

# Plan

We will:

- Finish **Section 5.1** *Mathematical Induction*
- Cover **Section 5.2** *Strong induction and well-ordering*

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### Recommended:

See Example 10: proves that for any finite set  $S$  with  $n$  elements, the powerset  $P(S)$  has  $2^n$  cardinality.

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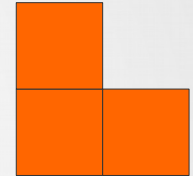
See Example 11 on page 323, which proves the generalization of one of De Morgan's laws about sets:

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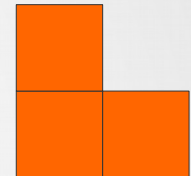
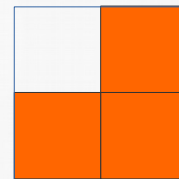
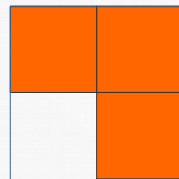
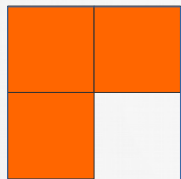
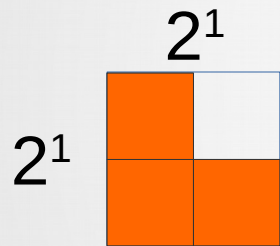




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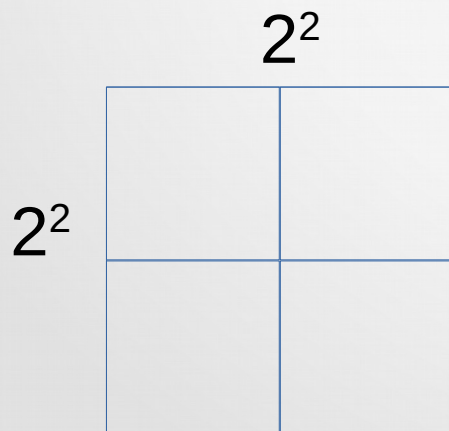
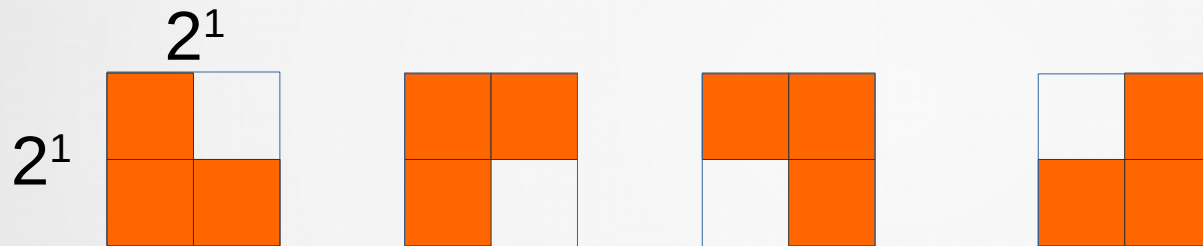
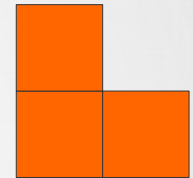
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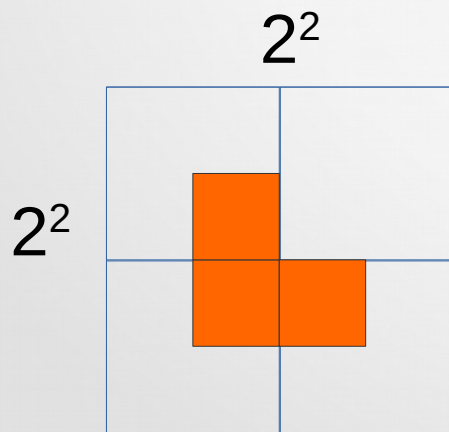
