

PROVE THAT  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

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

• BASE CASE: FOR  $\boxed{n=0}$   $\sum_{i=0}^0 x^i = x^0 = 1$  ✓  
RHS:  $\frac{x^{0+1} - 1}{x - 1} = \frac{x^1 - 1}{x - 1} = 1$  ✓

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• INDUCTION STEP: ASSUME THAT, FOR  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\boxed{\sum_{i=0}^k x^i} = \boxed{\frac{x^{k+1} - 1}{x - 1}} \quad (\text{I.H.})$$

WANT:  $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} x^i = \frac{x^{k+1+1} - 1}{x - 1} = \frac{x^{k+2} - 1}{x - 1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} x^i &= \boxed{\sum_{i=0}^k x^i} + x^{k+1} \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} \boxed{\frac{x^{k+1} - 1}{x - 1}} + x^{k+1} \\ &= \frac{x^{k+1} - 1 + (x-1) \cdot x^{k+1}}{x - 1} = \frac{\cancel{x^{k+1}} - 1 + x^{k+2} - \cancel{x^{k+1}}}{x - 1} \end{aligned}$$

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• CONCLUSION: BY INDUCTION,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

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

LET  $F(0)=0, F(1)=1, \text{ then}$

$$F(n+2) = F(n) + F(n+1) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

PROVE:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\} \quad F(n-1) \cdot F(n+1) - F(n)^2 = (-1)^n$

• BASE CASE:  $n=1$ :  $F(0)F(2) - F(1)^2 =$   
 $= 0 \cdot (0+1) - 1^2 = 0 - 1 = (-1)^1 \quad \checkmark$

• IND. STEP: ASSUME, FOR A  $k \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}, [k \geq 1]$

$$\rightarrow F(k-1)F(k+1) - F(k)^2 = (-1)^k \quad (\text{I.H.})$$

$$\text{WANT: } F(k+1-1)F(k+1+1) - F(k+1)^2 = (-1)^{k+1}$$

$$F(k) \cdot F(k+2) - F(k+1)^2 = (-1)^{k+1}$$

$$F(k)(F(k) + F(k+1)) - F(k+1)^2 =$$

$$F(k)^2 + F(k)F(k+1) - F(k+1)^2 =$$

$$F(k)^2 + F(k+1)(F(k) - F(k+1))$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(k+1) &= F(k) + F(k-1) \\ -F(k-1) &= F(k) - F(k+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(k)^2 - F(k+1)F(k-1) &= -[F(k+1)F(k-1) - F(k)^2] \\ \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} -[(-1)^k] &= (-1)^{k+1} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

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$$F(n-1)F(n+1) - F(n)^2 = (-1)^n$$

EQUIV.

$H(n-1) \rightarrow n \geq 1$