

Section 1.4: Mathematical Induction

Theorem 1.16 The First Principle of Mathematical Induction [PMI.1] Let S be a collection of natural numbers that satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) S contains the natural number, b , and
- (ii) If i is in S , then $i + 1$ is in S .

Then S contains all natural numbers, n , with $n \geq b$.

Theorem 1.17 The Second Principle of Mathematical Induction [PMI.2] Let S be a collection of natural numbers that satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) S contains the natural number, b , and
- (ii) If $b, b + 1, \dots, i$ are in S , then $i + 1$ is in S .

Then S contains all natural numbers, n , with $n \geq b$.