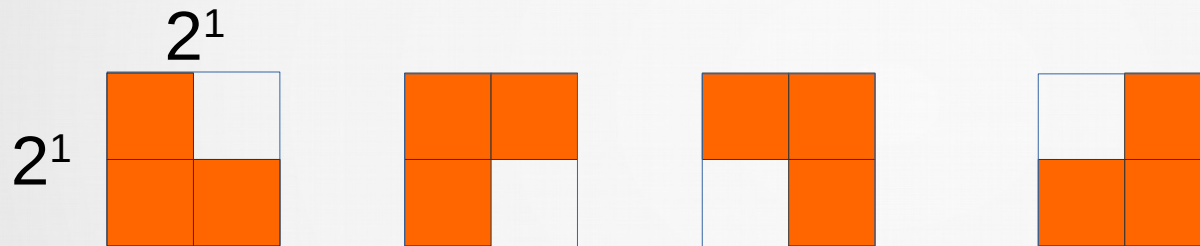
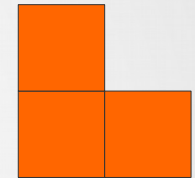
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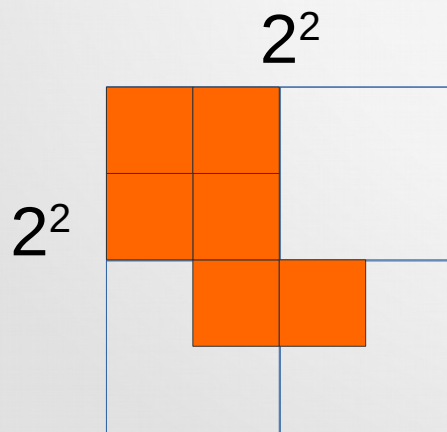
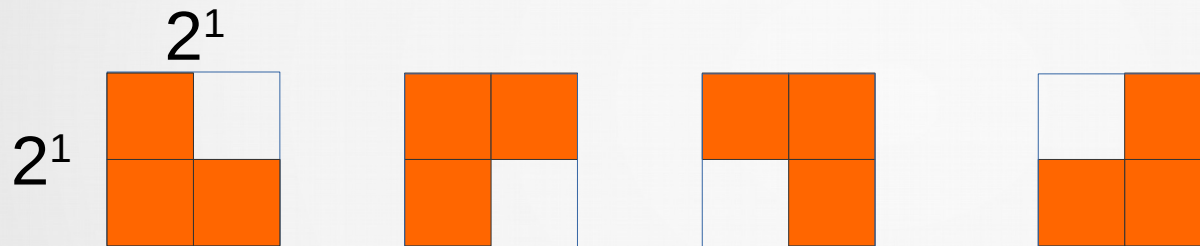
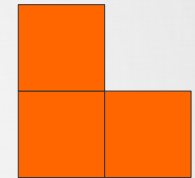
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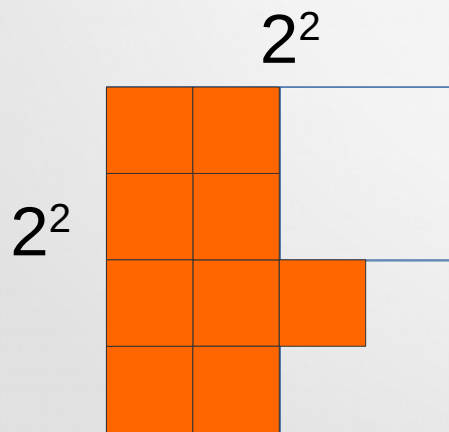
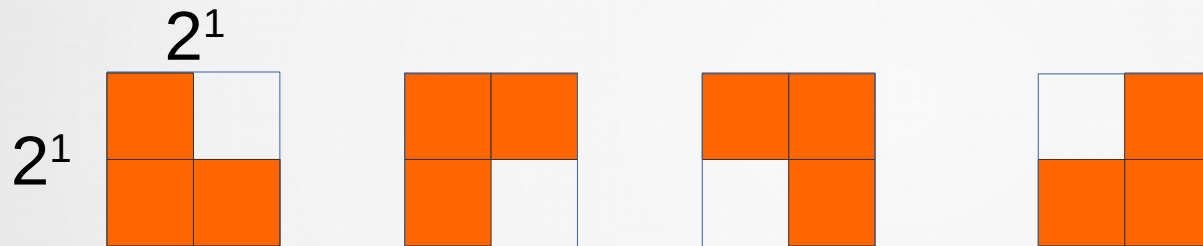
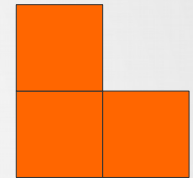
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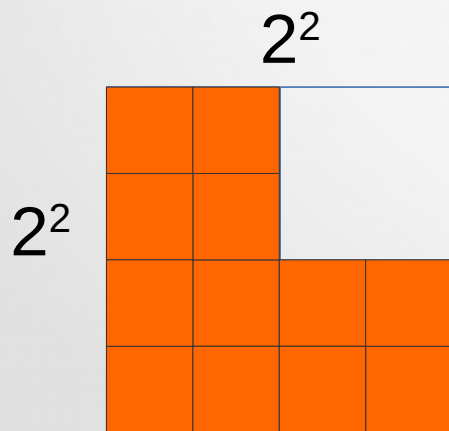
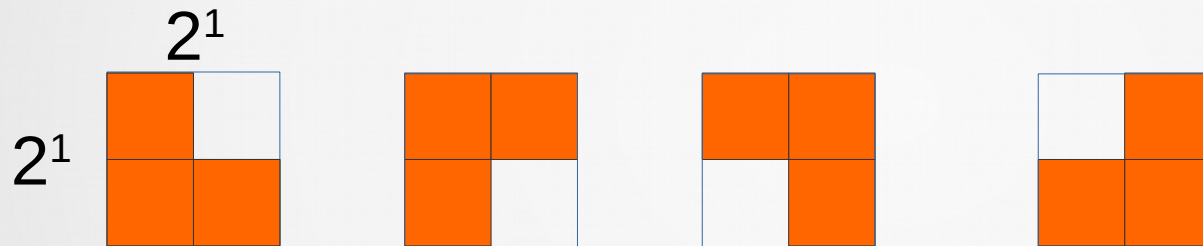
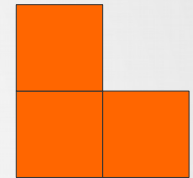
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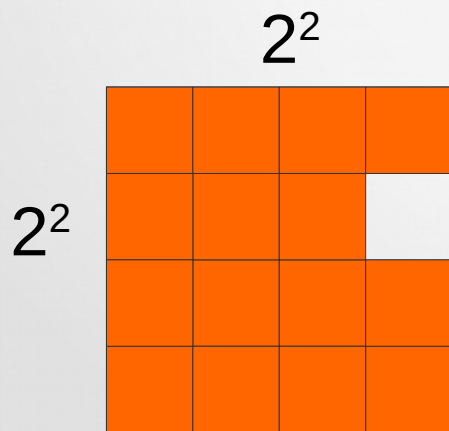
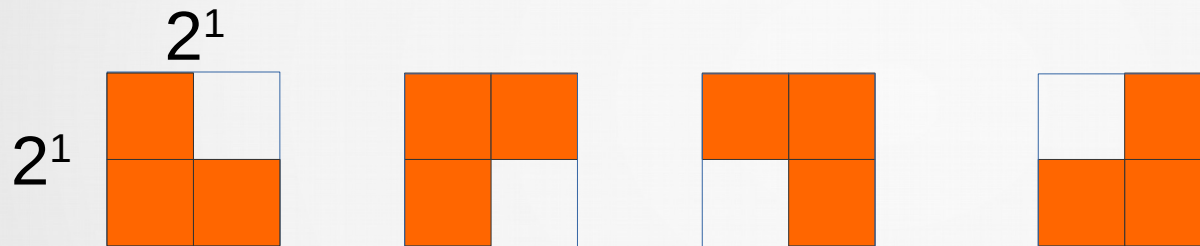
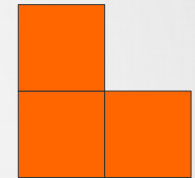
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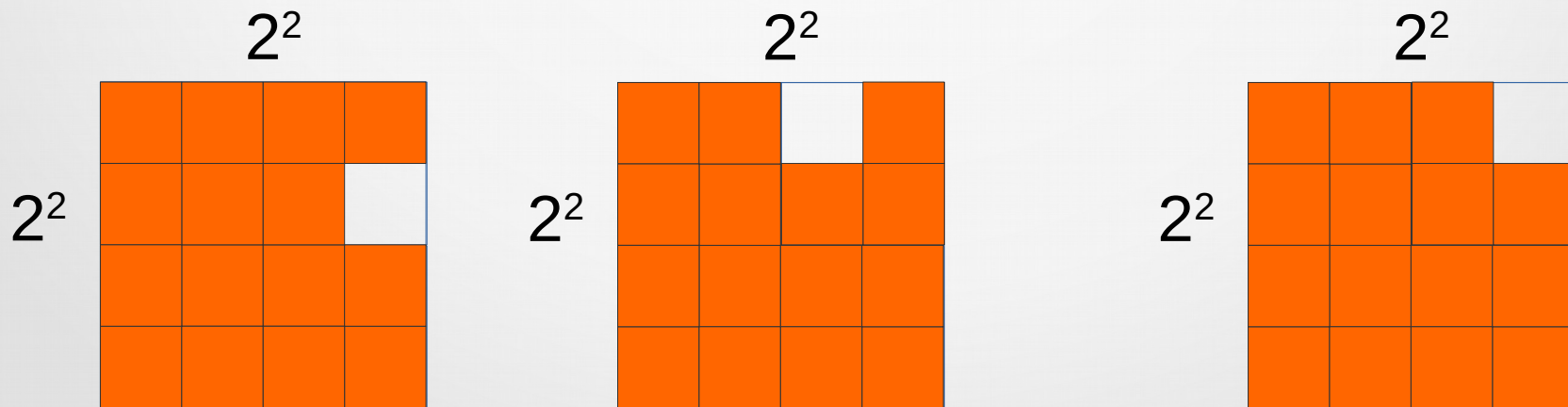
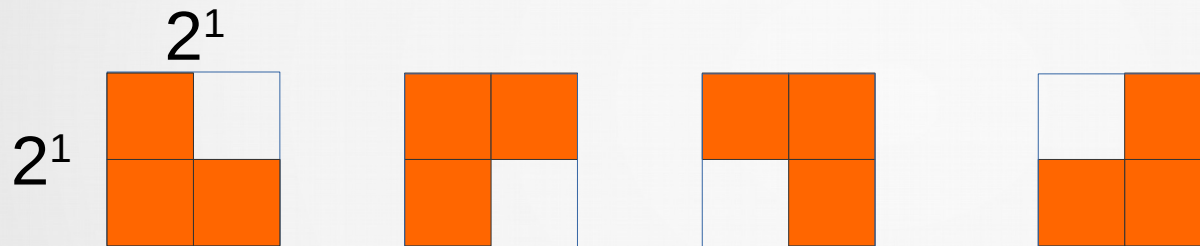
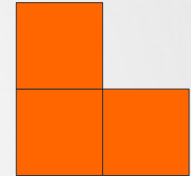
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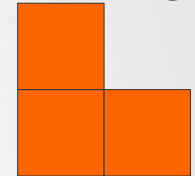


