$$pop(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n = 0. \\ 1, & \text{if } n = 1. \\ \lfloor \frac{5 \cdot pop(n-1)}{2} \rfloor - pop(n-2), & \text{if } n \ge 2. \end{cases}$$

Base Cases:

$$pop(0) = 0,$$
 $2^{n-1} = 0$
 $pop(1) = 1,$ $2^{0} = 1$
 $pop(2) = 2,$ $2^{1} = 2$

Assume $pop(n) = 2^{n-1}$ Show $pop(n+1) = 2^n$

$$pop(n+1) = \lfloor \frac{5 \cdot pop(n)}{2} \rfloor - pop(n-1)$$
$$pop(n+1) = \lfloor \frac{5 \cdot 2^{n-1}}{2} \rfloor - 2^{n-2}$$
$$5 \cdot 2^{n-2} - 2^{n-2}$$
$$4 \cdot 2^{n-2}$$
$$2^{n}$$