

For all  $n \geq 0$ :  $\sum_{i=0..n} 2^i = 2^{(n+1)} - 1$

- 1) Prove the base case, i.e. the case of the smallest  $n$ . In this case:  $n = 0$ .  
 $\sum_{i=0..0} 2^i = 2^0 = 1$   
 $2^1 - 1 = 1$   
Yes, the base case holds.
- 2) State the inductive hypothesis. Suppose the expression hold for some arbitrary  $k$ . In other words:  $\sum_{i=0..k} 2^i = 2^{(k+1)} - 1$
- 3) Prove the inductive step. In other words, show that based on the inductive hypothesis, the expression holds for  $k+1$ .

Write the expression for  $k+1$ :

$$\sum_{i=0..(k+1)} 2^i = 2^{((k+1)+1)} - 1$$

Tease apart the summation:

$$\sum_{i=0..(k+1)} 2^i = \sum_{i=0..k} 2^i + 2^{(k+1)}$$

Use inductive hypothesis:

$$\sum_{i=0..k} 2^i + 2^{(k+1)} = 2^{(k+1)} - 1 + 2^{(k+1)} = 2 * (2^{(k+1)}) - 1 = 2^{(k+2)} - 1.$$

For all  $N \geq 3$ :  $2N + 1 < N^2$ .

- 1) Base case:  $N = 3$ :  $2*3+1 < 3^2$ . Yes.
- 2) Inductive hypothesis: Assume for arbitrary  $k$ :  $2k+1 < k^2$
- 3) Inductive step: Show that if  $2k+1 < k^2$  then  $2(k+1)+1 < (k+1)^2$   
 $2(k+1)+1 = 2k + 2 + 1 < k^2 + 2 < k^2 + 2k + 1$ , for  $k \geq 3$

Note:  $(k+1)^2 = k^2 + 2k + 1$