

**Proposition:** Concerning the Fibonacci sequence,

$$S_n : \sum_{i=1}^n F_i^2 = F_n F_{n+1}.$$

*Proof.* (Induction).

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

Observe that  $\sum_{i=1}^1 F_i^2 = F_1^2 = 1^2 = 1 * 1 = F_1 F_2 = F_1 F_{n+1}$ . Thus  $S_1$ .

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

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} F_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k F_i^2 + F_{k+1}^2 \tag{1}$$

$$= F_k F_{k+1} + F_{k+1}^2 \tag{2}$$

$$= F_k F_{k+1} + (F_k + F_{k-1})^2 \tag{3}$$

$$= F_k F_{k+1} + F_k^2 + F_k F_{k-1} + F_k F_{k-1} + F_{k-1}^2 \tag{4}$$

$$= F_k F_{k+1} + F_k^2 + F_k F_{k-1} + F_{k-1}(F_k + F_{k-1}) \tag{5}$$

$$= F_k F_{k+1} + F_k^2 + F_k F_{k-1} + F_{k-1} F_{k+1} \tag{6}$$

$$= F_k(F_{k+1} + F_k) + F_{k-1}(F_{k+1} + F_k) \tag{7}$$

$$= (F_k + F_{k-1})(F_{k+1} + F_k) \tag{8}$$

$$= F_{k+1} F_{k+2} \tag{9}$$

$$= F_{k+1} F_{(k+1)+1}. \tag{10}$$

Thus  $S_{k+1}$ .

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