Max Gebski - Answers to Test Flight Problem Set

Question 7

Prove that for any natural number n,
$$2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \ldots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 2$$

For n = 1 we have $2 + 2^1 = 4$ for the LHS, and $2^2 - 2 = 4 - 2 = 2$ for the RHS. Thus, for n = 1 the equality holds.