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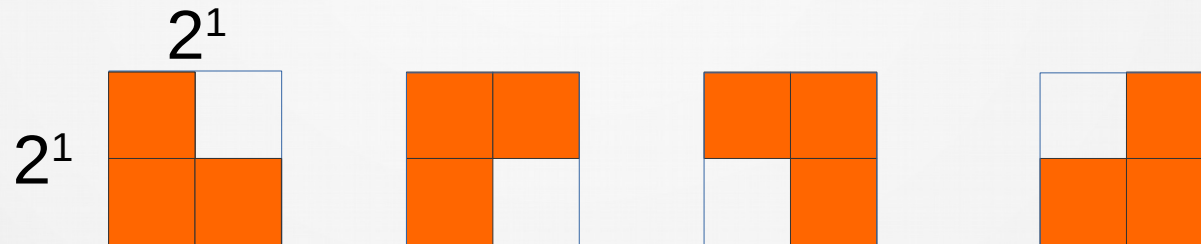
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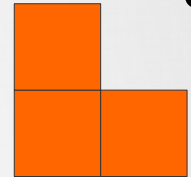
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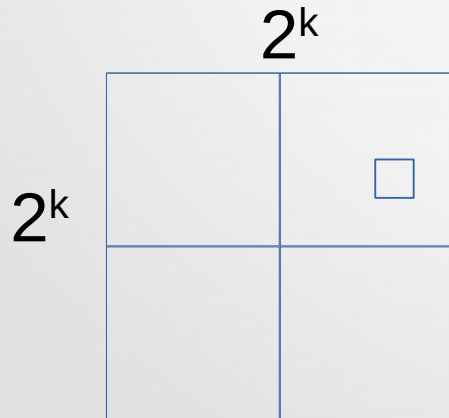
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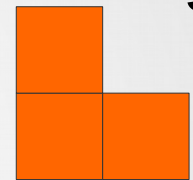


