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if  $f$  is defined by recursion on argument number  $i$

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Because the lhs is “more complex” than the rhs.

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***Demo***

# ***Generalisation***

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- Generalize free variables
  - by  $\forall$  in formula
  - by *arbitrary* in induction proof