

a_1, a_2, a_3
 $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3} \quad k=3$
 $3a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 3+2+1 = 6$
 $4 = 3a_2 + a_3 = 6+2 = 8$

Prove: $a_n \leq 3^n$ for $n \geq 0$
 Basis: show for $n=0, 1, 2$
 $a_0 = 1 \leq 3^0 = 1$
 $a_1 = 2 \leq 3^1 = 3$
 $a_2 = 3 \leq 3^2 = 9$

Induction:
 Suppose $a_k \leq 3^k$ for $k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$
 Show $a_n \leq 3^n$

$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}$
 $\leq 3^{n-1} + 3^{n-2} + 3^{n-3}$
 $= 3^{n-3}(3^2 + 3^1 + 3^0)$
 $= 3^{n-3}(9 + 3 + 1)$
 $= 3^{n-3} \cdot 13$
 $\leq 3^{n-3} \cdot 27$
 $= 3^n$

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$f_1 = 1, f_k = 2 \cdot f_{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \quad k \geq 2$
 Prove $f_n \leq n$ for $n \geq 1$

$f_2 = 2 \cdot f_{\lfloor 2/2 \rfloor} = 2 \cdot f_1 = 2$
 $f_3 = 2 \cdot f_{\lfloor 3/2 \rfloor} = 2 \cdot f_1 = 2$
 $f_4 = 2 \cdot f_{\lfloor 4/2 \rfloor} = 2 \cdot f_2 = 4$
 $f_5 = 2 \cdot f_{\lfloor 5/2 \rfloor} = 2 \cdot f_2 = 4$
 $f_6 = 2 \cdot f_{\lfloor 6/2 \rfloor} = 2 \cdot f_3 = 4$

$f_n \leq n \quad n \geq 1$
 Basis $n=1$
 $f_1 = 1 = n$

Ind. Suppose $f_k \leq k$ for $1 \leq k \leq n-1$
 Show $f_n \leq n$

$f_{k+1} = 2 \cdot f_{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor}$
 $\leq 2 \cdot \left(\frac{k+1}{2} \right)$
 $\leq k+1$

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