

For Induction.

$P(n)$  = Set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  has exactly  $2^n$  subsets.

Goal: prove  $P(n)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

Base Case:  $P(1)$ . Set  $\{1\}$  two subsets  $\emptyset, \{1\}$

IH:  $P(n-1)$  holds.

IS. Goal: prove  $P(n)$ .

Goal:  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  has  $2^n$  subsets.

By IH.  $\{1, \dots, n-1\}$  has  $2^{n-1}$  many subsets.

Every subset  $S$  of  $\{1, \dots, n-1\}$

I can construct two subsets of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .  $S, S \cup \{n\}$ .

✓ Observe that this way I construct every subset of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .

↳ BC every subset  $T \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $T - \{n\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n-1\}$

✓ I construct every subset at most once.

$\{1, \dots, n\}$  has twice many subsets. i.e.  $2 \cdot 2^{n-1} = 2^n$   $\square$

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Claim: You can change any amount of postage  $\geq 12$  using 4-5 cents stamps.

$P(n)$ :  $n$  can be changed using 4-5 cents stamps.

Base Case:  $P(12), P(13), P(14), P(15)$

$4+4+4$     $5+4+4$     $5+5+4$     $5+5+5$

IH:  $P(k)$  holds for all  $12 \leq k \leq n-1$ , and  $n \geq 16$

IS:  $P(n)$ .

pay a 4-cent stamp, we use IH to pay for  $P(n-4)$ .