

## Why weak induction can fail

Let  $F : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be defined by

- ▶  $F(1) = 1$  and  $F(2) = 0$
- ▶  $F(n) = F(n - 2)$  if  $n > 2$

We assume  $n \geq 2$  is arbitrary and  $P(n)$  is true.

Then  $n + 1 \geq 3$  and so (by definition)  $F(n + 1) = F(n - 1)$ .

What's our next step?