

Using strong induction

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

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

Then $F(n) = n \bmod 2$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Let $P(k)$ be the assertion:

- ▶ $F(k) = k \bmod 2$

Now we want to show that for any arbitrary $n \geq 1$,

$$P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n) \rightarrow P(n + 1)$$

In other words, we wish to prove that

- ▶ IF $\forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, F(k) = k \bmod 2$
- ▶ THEN $F(n + 1) = n + 1 \bmod 2$