

In the previous lecture we said how we can say  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  has a minimum.

Ex. Use quantifiers to say a nonempty subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is bounded.

Solution.  $\exists m, M \in \mathbb{R}, \forall a \in A, m \leq a \leq M.$

Ex. Prove or disprove that any bounded non-empty subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  has a minimum.

Solution. We disprove it by proving that  $(0, 1)$  is bound, but it does not have a minimum.

Bounded.  $\forall a \in (0, 1), 0 \leq a \leq 1 \Rightarrow$  it is bounded.

No minimum. Suppose to the contrary that it has a min.

$\Rightarrow \exists x \in (0, 1), \forall y \in (0, 1), x \leq y. \quad \textcircled{*}$

$$x \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow 0 < x$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < x/2 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow 0 < x/2 < x \\ \Rightarrow x/2 < x/2 + x/2 \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$\Rightarrow x/2 \in (0, 1) \wedge x/2 < x$$

which contradicts  $\textcircled{*}$ . ■

In order to get a better understanding of quantifiers and the  
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... process of the game is to say...

- Each time a player is supposed to say one of the numbers

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

A player wins if the mentioned numbers add up to 30.

- After a few rounds we make a conjecture on winning cases and losing cases.

$\mathcal{P}$  • A game is a winning game if the first player has a winning move i.e. changes the game into a losing game.

$\mathcal{N}$  • A game is a losing game if no matter what the first player does the 2<sup>nd</sup> player has a winning move.

Using quantifiers:

$\mathcal{P}$  :  $\exists$  a move for player A ,  $\forall$  move of player B ,  
A could win

$\mathcal{N}$  :  $\forall$  move of player A ,  $\exists$  move of player B ,  
B could win.

Alternatively. Game is  $\mathcal{P} \Rightarrow \exists$  a move which makes it  $\mathcal{N}$ .

Game is  $\mathcal{N} \Rightarrow \forall$  move makes it  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Ex. In a game each player is supposed to say one of

... numbers  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ . The numbers add up to  $\underline{n}$ .

Find all the  $\underline{n}$ 's st. the above game is a losing game.

Solution. (In class we have to conjecture what the answer is:  $n$ 's that are multiples of 6.)

We use strong induction to show, for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$G(n) \text{ is N} \iff 6 \mid n.$$

Base.  $G(1)$  is clear P as the 1<sup>st</sup> player just says 1.

Strong inductive step. For any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \leq m \leq k, \\ 6 \mid m \Rightarrow G(m) \text{ is N} \\ 6 \nmid m \Rightarrow G(m) \text{ is P} \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} 1 \leq m \leq k, \\ 6 \mid m \Rightarrow G(m) \text{ is N} \\ 6 \nmid m \Rightarrow G(m) \text{ is P} \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} ? \\ \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{l} 6 \mid k+1 \Rightarrow G(k+1) \text{ is N.} \\ 6 \nmid k+1 \Rightarrow G(k+1) \text{ is P.} \end{array}$$

Pf.  $6 \mid k+1 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 6 \nmid (k+1)-1 \\ 6 \nmid (k+1)-2 \\ \vdots \\ 6 \nmid (k+1)-5 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} 6 \nmid (k+1)-1 \\ 6 \nmid (k+1)-2 \\ \vdots \\ 6 \nmid (k+1)-5 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \text{after the first move} \\ \text{we get } G((k+1)-i) \\ \text{which is P by induction hyp.} \end{array}$

$$\Rightarrow G(k+1) \text{ is N.}$$

$6 \nmid k+1 \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} \begin{array}{l} k+1 = 6q+r \\ 0 \leq r < 6 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} k+1 = 6q+r \\ 0 \leq r < 6 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \text{if the first player} \\ \text{takes out the remainder,} \\ \text{we get } G(6q) \text{ which is N} \end{array}$

$\Rightarrow G(k+1)$  is  $\perp$ .  $\blacksquare$