On Strong Fragments of Peano Arithmetic

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Introduction: Peano arithmetic and the induction schemas

The hierarchy of strong fragments of Peano arithmetic

The collection schema

Weak pigeon hole principle

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Example

To show $\forall x \forall y (\exists v \leq y (v + x = y) \lor \exists v \leq x (v + y = x))$, one can either apply induction on $\forall y (... \lor ...)$, or think of y as parameter and apply induction on $\exists v \leq y (v + x = y) \lor \exists v \leq x (v + y = x)$, where y is fixed.

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