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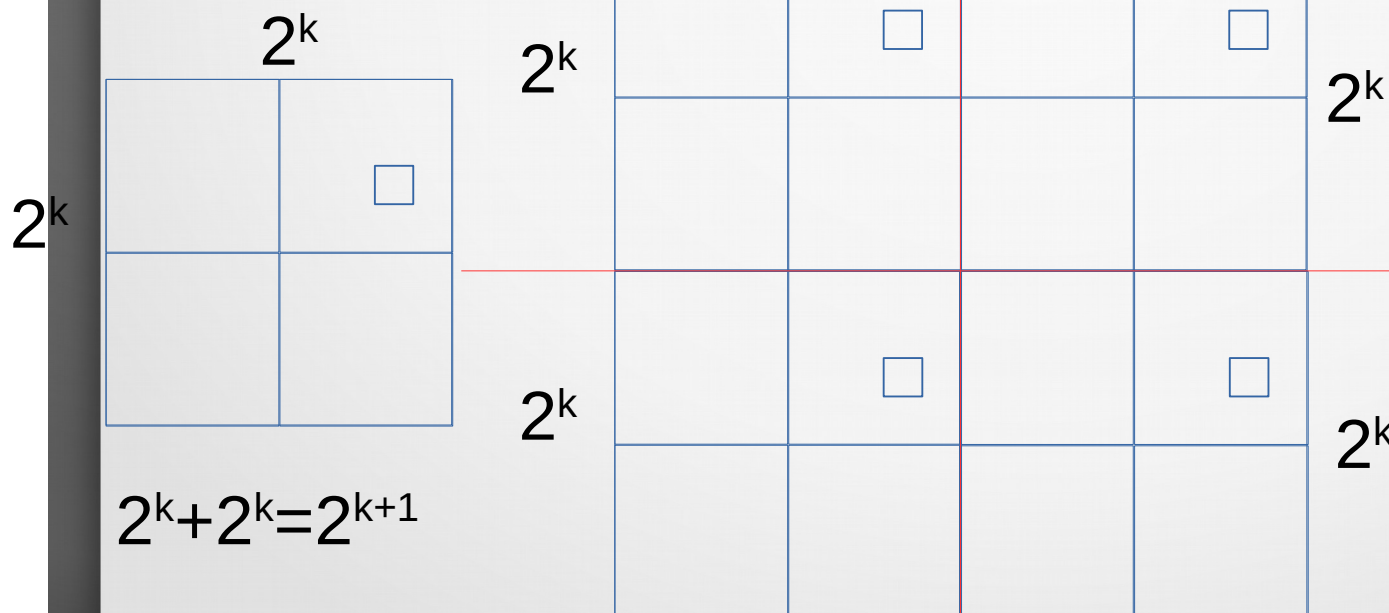
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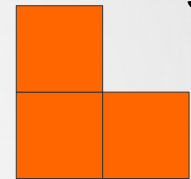


