

MATH 242 - 27 February 2026

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55  
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 $F_0$   $F_1$         $F_3$      $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$

**QUESTION:** Could there exist a Fibonacci identity of the form

$$F_{3n} = a F_n^3 + b F_n^2 + c F_n$$

for some constants  $a, b, c$ ?

polynomial like  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx$

Equations: try  $n=1$ :  $F_{3,1} = a F_1^3 + b F_1^2 + c F_1$   
 $2 = 1a + 1b + 1c$

Found:  $a=5, b=0, c=-3$  holds for  $n \in \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$

Conjecture: The Fibonacci numbers satisfy

$$F_{3n} = 5 F_n^3 + (-1)^n 3 F_n$$

for all ~~odd~~ positive integers  $n$ .

$S_n$ :  $F_{5n} = 25 F_n^5 + (-1)^n 25 F_n^3 + 5 F_n$  ?