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Example 1

- There is an 8×8 board, with 1 square covered already. You are given a 3 piece, or a *trinomial*. Is it possible to cover the entire board with them?
- Yes it is possible to cover then. So does 4×4 .
- Each is 2^k . Assume that you are given a 2^k size board. Is it possible?
- Yes, because if one is blocked off in a 4×4 you put what is missing in the middle. It is possible to build around what is missing. This is **induction**. It is also a **recursive** algorithm.
 - **Induction** - start simple and go up
 - **Recursion** - start high up, and go down

Example 2

Given a triangle, $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. $a = 1$ and $b = 1$. then $c = \text{sqrt}(2)$.

- **Thm** - $\text{sqrt}(2)$ is not a rational number
 - Prove this without loss of generality
- Suppose that $\text{sqrt}(2)$ is a rational number. So, $\text{sqrt}(2)$ is p/q and supposed that without loss of generality, that p and q have no common denominator.
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Traveling Salesman Problem

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- There are N cities: $n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 1 = n!$
 $n * n!$
- The time unit is the **flop** - floating point operations
- 1 flop = 10^9 seconds
- For $n = 4$, is $4 * 4! * 10^9 = 10^2 * 10^9 = 10^{11} = 10^8 = 10^3$ so 1 ms
- For $n = 50$, is $50 * 50! = 10^{66} \text{ms}$, $10^{66} * 10^9 \text{sec}$
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