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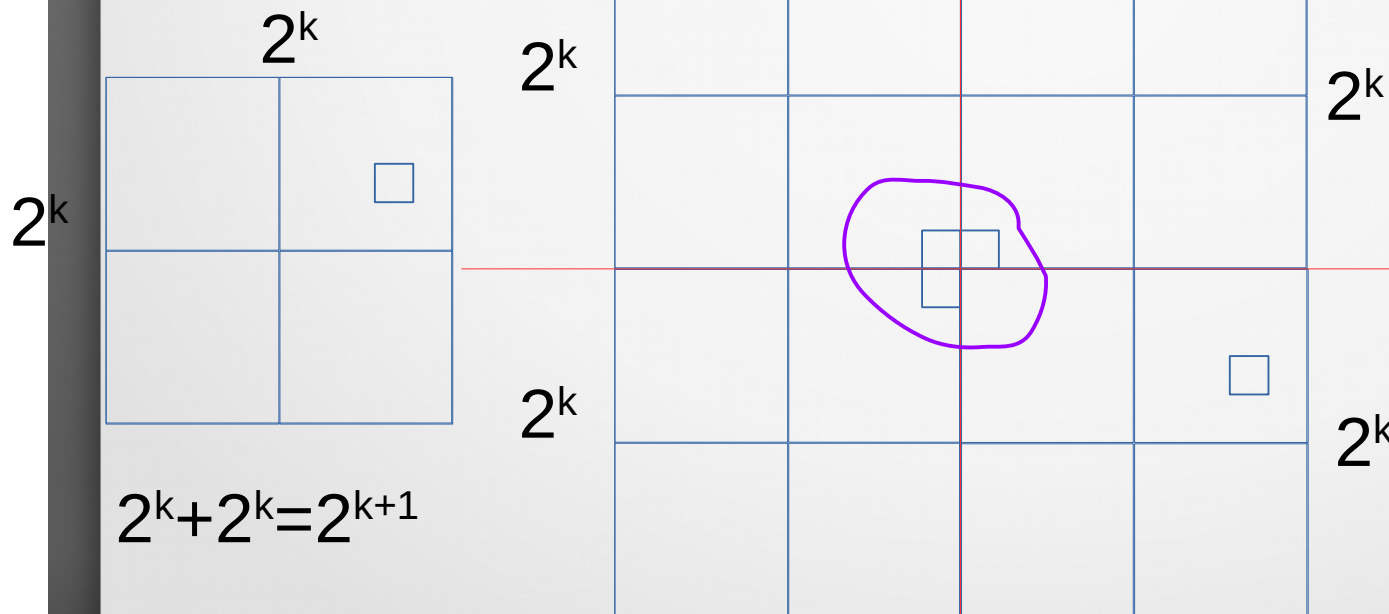
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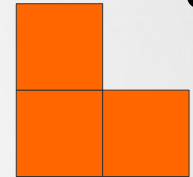


