

**Exercise 1.13** Prove that:

$Fib(n)$  is the closest integer to  $\frac{\phi^n}{\sqrt{5}}$ , where  $\phi = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})}{2}$

Let  $\psi = \frac{(1-\sqrt{5})}{2}$

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

*Proof by Induction :*

*Base Case :*

$$n = 0 : Fib(0) = \frac{(\phi^0 - \psi^0)}{\sqrt{5}} = 0 \quad (Fib(0) = 0)$$

*Induction Step :*

$$\text{Assume } Fib(k) = \frac{(\phi^k - \psi^k)}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\text{Prove } Fib(k+1) = \frac{(\phi^{k+1} - \psi^{k+1})}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$Fib(k+1) = Fib(k) + Fib(k-1) \quad (\text{By definition of Fibonacci series})$$

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

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

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

$$Fib(k+1) = \frac{\phi^{k-1}\phi^2 - \psi^{k-1}\psi^2}{\sqrt{5}} \quad (\phi^2 = \phi + 1 \text{ and } \psi^2 = \psi + 1)$$

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

We have shown that  $Fib(n) = \frac{\phi^n}{\sqrt{5}}$  minus a factor of  $\frac{\psi^n}{\sqrt{5}}$

We will now show that  $|\frac{\psi^n}{\sqrt{5}}| < 0.5$  which would mean that  $Fib(n)$  is the closest integer to  $\frac{\phi^n}{\sqrt{5}}$

*Proof by Induction :*

*Base Case :*

$$n = 0 : |\frac{\psi^0}{\sqrt{5}}| = |\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}| < 0.5$$

*Induction Step :*

$$\text{Assume } |\frac{\psi^k}{\sqrt{5}}| < 0.5$$

$$\text{Prove } |\frac{\psi^{k+1}}{\sqrt{5}}| < 0.5$$

$$|\frac{\psi^{k+1}}{\sqrt{5}}| = |\psi| |\frac{\psi^k}{\sqrt{5}}| < |\psi| * 0.5 \quad (\text{from induction assumption})$$

$$|\psi| * 0.5 < 0.5$$

$$|\psi| < 1$$

$$|\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}| \approx 0.618 < 1$$