

**Proposition:** Concerning the Fibonacci sequence,

$$S_n : F_2 + F_4 + F_6 + \dots + F_{2n} = F_{2n+1} - 1.$$

*Proof.* (Induction).

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

Observe that  $F_{2n} = F_{2(1)} = 1 = 2 - 1 = F_{2(1)+1} - 1 = F_{2n+1} - 1$ . Thus  $S_1$ .

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

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

$$F_2 + F_4 + F_6 + \dots + F_{2k} + F_{2(k+1)} = (F_{2k+1} - 1) + F_{2(k+1)} \quad (1)$$

$$= F_{2k+2} + F_{2k+1} - 1 \quad (2)$$

$$= F_{2k+3} - 1 \quad (3)$$

$$= F_{2(k+1)+1} - 1. \quad (4)$$

Thus  $S_{k+1}$ .

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