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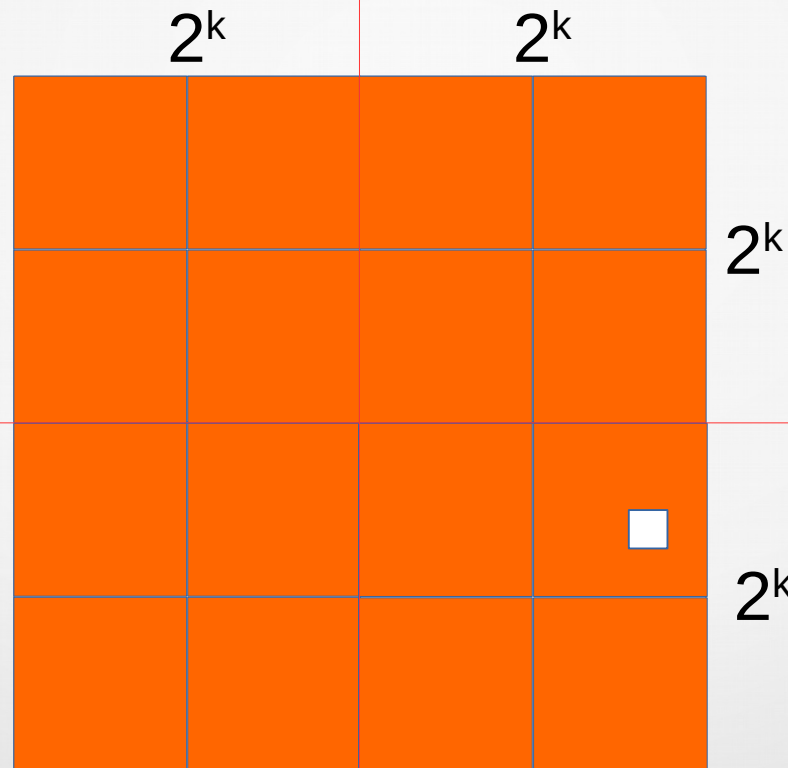
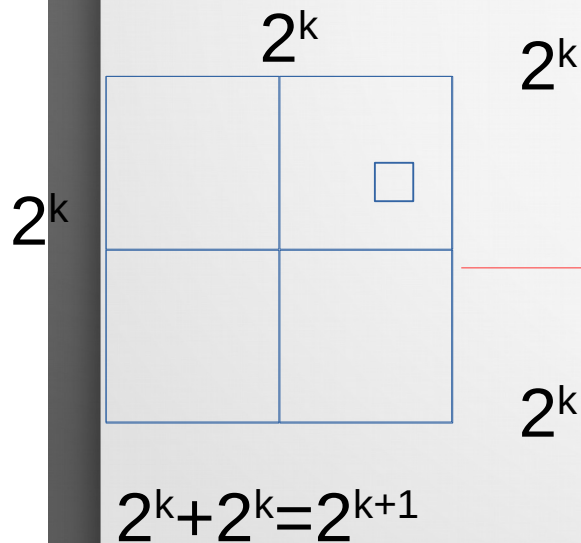
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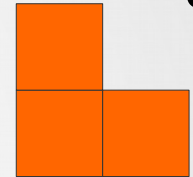


