

# Weak Induction vs. Strong Induction

- ▶ Weak Induction asserts a property  $P(n)$  for one value of  $n$  (however arbitrary)
- ▶ Strong Induction asserts a property  $P(k)$  is true for all values of  $k$  starting with a base case  $n_0$  and up to some final value  $n$ .
- ▶ The same formulation for  $P(n)$  is usually good - the difference is whether you assume it is true for just one value of  $n$  or an entire range of values.

Sometimes Strong Induction is needed.