

Proof by contradiction

Recall

- ▶ $S_0 = \emptyset$
- ▶ $S_n = S_{n-1} \cup \{n\}$ for $n \geq 1$.

Let $P(n)$ be the Boolean statement “ $S_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.”

What does $P(1)$ assert? Is it true?

What does $P(2)$ assert? Is it true?