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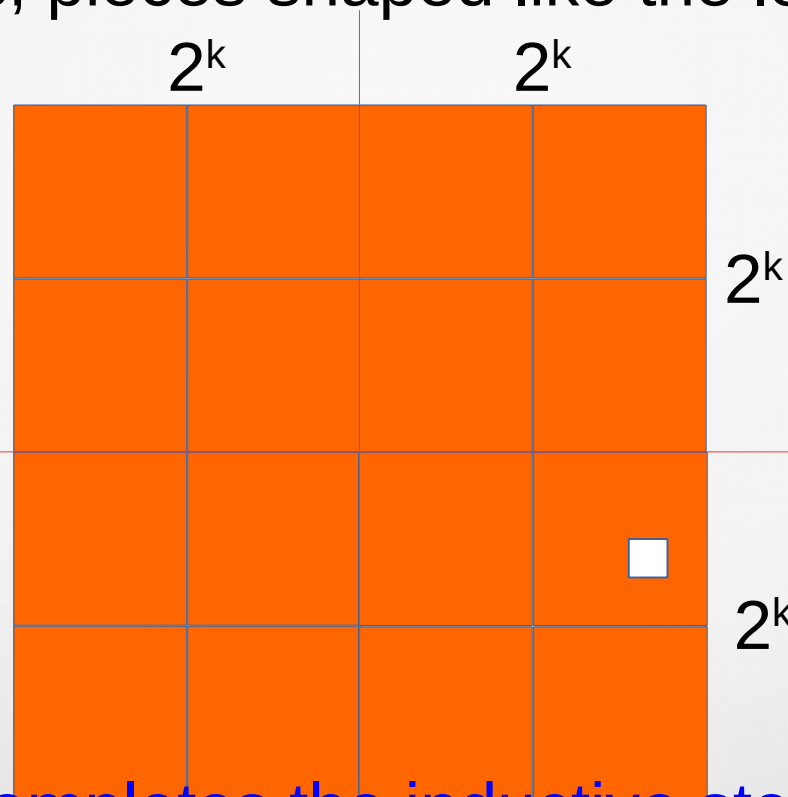
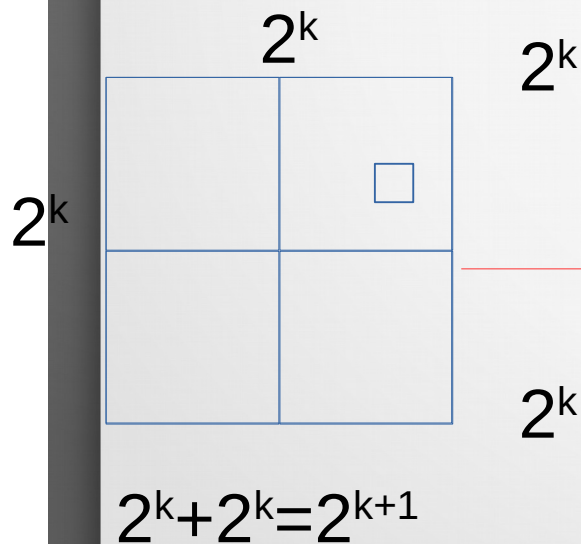
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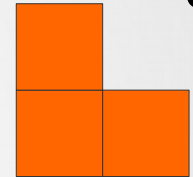
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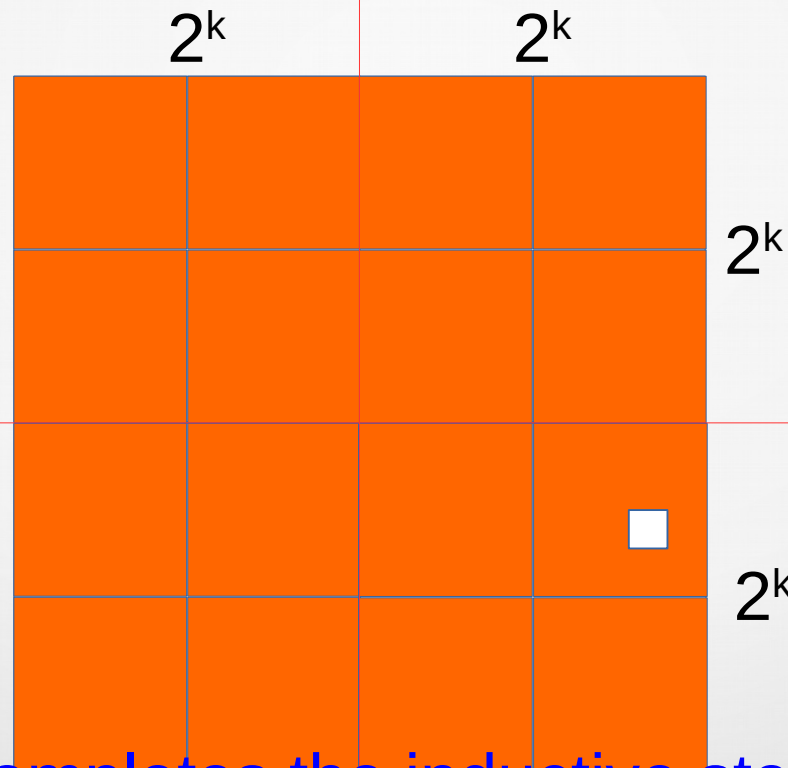
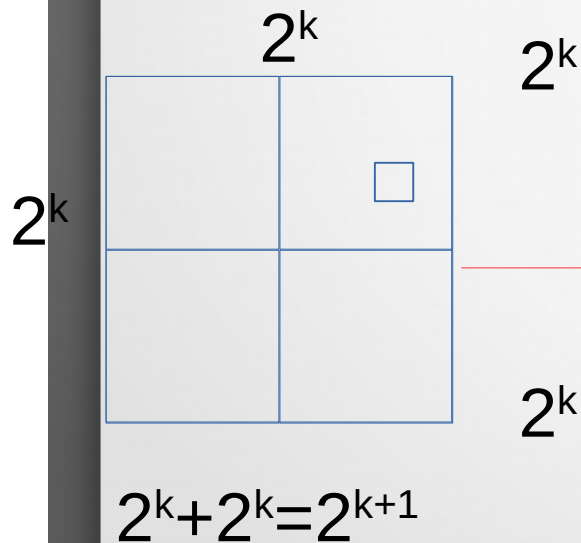
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The standard form of induction only assumes that the fact *holds for*  $k$  in proving that it holds for  $k+1$ .

