

We are asked to show

$$(0) \quad F_n \geq \Phi^{n-2}$$

for  $n \geq 1$ . We shall prove this by induction.

**Base case.**  $F_1 \geq \Phi^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} & F_1 \geq \Phi^{1-2} \\ = & \quad \{\text{definitions of } F_n \text{ and } \Phi^n\} \\ & 1 \geq 2/(1 + \sqrt{5}) \\ = & \quad \{\text{arithmetic}\} \\ & 2 \geq 1 + \sqrt{5} \\ = & \quad \{\text{arithmetic}\} \\ & \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

**Base case.**  $F_2 \geq \Phi^0$

$$\begin{aligned} & F_2 \geq \Phi^0 \\ = & \quad \{\text{definitions of } F_n \text{ and } \Phi^n\} \\ & 1 \geq 1 \\ = & \quad \{\text{reflexivity of } \geq\} \\ & \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

**Inductive case.**  $F_{n+1} \geq \Phi^{n-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{n+1} \\ = & \quad \{\text{definition of } F_n\} \\ & F_n + F_{n-1} \\ \geq & \quad \{\text{inductive hypothesis}\} \\ & \Phi^{n-2} + \Phi^{n-3} \\ = & \quad \{\text{bearing in mind the demonstrandum, we factor out } \Phi^{n-1}\} \\ & \Phi^{n-1} * (\Phi^{-1} + \Phi^{-2}) \\ = & \quad \{\text{see below}\} \\ & \Phi^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

We can show that  $\Phi^{-1} + \Phi^{-2} = 1$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi^{-1} + \Phi^{-2} \\ = & \quad \{\text{exponents and division}\} \\ & 1/\Phi + 1/\Phi^2 \\ = & \quad \{\text{common denominator}\} \\ & (\Phi + 1)/\Phi^2 \\ = & \quad \{1 + \Phi = \Phi^2\} \\ & \Phi^2/\Phi^2 \\ = & \quad \{\text{properties of } /\} \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$$

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