

COL 202: DISCRETE MATHEMATICAL STRUCTURES

LECTURE 4

INDUCTION

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TRUE or FALSE

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Propositional Calculus

$\neg p$

Negation

$p \vee q$

Disjunction / Or

$p \wedge q$

Conjunction / And

$p \Rightarrow q$

Implication / If-Then

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Consistency and completeness

Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem

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Modus Ponens

$$\frac{p, p \Rightarrow q}{q}$$

Modus Tollens

$$\frac{p \Rightarrow q, \neg q}{\neg p}$$

Chain Rule

$$\frac{p \Rightarrow q, q \Rightarrow r}{p \Rightarrow r}$$

Contrapositive

$$\frac{p \Rightarrow q}{\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p}$$

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PROOF TEMPLATES

By case analysis

By contradiction

By picture 

By induction (Today)

INDUCTION AXIOM

Let $P(n)$ be a predicate.

If $P(0)$ is TRUE and

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$ is TRUE

then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ $P(n)$ is TRUE.

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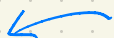
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↙

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i \quad \approx \quad \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} i$$

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We want to show that:

* $P(0)$ is TRUE, and

* $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1).$

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and show $P(n+1)$ is TRUE.

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Thus, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$. ◻

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No reason to infer $a_1 = a_2$



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BUG: We proved $P(0)$ is TRUE and

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but not $P(1) \Rightarrow P(2)$

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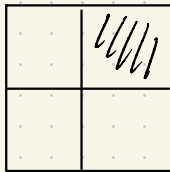
Theorem: If every pair of non-negative integers are equal,
(Not absurd) then for any $n \geq 2$, any n -sized set of
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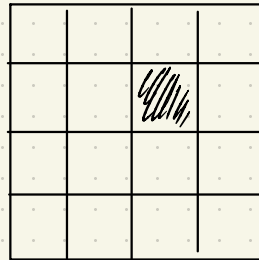
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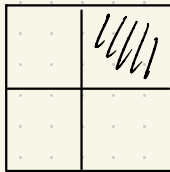


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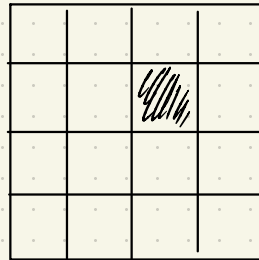
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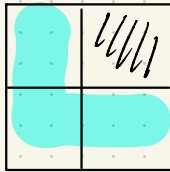


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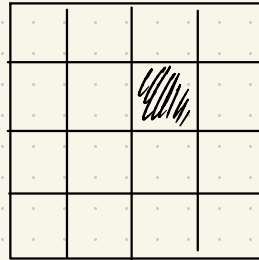
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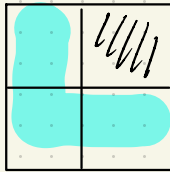


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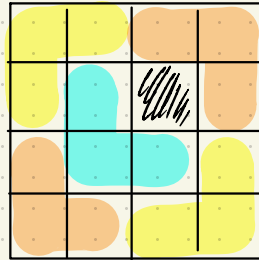
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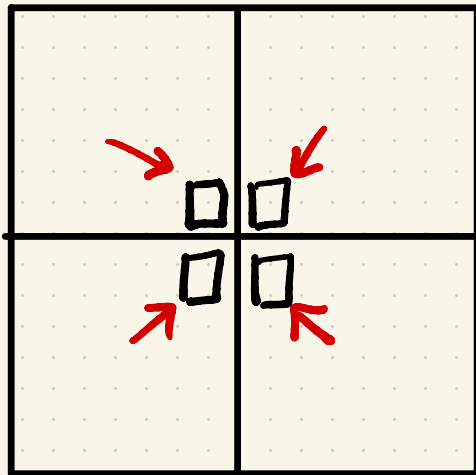


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All of these are
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Base case:  Zero tiles suffice!

