

**Proposition:** Concerning the Fibonacci sequence,  $S_n : F_n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-i-1}{i}$ .

*Proof.* (Induction).

**Basis step.** Let  $n = 1$ .

Observe that  $\sum_{i=0}^{1-1} \binom{1-i-1}{i} = \binom{0}{0} = 1 = F_1$ . Thus  $S_1$ .

**Inductive step.** Let  $S_k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We now show  $S_k$  implies  $S_{k+1}$ . Observe that

$$F_{k+1} = F_k + F_{k-1} \tag{1}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k-i-1}{i} + \sum_{i=0}^{(k-1)-1} \binom{(k-1)-i-1}{i} \tag{2}$$

$$= \left[ \binom{k-1}{0} + \binom{k-2}{1} + \dots + \binom{1}{k-2} + \binom{0}{k-1} \right] + \left[ \binom{k-2}{0} + \binom{k-3}{1} + \dots + \binom{1}{k-3} + \binom{0}{k-2} \right] \tag{3}$$

$$= 0 + \binom{k-1}{0} + \binom{k-2}{0} + \binom{k-2}{1} + \binom{k-3}{1} + \dots + \binom{1}{k-3} + \binom{1}{k-2} + \binom{0}{k-2} + \binom{0}{k-1} + 0 \tag{4}$$

$$= \left[ \binom{k-1}{-1} + \binom{k-1}{0} \right] + \left[ \binom{k-2}{0} + \binom{k-2}{1} \right] + \dots + \left[ \binom{1}{k-3} + \binom{1}{k-2} \right] + \left[ \binom{0}{k-2} + \binom{0}{k-1} \right] + \binom{0}{k} \tag{5}$$

$$= \binom{k}{0} + \binom{k-1}{1} + \binom{k-2}{2} + \dots + \binom{2}{k-2} + \binom{1}{k-1} + \binom{0}{k} \tag{6}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k-i}{i} \tag{7}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{(k+1)-1} \binom{(k+1)-i-1}{i}. \tag{8}$$

Thus  $S_{k+1}$ .

It follows by mathematical induction that  $S_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . ■