

Class Exercise

Let $f : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be defined by

- ▶ $f(1) = 1$
- ▶ $f(n) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(i)$ if $n \geq 2$

For example, $f(2) = 1 + f(1) = 2$.

Do the following:

- ▶ Compute $f(3)$, $f(4)$, and $f(5)$.
- ▶ Come up with a closed form solution for $f(n)$.
- ▶ Prove it correct by strong induction on n .