

Duration: 20 minutes

Aids Allowed: NONE

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Consider the following statement about sequences of natural numbers  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ :

$$(S) \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}, \exists j \in \mathbb{N}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k > j \rightarrow a_k > a_i$$

Consider the sequence :

$$(A) \quad 0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, \dots \quad \text{that is defined as: } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$$

Prove or disprove (S) for (A).

Solution:

(S) is true for (A).

Let  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ Let  $j = i + 2$ , then  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ Suppose  $k > j$ , so  $k > i + 2$ 

$$a_k = \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor$$

$$> \lfloor \frac{i+2}{2} \rfloor \quad (\text{By } k > i + 2)$$

$$= \lfloor \frac{i}{2} + 1 \rfloor$$

$$= \lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor + 1$$

$$= \lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor$$

$$= a_i \quad (\text{By the defn of A})$$

Then  $a_k > a_i$ Hence  $k > j \rightarrow a_k > a_i$ Since  $k$  is an arbitrary natural number,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k > j \rightarrow a_k > a_i$ Since  $j$  is a natural number,  $\exists j \in \mathbb{N}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k > j \rightarrow a_k > a_i$ Since  $i$  is an arbitrary natural number,  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}, \exists j \in \mathbb{N}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k > j \rightarrow a_k > a_i$