

Exercise 1.13. Prove that $Fib(n)$ is the closest integer to $\phi^n/\sqrt{5}$, where $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$.
Hint: Let $\psi = (1 - \sqrt{5})/2$. Use induction and the definition of the Fibonacci numbers (see section [1.2.2](#)) to prove that $Fib(n) = (\phi^n - \psi^n)/\sqrt{5}$.

$$Fib(n) = \frac{\phi^n - \psi^n}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$Fib(n-1) = \frac{\phi^{n-1} - \psi^{n-1}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\phi^2 = \phi + 1, \quad \psi^2 = \psi + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} Fib(n+1) &= Fib(n) + Fib(n-1) \\ &= \frac{\phi^n - \psi^n}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{\phi^{n-1} - \psi^{n-1}}{\sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{\phi^n - \psi^n + \phi^{n-1} - \psi^{n-1}}{\sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{(\phi^n + \phi^{n-1}) - (\psi^n + \psi^{n-1})}{\sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{\phi^{n-1}(\phi + 1) - \psi^{n-1}(\psi + 1)}{\sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{\phi^{n-1} \cdot \phi^2 - \psi^{n-1} \cdot \psi^2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{\phi^{n+1} - \psi^{n+1}}{\sqrt{5}} \end{aligned}$$