(1) Prove that

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2^2} + \frac{3}{2^3} + \ldots + \frac{n}{2^n} = 2 - \frac{n+2}{2^n}$$

(2) Prove that

$$1 + 2q + 3q^{2} + \ldots + nq^{n-1} = \frac{1 - (n+1)q^{n} + nq^{n+1}}{(1-q)^{2}}$$

(3) The Fibonacci sequence is the sequence of numbers  $F(0), F(1), \ldots$  defined by the following recurrence relations:

F(0) = 1, F(1) = 1, F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2) for all n > 1. For example, the first few Fibonacci numbers are 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...

Prove that

$$F(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+1} - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+1} \right]$$

for all  $n \ge 0$ .

*Hint:* The computations can be simplified by using the fact that both of the numbers  $x = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $x = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$  satisfy the equation  $1 + x = x^2$ .

(4) Prove that

$$\frac{5}{1\cdot 2\cdot 3} + \frac{6}{2\cdot 3\cdot 4} + \frac{7}{3\cdot 4\cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{n+4}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n(3n+7)}{2(n+1)(n+2)}$$

for any  $n \ge 1$ .

(5) Using the method from class find the formula for the sum

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \ldots + n^3$$

Then prove the formula you've found by mathematical induction. (6) Find a mistake in the following "proof".

Claim. Any two natural numbers are equal.

We'll prove the following statement by induction in n: Any two natural numbers  $\leq n$  are equal.

We prove it by induction in n.

- a) The statement is trivially true for n = 1.
- b) Suppose it's true for  $n \ge 1$ . Let a, b be two natural numbers  $\le n + 1$ . Then  $a 1 \le n$  and  $b 1 \le n$ . Therefore, by the induction assumption

$$a-1=b-1$$

Adding 1 to both sides of the above equality we get that a = b. Thus the statement is true for n + 1. By the principle of mathematical induction this means that it's true for all natural n.  $\Box$ .