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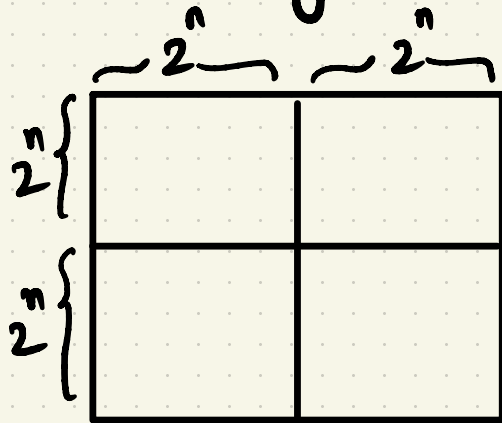
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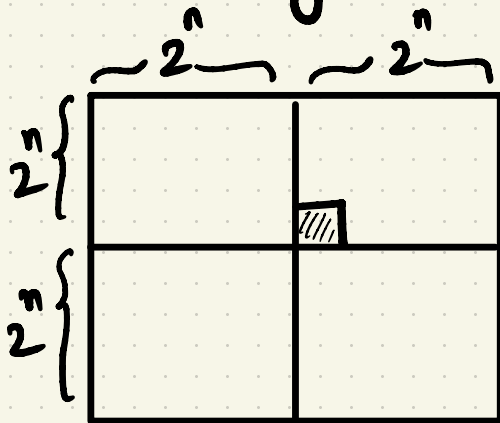
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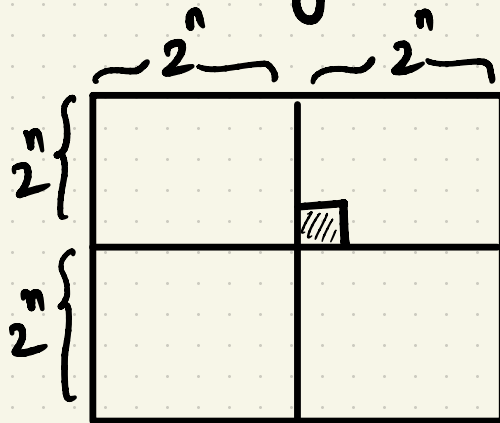
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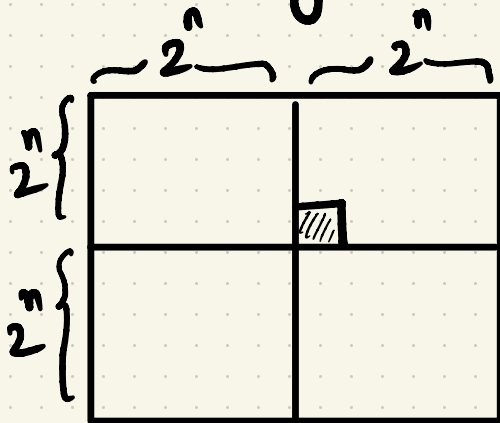
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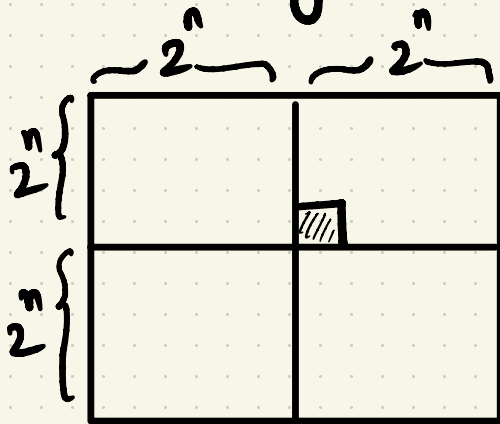
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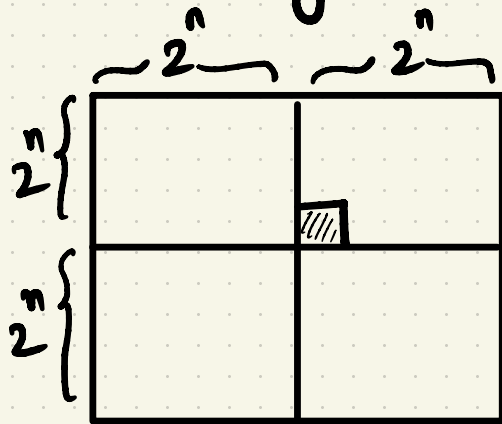
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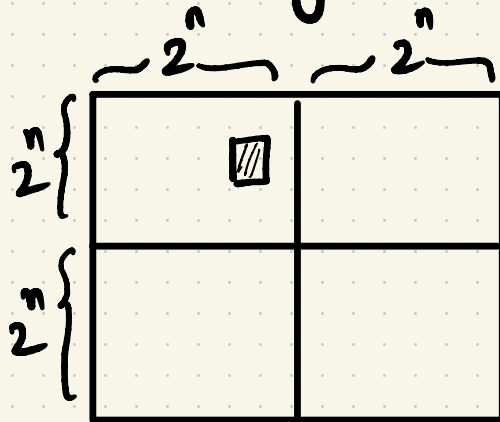
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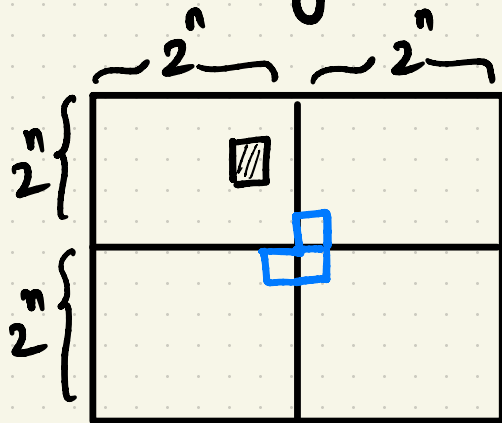
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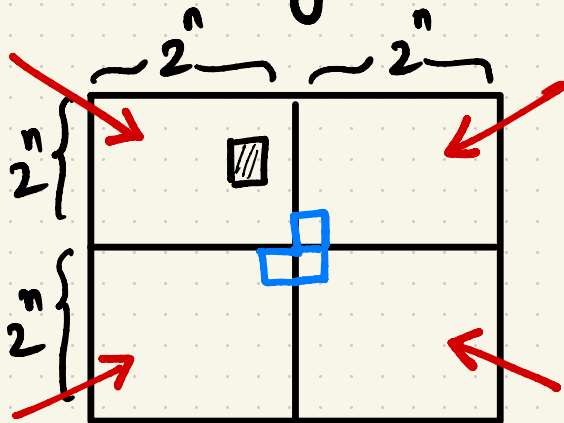
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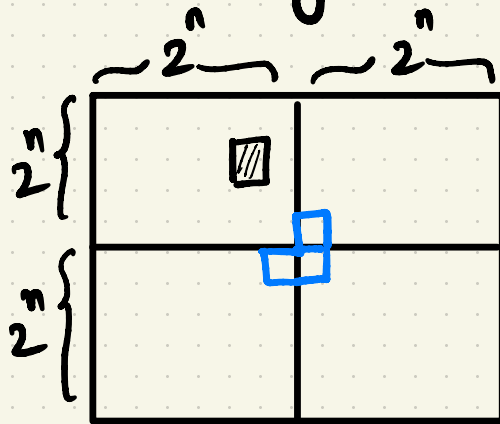
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Takeaway:

$P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$

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