

Same theorem, now proof by induction

Recall definition of S_n . We let $P(n)$ be the Boolean statement $S_n = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}^+ | x \leq n\}$ ”

Theorem: $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Proof: by induction on n .

- ▶ The **base case** is $n = 1$.
By definition, $S_1 = S_0 \cup \{1\} = \{1\}$, and so $P(1)$ is true.
- ▶ Let $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ be arbitrary.
- ▶ **Inductive hypothesis:** $P(N)$ is true.
- ▶ Note $N + 1 \geq 2$, and so by definition $S_{N+1} = S_N \cup \{N + 1\}$.
- ▶ By the I.H., $S_N = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$.
- ▶ Hence $S_{N+1} = \{1, 2, \dots, N\} \cup \{N + 1\} = \{1, 2, \dots, N + 1\}$.
- ▶ Since N was arbitrary, $P(N)$ is true for all $N \geq 1$.