

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 $\sum_{i=1}^1 F_i^2 = F_1^2 = 1^2 = 1 * 1 = F_1 F_{1+1}$, thus S_1 .

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

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

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

$$= F_{k+1}^2 + F_k F_{k+1} \tag{2} \quad \text{(Inductive hypothesis)}$$

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

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

$$= F_{k+1} F_{(k+1)+1}. \tag{5}$$

Thus S_{k+1} .

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