

# Homework 1: Induction practice

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1. Use induction to prove that if  $a_n$  is a sequence such that  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 2^n$  for  $n > 0$ , then  $a_n = n2^n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .
2. Use strong induction to prove that if  $b_n$  is a sequence such that  $b_0 = 1$ ,  $b_1 = 6$ , and  $b_n = 4b_{n-2}$ , then  $b_n = 2^{n+1} - (-2)^n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

Hence,  $a_n = 2^{n+1} - (-2)^n$  for all  $n \geq 0$  by strong induction.