

## Binary expansions exist proof

### Representing positive integers

**Theorem:** Every positive integer is a sum of (one or more) distinct powers of 2. *binary expansions exist!*

**Proof by strong induction,** with  $b = 1$  and  $j = 0$ .

**Basis step:** WTS property is true about 1.

**Recursive step:** Consider an arbitrary integer  $n \geq 1$ . Assume (as the IH) that the property is true about each of  $1, \dots, n$ . WTS that the property is true about  $n + 1$ .