

Task

Let f_n be the Fibonacci sequence $f_1 = 1, f_2 = 2$

Prove that each positive integer admits a unique representation in a form

$a_1 f_1 + a_2 f_2 + \dots + a_n f_n + \dots$ such that

- each a_i is either 0 or 1
- there are finitely many numbers a_i equal to 1
- no two consequent numbers a_i are equal to 1

Solution

We'll proof this statement by induction

If we can represent $1, \dots, n$ as sum of Fibonacci numbers, we also can represent $n + 1$ Basis:

$$1 = f_1$$

$$2 = f_2$$

$$3 = f_3$$

$$4 = f_1 + f_3$$

Step:

If $n + 1$ is a Fibonacci number, it is itself representation.

Suppose that $n + 1$ isn't a Fibonacci number, then

$$\exists i \in \mathbb{Z} : F_i < n + 1 < F_{i+1}$$

$$n + 1 - F_i = m$$

$$m < F_i$$

Then we can represent $n + 1$ as representation of m plus F_i

Then proof the uniqueness

$n \in \mathbb{N}$ and n has 2 representations: A_1, A_2

Let $A'_1 = A_1/A_2, A'_2 = A_2/A_1$, so $A'_1 \cap A'_2 = \emptyset$ and A'_1, A'_2 represent the same number.

Suppose the the largest element of A'_1 larger then the largest element of A'_2 , but it means that A'_1 represent larger number, cause sum of elements of A'_2 less then the largest element of A'_1 (else A'_2 should have this number in it's representation). It follows that there cannot be 2 different representations.