

**Proposition:** For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , it follows that  $S_n : 2|F_n \iff 3|n$ .

*Proof.* (Smallest counterexample).

Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $n \leq 2$ .

**Case 1.** Let  $n = 1$ . Observe that  $3 \nmid 1$  and  $2 \nmid 1 \iff 2 \nmid F_1$ , thus  $S_1$ .

**Case 2.** Let  $n = 2$ . Observe that  $3 \nmid 2$  and  $2 \nmid 1 \iff 2 \nmid F_2$ , thus  $S_2$ .

Suppose for the sake of contradiction that there exists  $n$  for which  $\neg S_n$ .

Let  $k > 2$  be the smallest  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $2|F_k$  but  $3 \nmid k$ , so  $F_k = 2x$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then we consider two cases for  $S_{k-1}$ .

**Case 1.** Let  $2|F_{k-1}$  and  $3|k-1$ .

Then  $F_{k-1} = 2y$  and  $k-1 = 3z$  for some  $y, z \in \mathbb{N}$ . Observe that

$$F_k = F_{k-1} + F_{k-2} \iff 2x = 2y + F_{k-2} \quad (1)$$

$$\iff F_{k-2} = 2(x - y). \quad (2)$$

Thus  $2|F_{k-2}$  which implies  $k-2 = 3w$  for some  $w \in \mathbb{N}$ . Observe that

$$k-2 = (k-1) - 1 \iff 3w = 3z - 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\iff 3(z - w) = 1. \quad (4)$$

But  $3 \nmid 1$ , a contradiction.

**Case 2.** Let  $2 \nmid F_{k-1}$  and  $3 \nmid k-1$ .

Note that  $k = 3a + r$  for  $a, r \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $1 \leq r \leq 2$  by def. of division algorithm.

Then  $F_{k-1} = 2y + 1$  for some  $y \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k-1 = 3a - (r+1)$  where  $1 \leq r+1 \leq 2$ . Observe that

$$F_k = F_{k-1} + F_{k-2} \iff 2x = (2y + 1) + F_{k-2} \quad (5)$$

$$\iff F_{k-2} = 2x - 2y - 1 = 2(2x - y) - 1. \quad (6)$$

Thus  $2 \nmid F_{k-2}$ , which implies  $3 \nmid k-2$  so  $k-2 = 3a - (r+2)$  where  $1 \leq r+2 \leq 2$ , a contradiction.

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