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Claim In any single-elimination basketball tournament with n teams exactly $n-1$ games must be played to determine a winner.

Pf by induction on n .

Step 1 (basis) $n=1$, 0 games needed ✓

Step 2 (inductive step): Show that

statement $n=m-1 \Rightarrow$ statement $n=m$

let there be m teams at the start, after 1 game, $m-1$ teams remain. By inductive hypothesis, we another $m-2$ games to determine a winner,
games = $1 + m-2 = m-1$ ✓

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Corollary You need $n-1$ comparisons to find the largest (smallest) value in an unsorted array.

Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Every $n > 1$ can be factored as the product of prime numbers.

Pf by induction on n .
(strong)

Proof by contradiction

Suppose that I want to prove some statement P is true.

1) Assume $\neg P$.

2) Show this leads to a contradiction

3) Conclude P must be true.

$P \vee \neg P$ always true

$\neg P$ is false or leads to a contradiction

P must be true

Example

Claim: $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational

Proof

by contradiction:

Assume $\sqrt{2}$ is rational

$$\text{So } \sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$$

and a and b have
no common divisors

$$\sqrt{2} b = a$$

$$2 b^2 = a^2 \quad (*)$$

a^2 is even

$\Rightarrow a$ is even

$$\text{So } a = 2c$$

$$\text{by } (*) \quad 2b^2 = (2c)^2 = 4c^2$$

$$\text{So } b^2 = 2c^2$$

b^2 is even $\Rightarrow b$ is even

$$\text{So } b = 2d$$


This is a contradiction (~~→~~)

with a, b sharing no
common divisors

So $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

Pigeon hole Principle

Suppose

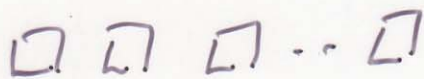
$n+1$


$n+1$

pigeons

n

pigeonholes



n

\exists

a hole with
at least 2 pigeons.

Generalized Pigeonhole Principle

Suppose $m \cdot n + 1$ pigeons
 n pigeonholes

\exists a pigeonhole with
 $\geq m + 1$ pigeons.

Proof (by contradiction)

Assume

\forall pigeonholes, pigeon
amount $< m + 1$

of pigeons in total $(\leq m \cdot n)$

$$= \sum_{\text{holes } h} (\# \text{ pigeons in } h)$$

$$\leq \sum_{\text{holes } h} m = m \cdot n$$

□

~~*~~ Since there are $m \cdot n + 1$ pigeons