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Topic: Induction

Think about teaching children the counting numbers.

Meaning: 1,2,3,4,5,6 etc....

What are some definitions that we have teach kids when they are first learning the counting numbers?

Dedekind (circa 1890s):

Axioms for Natural numbers:

There is a set of $N \in 1$
that is together with a successor function

(D1) $S: N \rightarrow N \setminus \{1\}$ (is onto function)

(D2) $S: N \rightarrow N$ (one to one function)

(D3) If M is the subset that satisfies 1 element M

Wherever there is an element in M then $S(M)$ is an element in M

$M=N$

For every number that we are counting there is always a number that will succeed the previous number.

Satisfying 1 is not a successor all other elements in N are successors.

Two distinct elements in N have distinct successors.

D3 is equivalent to D3' let $P(m)$ be a statement the free variable M draws from N

IF P satisfies, then P is true then M is the 1 $P(S(m))$ is true for all elements in N

Then $P(m)$ is true for all m elements in N .

{ Recursive definition: How to add

1) Add "1"0

$K + 1 = S(K)$

2) If we know that $k + n$ is

Then $k + S(n) = S(k+n)$
}

(Peano)

Dedekind: How to use D1 and D2 to show that addition is now defined for all m ?

Start with 1.

Next is 2.

So on and so forth.

Logicism:

G. Frege: what is logic?

G. Cantor: what are sets?

R. Dedekind: What are numbers?

Crash: B. Russell

Problem 3.3.

If n is a natural number, then the sum of the first n even numbers is $n^2 + n$.

I know that $S = \{2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n\} = n^2 + n$

I want $S = \{2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n + (2n+2)\} = (n+1)^2 + (n+1)$

$$= 2(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n)$$

$$= \frac{2n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= n(n+1)$$

$$= n^2 + n$$

Thus, the sum of the first even natural numbers is $n^2 + n$

Problem 3.4

Let $S = \{1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + 2n-1\}$

We know that the first n natural numbers $= \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

$$= 2 * \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n$$

$$= n(n+1) - n$$

$$= n^2 + n - n$$

$$= n^2$$

Thus, the sum of the first odd natural numbers is n^2