

CASSINI'S
IDENTITY: $F_{n-1} F_{n+1} - F_n^2 = (-1)^n$

proof:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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for integers $n \geq 1$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} F_{n+1} & F_n \\ F_n & F_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_{n+1} & F_n \\ F_n & F_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{n+1} + F_n & F_{n+1} \\ F_n + F_{n-1} & F_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\qquad \qquad \qquad = \begin{bmatrix} F_{n+2} & F_{n+1} \\ F_{n+1} & F_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Take determinants:

$$F_{n-1} F_{n+1} - F_n^2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} F_{n+1} & F_n \\ F_n & F_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n = \left(\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)^n = (-1)^n$$

Thus:

$$F_{n-1} F_{n+1} - F_n^2 = (-1)^n$$

Generalize:

$$F_{n-2} F_{n+2} - F_n^2 = ?$$

$$F_{n-3} F_{n+3} - F_n^2 = ?$$

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$$F_{n-k} F_{n+k} - F_n^2 = ?$$