

**Exercise 1.13:** First we show that  $\text{Fib}(n) = (\varphi^n - \psi^n)/\sqrt{5}$  using induction. It is clear that  $\text{Fib}(1) = (\varphi - \psi)/\sqrt{5} = 1$ . Now we show that this holds for  $k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Fib}(k+1) &= \text{Fib}(k) + \text{Fib}(k-1) = \frac{\varphi^k - \psi^k}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{\varphi^{k-1} - \psi^{k-1}}{\sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{(\varphi+1)\varphi^{k-1} - (\psi+1)\psi^{k-1}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\varphi^2\varphi^{k-1} - \psi^2\psi^{k-1}}{\sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{\varphi^{k+1} - \psi^{k+1}}{\sqrt{5}},\end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that both  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  satisfy  $x^2 = x + 1$ . Using the result above, we get that

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \frac{\varphi^n}{\sqrt{5}} - \text{Fib}(n) \right| &= \left| \frac{\psi^n}{\sqrt{5}} \right| = \left| \frac{(1 - \sqrt{5})^n}{2^n \sqrt{5}} \right| < \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left| \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right|^n < \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left| \frac{1 - 3}{2} \right|^n \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

Suppose there exists another integer  $m$  that is closer to  $\varphi^n/\sqrt{5}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \text{Fib}(n) - m \right| &= \left| \text{Fib}(n) - \frac{\varphi^n}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{\varphi^n}{\sqrt{5}} - m \right| \\ &\leq \left| \text{Fib}(n) - \frac{\varphi^n}{\sqrt{5}} \right| + \left| \frac{\varphi^n}{\sqrt{5}} - m \right| \\ &< \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1,\end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Since  $\text{Fib}(n) \neq m$  and both are integers their difference must be strictly greater than 1. □