For the Fibonacci numbers example we can do:

Base case:  $P(0)$  and  $P(1)$  are true.

Inductive step: we need to show that for every  $k \geq 1$ ,  
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### Strong induction:

To prove  $P(n)$  is true for all integers  $n \geq b$ , where  $P(n)$  is a propositional function, we complete two steps:

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Multiple base cases:

As you noticed, we had two base cases in the **basis step**.

Basis step is not limited to one base case.

To some extent, determining how many base cases are required in a strong induction proof requires some trial and error, but some common sense reasoning can be applied

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Cans of juice come in packs of 3 or 4. For any  $n \geq 6$  it is possible to buy  $n$  cans of juice by purchasing a combination of 3-packs or 4-packs only.

**Inductive step:** assume that for any  $k \geq 8$ ,  
 $P(6) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)$  is true.

Let's show that in this case  $P(k+1)$  is true:

Since  $P(k-2)$  is true, i.e.  $k-2$  cans can be presented as a combination of 3-packs and 4-packs, then by adding one 3-pack it will be getting exactly  $k+1$  cans in total.

$$(k-2) + 3 = k+1$$

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**This completes the inductive step.**

**By strong induction the statement above is true.**



**q.e.d.**

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Well-ordering:

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We used it before to show that mathematical induction is valid.

It is possible to use this principle directly in proofs.

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