

# A useful identity

What is the sum of the powers of 2 from from 0 to n?

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For example, what is: 
$$\sum_{i=0}^{4} 2^{i} ? \sum_{i=0}^{9} 2^{i} ?$$

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 = 31 = 2^{5} - 1$$

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^9 = 2^{10} - 1 = 1023$$

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How would you prove this?

### Proof by induction

- 1. State what you're trying to prove!
- 2. State and prove the base case
- What is the smallest possible case you need to consider?
  Should be fairly easy to prove
- 3. Assume it's true for k (or k-1). Write out specifically what this assumption is (called the *inductive hypothesis*).
- 4. Prove that it then holds for k+1 (or k)
- $_{\rm o.}$  State what you're trying to prove (should be a variation on step 1)
- b. Prove it. You will need to use inductive hypothesis.

#### An example

1. State what you're trying to prove!

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} 2^{i} = 2^{n+1} - 1$$









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### Proof by induction

- 1. State what you're trying to prove!
- 2. State and prove the base case
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- 4. Show that it holds for k+1 (or k)

Why does this prove anything?



### Another useful identity

What is the sum of the numbers from 1 to n?

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} i = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = ?$$

## A useful identity

The sum of the numbers from 1 to n is:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} i = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

For example, what is sum from 1 to 5? 1 to 100?

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15 = 5*6/2$$

1 + 2 + 3 + ... + 100 = 100 \* 101/2 = 10100/2 = 5050



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- Prove that it holds for k+1 (or k)
- State what you're trying to prove (should be a variation on step 1)
- Prove it. You will need to use the inductive hypothesis. b.