

372 Subsection 6.0.0 gives six predicate versions of *nat* induction. Prove that they are equivalent.

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The six predicate versions of *nat* induction are:

- (a) $P 0 \wedge \forall n: \text{nat}. P n \Rightarrow P (n+1) \Rightarrow \forall n: \text{nat}. P n$
- (b) $P 0 \vee \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n \wedge P (n+1) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. P n$
- (c) $\forall n: \text{nat}. P n \Rightarrow P (n+1) \Rightarrow \forall n: \text{nat}. P 0 \Rightarrow P n$
- (d) $\exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n \wedge P (n+1) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P 0 \wedge P n$
- (e) $\forall n: \text{nat}. (\forall m: \text{nat}. m < n \Rightarrow P m) \Rightarrow P n \Rightarrow \forall n: \text{nat}. P n$
- (f) $\exists n: \text{nat}. (\forall m: \text{nat}. m < n \Rightarrow \neg P m) \wedge P n \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. P n$

Proof that (a) = (b), starting with (a).

$$\begin{aligned}
& (P 0 \wedge \forall n: \text{nat}. P n \Rightarrow P (n+1) \Rightarrow \forall n: \text{nat}. P n) && \text{contrapositive} \\
= & \neg(P 0 \wedge \forall n: \text{nat}. P n \Rightarrow P (n+1)) \Leftarrow \neg \forall n: \text{nat}. P n && \text{duality} \\
= & \neg P 0 \vee \neg(\forall n: \text{nat}. P n \Rightarrow P (n+1)) \Leftarrow \neg \forall n: \text{nat}. P n && \text{duality twice} \\
= & \neg P 0 \vee (\exists n: \text{nat}. \neg(P n \Rightarrow P (n+1))) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n && \text{material implication} \\
= & \neg P 0 \vee (\exists n: \text{nat}. \neg(\neg P n \vee P (n+1))) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n && \text{duality} \\
= & \neg P 0 \vee (\exists n: \text{nat}. \neg \neg P n \wedge \neg P (n+1)) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n && \text{double negation} \\
& \quad \quad \quad P \text{ is implicitly universally quantified, so rename it with its negation} \\
= & (P 0 \vee \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n \wedge P (n+1)) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. P n
\end{aligned}$$

Proof that (a) = (c), starting with (a).

$$\begin{aligned}
& (P 0 \wedge \forall n: \text{nat}. P n \Rightarrow P (n+1) \Rightarrow \forall n: \text{nat}. P n) && \text{portation} \\
= & \forall n: \text{nat}. P n \Rightarrow P (n+1) \Rightarrow (P 0 \Rightarrow \forall n: \text{nat}. P n) && \text{distributive} \\
= & (\forall n: \text{nat}. P n \Rightarrow P (n+1) \Rightarrow \forall n: \text{nat}. P 0 \Rightarrow P n)
\end{aligned}$$

Proof that (b) = (d) starting with (b).

$$\begin{aligned}
& (P 0 \vee \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n \wedge P (n+1)) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. P n && \text{double negation} \\
= & (\neg \neg P 0 \vee \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n \wedge P (n+1)) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. P n && \text{portation} \\
= & (\exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n \wedge P (n+1)) \Leftarrow \neg P 0 \wedge \exists n: \text{nat}. P n && \text{distribution} \\
= & (\exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n \wedge P (n+1)) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P 0 \wedge P n
\end{aligned}$$

Proof that (e) = (f) starting with (e).

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\forall n: \text{nat}. (\forall m: \text{nat}. m < n \Rightarrow P m) \Rightarrow P n \Rightarrow \forall n: \text{nat}. P n) && \text{contrapositive} \\
= & (\neg \forall n: \text{nat}. (\forall m: \text{nat}. m < n \Rightarrow P m) \Rightarrow P n) \Leftarrow \neg \forall n: \text{nat}. P n && \text{duality twice} \\
= & (\exists n: \text{nat}. \neg(\forall m: \text{nat}. m < n \Rightarrow P m) \Rightarrow P n) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n && \text{duality} \\
= & (\exists n: \text{nat}. (\forall m: \text{nat}. m < n \Rightarrow P m) \wedge \neg P n) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. \neg P n && \text{rename } P \text{ to } \neg P \\
= & (\exists n: \text{nat}. (\forall m: \text{nat}. m < n \Rightarrow \neg P m) \wedge P n) \Leftarrow \exists n: \text{nat}. P n
\end{aligned}$$

It remains to prove that one of (a) or (b) or (c) or (d) is equivalent to one of (e) or (f).