

## Proving $F(n) \geq n$ for all $n \geq 2$ by contradiction

How small can  $N$  be?

Since  $P(2)$  is true, it must be that  $N \geq 3$ .

Hence  $N - 1 \geq 2$ .

Since  $N$  is the smallest integer  $n \geq 2$  for which  $P(n)$  is false,  $P(N - 1)$  must be true.

Hence

$$F(N - 1) \geq N - 1$$