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1) Relate  $f(n) = n(n+1) = n^2 + n$  to  $f(n-1) = (n-1)(n-1+1) = (n-1) \cdot n = n^2 - n$   
 We have  $f(n-1) = n^2 - n = \underline{n^2 + n} - 2n = f(n) - 2n$ .  
 $\Rightarrow f(n) = f(n-1) + 2n$  : recursive case  $n \geq 2$

$f(0) = 0 \cdot 1 = 0$   
 $f(1) = 1 \cdot 2 = 2$

2) Basic step:  $n = 1$ :  
 $f_1 = 1$  ;  $f_{2n} = f_2 = 1$  ✓  
 Inductive step: Assume  $f_1 + f_3 + f_5 + \dots + f_{2k-1} = f_{2k}$  for all  $n \leq k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 arbitrary. Show  $f_1 + f_3 + f_5 + \dots + f_{2k-1} + f_{2k+1} = f_{2k+2}$   
 By inductive assumption:  $f_1 + f_3 + \dots + f_{2k-1} = f_{2k}$   
 $f_1 + f_3 + f_5 + \dots + f_{2k-1} + f_{2k+1} = f_{2k} + f_{2k+1} = f_{2k+2}$  by recursive definition  
 of the Fibonacci sequence.