largest label in t

$\Rightarrow P(t)$ holds i.e. the root of t has the largest label of all nodes in the tree.