

7. Fibonacci numbers  $0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, \dots$  are recursively defined as:

$$F_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n=0 \\ 1 & n=1 \\ F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} & n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Prove the following using induction

(i) For all non-ve integers  $n$ ,  $F_n$  is even iff  $n$  is divisible by 3.

Base step:

$$n = 3$$

$$F_3 = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \longrightarrow \text{divisible by } 2 \text{ so even}$$

$$n = 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \longrightarrow \text{divisible by } 3$$

Inductive hypothesis:

Let it is true for  $n = k$ ,  $k \geq 3$  so that  $F_k$  is even and  $k$  divisible by 3.

Inductive step:

$$n = k+1$$

$$F_{k+1} = F_k + F_{k-1}$$

$$= \text{even} + \text{odd}$$

$$= \text{odd}$$

$(k-1)$  is not divisible by 3

$$F_{k-1} \text{ is odd}$$

$$n = k+2$$

$$F_{k+2} = F_{k+1} + F_k = \text{odd} + \text{even}$$

$$= \text{odd}$$

$$n = k+3$$

$$F_{k+3} = F_{k+2} + F_{k+1}$$

$$= \text{odd} + \text{odd}$$

$$= \text{even}$$

$$k+3 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \rightarrow \text{divisible by 3}$$

$F(m)$  is even iff  $n$  is divisible by 3

$$(ii) \sum_{i=0}^n F_i = F_{n+2} - 1$$

Base step:

$$n = 0$$

$$\text{LHS: } \sum_{i=0}^0 F_i = F_0 = 0$$

$$\text{RHS: } F_{n+2} - 1 = F_2 - 1 = 0$$

True

Inductive hypothesis

$$\text{For } n = k, \sum_{i=0}^k F_i = F_{k+2} - 1$$

Inductive step:

$$n = k+1$$

$$\text{LHS: } \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} F_i = \sum_{i=0}^k F_i + F_{k+1}$$

$$= F_{k+2} - 1 + F_{k+1}$$

$$= (F_{k+2} + F_{k+1}) - 1 = (F_{(k+3)-1} + F_{(k+3)-2}) - 1$$

$$= (F_{k+3}) - 1$$

$$= F_{(k+1)+2} - 1 = \text{RHS}$$

$$(iii) F_m^2 - F_{m+1}F_{m-1} = (-1)^{m+1}$$

Base step:

$$n = 0+1 = 1 \quad (\because n \neq 0 \text{ as } F_{-1} \text{ is not possible})$$

$$\text{LHS: } F_1^2 - F_2 F_0 = 1$$

$$\text{RHS: } (-1)^2 = 1$$

True

Inductive hypothesis:

$$n = k$$

$$F_k^2 - F_{k+1}F_{k-1} = (-1)^{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_k^2 = (-1)^{k+1} + F_{k+1}F_{k-1}$$

Inductive step: let  $m = k+1$

$$F_{k+1}^2 = (-1)^{k+2} + F_{k+2}F_k$$

$$F_{k+2} \cdot F_k + (-1)^{k+2}$$

$$= F_k (F_{k+1} + F_k) + (-1)^{k+2}$$

$$= F_k \cdot F_{k+1} + F_k^2 + (-1)^{k+2}$$

$$= F_k (F_k + F_{k-1}) + F_k^2 + (-1)^{k+2}$$

$$= F_k^2 + F_k F_{k-1} + (F_k^2 - (-1)^{k+1})$$

$$= F_k^2 + F_k F_{k-1} + F_{k+1} F_{k-1}$$

$$= F_k^2 + F_k F_{k-1} + F_{k-1} (F_k + F_{k-1})$$

$$= F_k^2 + F_k F_{k-1} + F_{k-1} F_k + F_{k-1}^2$$



$$= F_k^2 + 2F_k F_{k-1} + F_{k-1}^2$$

$$= (F_k + F_{k-1})^2 = F_{k+1}^2$$

(iv) If  $m$  is an integer multiple of  $F_m$ ,  $F_m$  is an integer multiple of  $F_m$ .

Base step:

$$n=6, m=3 \quad F_m = F_6 = 8 \quad F_m = F_3 = 2$$

So,  $F_m$  is an integer multiple of  $F_m$

Inductive hypothesis:

$m=k$  and  $m=ka$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $k > 0$   
 $F_{ak}$  is an integer multiple of  $F_k$

Inductive step:

Let  $m=k+1$  and  $m=(k+1)a = ka + a$

$F_k$  is divisor of  $F_{ak}$

So,  $F_{k+1}$  is divisor of  $F_{(k+1)a} = F_{ka+a}$

So,  $F_{ka+a}$  is integer multiple of  $F_k$ .

Proved

8. Prove that sum of cubes of three successive numbers is divisible by 9