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We will show this using induction. For $i(T) = 0$, then $e(T) = 2i(T) + 1 = 1$. This is obviously true. For $i(T) = 1$, then $e(T) = 2i(T) + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3$. Again, this is obviously true from our problem definition. Now let us assume that the $e(T)$ equation holds true for $k' < k$, i.e., for any $i(T) = k' < k$, $e(T) = 2i(T) + 1$.

Now consider $i(T) = k$. Then, $e(T) = 2(k - 1) + 1 + (3 - 1)$. That is, the number of external nodes is equal to the number of external nodes for a tree with $k - 1$ internal nodes plus 3 (we added an internal node which must have 3 children) minus 1 (in creating the new internal node, we made an external node into an internal node). Thus, $e(T) = 2k - 2 + 3 = 2k + 1$. This is what we needed to show.