

- e) Let a be a real number $\neq 1$, and let $f(n) = 1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots + a^n$ for all $n \geq 0$. Prove by induction on n that

$$f(n) = \frac{a^{n+1}-1}{a-1} \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

- f) If $f(0) = 0$ and $f(n) = 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 \dots + n \times (n + 1)$ for all $n \geq 1$, prove by induction on n that

$$f(n) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

- g) If $f(0) = 0, f(1) = 2$ and $f(n) = \frac{f(n-1)+f(n-2)}{2} + 3n - 1$ for all $n \geq 2$, prove by induction on n that

$$f(n) = n(n + 1) \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

Bonus Problem: (5 points)

Let A be a finite set. Prove by induction on the cardinality of A that $|2^A| = 2^{|A|}$.