

Assignment 2

- 1.1 Use induction to prove $F_i = \frac{\phi^i - \hat{\phi}^i}{\sqrt{5}}$; where $F_i = F_{i-2} + F_{i-1}$, and ϕ is the golden ratio $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$.

To prove by induction, write out the expressions f_n and f_{n+1} (note: f_{n+1} is the same as f_n , but with $(n+1)$ substituted everywhere in place of n). Next, if applicable, re-write the expression f_{n+1} in terms of f_n then perform algebraic manipulations on the expression until you reach some variation of $f_{n+1} = f_n$. Lastly, show that the expression f_c also holds for some constant c . The algebra is called "the inductive step", and the calculation for on the constant is called "the base case".

In this problem, the expression to prove is $F_i = \frac{\phi^i - \hat{\phi}^i}{\sqrt{5}}$, where $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$. Start by demonstrating the expression holds for constants $c = 0, c = 1$ (e.g., the "base case").

$$F_0 = \frac{\phi^0 - \hat{\phi}^0}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1 - 1}{\sqrt{5}} \quad (1.1)$$

$$= 0 \quad (1.2)$$

After showing the expression holds for some base cases F_0 and F_1 , the next step is algebra. Setup the expression F_{n+1} in terms of F_n , then solve (see below).

$$F_i = \frac{\phi^i - \hat{\phi}^i}{\sqrt{5}} = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \quad F_{i+1} = \frac{\phi^{i+1} - \hat{\phi}^{i+1}}{\sqrt{5}} = F_n + F_{n-1}$$