Proof that
$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} k^i = \frac{k^{n+1}-1}{k-1}$$
 $0 \le n < \infty$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} k^{i} = \frac{k^{n+1} - 1}{k - 1}$$

$$(k-1)\sum_{i=0}^{n} k^{i} = k^{n+1} - 1$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} (k-1)k^{i} = k^{n+1} - 1$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} (k^{i+1} - k^i) = k^{n+1} - 1$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} k^{i+1} - \sum_{i=0}^{n} k^{i} = k^{n+1} - 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} k^i - \sum_{i=0}^{n} k^i = k^{n+1} - 1$$

$$\sum_{i=n+1}^{n+1} k^i + \sum_{i=1}^n k^i - \sum_{i=0}^0 k^i - \sum_{i=1}^n k^i = k^{n+1} - 1$$

$$\sum_{i=n+1}^{n+1} k^i - \sum_{i=0}^{n} k^i = k^{n+1} - 1$$

$$k^{n+1} - 1 = k^{n+1} - 1$$