

## Proof for Union.

- Let  $x > 0$ .

- Then there exists integers larger than  $x$ , so the set

$$S = \{q \in \mathbb{N} : q > x\} \neq \emptyset.$$

- By Well-ordering,  $S$  has a least element. Call it  $r$ .
- Since  $r \in S$ ,  $r > x$ , and since  $r - 1 \notin S$ ,  $r - 1 \geq x$ , so we have

$$r - 1 \leq x < r \implies x \in A_r.$$

- Now let  $x < 0$ .

- If  $x$  is integer, say  $x = -n$ , then  $x \in A_{-n}$ .
- If  $x$  is not an integer, then  $-x > 0$  and thus  $-x \in A_{r-1}$  as above, or

$$r - 1 \leq -x < r,$$

and since  $x$  not integer,

$$r - 1 < -x < r \implies -r < x < -r + 1 \implies x \in A_{-r}.$$

