

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: $\frac{x^{0+1} - 1}{x - 1} = \frac{x^1 - 1}{x - 1} = 1$

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

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

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

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

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

• 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 $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}, [k \geq 1]$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$F(k)^2 - F(k+1)F(k-1) = - \left(F(k+1)F(k-1) - F(k)^2 \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} - \boxed{(-1)^k} = (-1)^{k+1} \quad \checkmark$$

• CONCLUSION: BY INDUCTION, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$

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

EQUIV.

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1$