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Define  $P(n)$  to be " $f(n) \leq 2^n$ " We show  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 0$  by induction on  $n$ .

Base Cases: ( $n = 0$ ):  $f(0) = 1 \leq 1 = 2^0$ .

( $n = 1$ ):  $f(1) = 1 \leq 2 = 2^1$ .

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose  $P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)$  for an arbitrary  $k \geq 1$ .

Inductive step:

Target:  $P(k+1)$ . i.e.  $f(k+1) \leq 2^{k+1}$