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## Challenge 1 – Proof by Induction

Prove by induction that the number of levels of a perfect binary tree<sup>1</sup> is  $log_2(n+1)$ , where n is the number of nodes of the tree.

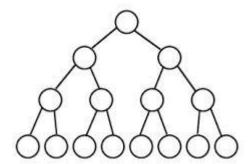


Figure 1. Example of a perfect binary tree (this one with 15 nodes and with 4 levels).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Assume that in a perfect binary tree all the internal nodes (i.e., all the nodes except the leaves) of the tree have two children (all the leaves are at the same level).