

# Fibonacci Reciprocal Odd Plus One

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Compute

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_{2k-1} + 1}.$$

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Let the sum be  $S$  and write  $F_{2k-1}^2 - 1 = F_{2k-2}F_{2k}$ , so

$$S = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2k-1} - 1}{F_{2k-2}F_{2k}}.$$

Now, observe that  $\frac{1}{F_{2k-2}} - \frac{1}{F_{2k}} = \frac{F_{2k-1}}{F_{2k-2}F_{2k}}$ , so

$$S = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{F_{2k-2}} - \frac{1}{F_{2k}} \right) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_{2k-2}F_{2k}} = \frac{3}{2} - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_{2k-2}F_{2k}}.$$

Next, I claim that  $\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{F_{2k-2}F_{2k}} = \frac{F_{2n-2}}{F_{2n}}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . We induct on  $n$ ; clearly  $n = 2$  works.

So it suffices to prove that

$$\frac{F_{2n-2}}{F_{2n}} + \frac{1}{F_{2n}F_{2n+2}} = \frac{F_{2n}}{F_{2n+2}},$$

equivalently

$$F_{2n-2}F_{2n+2} + 1 = F_{2n}^2.$$

But this is a well-known identity, so this claim is true.

Then  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_{2k-2}F_{2k}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{2n-2}}{F_{2n}} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$ , so we have that

$$S = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}}.$$

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