

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

Recall the definition of the function $F : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$:

- ▶ $F(1) = 0$
- ▶ $F(n) = 2 + F(n - 1)$ if $n \geq 2$

We want to prove that $\forall n \geq 2, F(n) \geq n$

We assumed N was the smallest positive integer such that $F(N) < N$ and showed

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

Since $N \geq 3 > 2$, by definition

$$F(N) = 2 + F(N - 1)$$

Combining these two statements, we get

$$F(N) \geq 2 + (N - 1) = N + 1 > N$$

But this means $P(N)$ is true, contradicting our hypothesis.