

1.13. Let $a = \phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$, $b = \psi = (1 - \sqrt{5})/2$

WTS: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $P(n) : \text{Fib}(n) = (a^n - b^n)/\sqrt{5}$.

Pf: Base case: Let $n = 0$.

Then $\text{Fib}(n) = \text{Fib}(0) = 0$, by definition; $(a^n - b^n)/\sqrt{5} = (a^0 - b^0)/\sqrt{5}$
 $= (1 - 1)/\sqrt{5}$
 $= 0$.

Thus $\text{Fib}(n) = (a^n - b^n)/\sqrt{5} = 0$. So $P(n)$ holds.

Base case: Let $n = 1$.

Then $\text{Fib}(n) = \text{Fib}(1) = 1$, by definition;

$$\begin{aligned} (a^n - b^n)/\sqrt{5} &= (a^1 - b^1)/\sqrt{5} \\ &= \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} - \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) / \sqrt{5} \quad [\text{by definition of } a, b] \\ &= \left(\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) / \sqrt{5} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So $\text{Fib}(n) = (a^n - b^n)/\sqrt{5} = 1$. Hence, $P(n)$ holds.

Induction step: Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume $n \geq 2$. Suppose $\forall j \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 \leq j < n$, $P(j)$ holds. [I.H.]. WTS: $P(n)$ holds.

Thus $\text{Fib}(n) = \text{Fib}(n-1) + \text{Fib}(n-2)$ [by definition, for $n \geq 2$].

$$= (a^{n-1} - b^{n-1})/\sqrt{5} + (a^{n-2} - b^{n-2})/\sqrt{5} \quad [\text{by I.H.}]$$

$$= \frac{(a^{n-1} - b^{n-1}) + (a^{n-2} - b^{n-2})}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{a^{n-2}(a+1) - b^{n-2}(b+1)}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{a^{n-2}(a^2) - b^{n-2}(b^2)}{\sqrt{5}} \quad [\text{by the property of } a, b]$$

$$= (a^n - b^n)/\sqrt{5}$$

As wanted. So $P(n)$ holds.

By Principle of Complete Induction, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $P(n)$ holds.