

Another Derivation of Binet's formula

Use the linearization formulas

$$\phi^n = F_n \phi + F_{n-1} \text{ and } (-\varphi)^n = -F_n \varphi + F_{n-1}$$

to derive Binet's formula.

$$F_n(\phi + \varphi) = \phi^n - (-\varphi)^n$$

Substitute $\phi + \varphi = \sqrt{5}$:

$$F_n(\sqrt{5}) = \phi^n - (-\varphi)^n$$

$$F_n = \frac{\phi^n - (-\varphi)^n}{\sqrt{5}}$$