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 $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$.

Proof by induction is used to show that an expression f_n (typically a recursive function) is true; in practice, it is a two step process involving a calculation followed by a set of algebraic steps applied to the expression being proved.

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, write out f_{n+1} to have at least one term equivalent to f_n . If you can transform the expression $f_{n+1} = f_n + \dots$