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## Introduction

In this paper, we consider a problem in [1]. The problem posed is to prove that for every natural number  $n$ ,

$$2(F_n^4 + F_{n+1}^4 + F_{n+2}^4) \left( \frac{1}{F_n^2} + \frac{1}{F_{n+1}^2} + \frac{1}{F_{n+2}^2} \right)^2 > 81$$

where  $F_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci as defined in the section below.

We prove much stronger inequality:

$$2(F_n^4 + F_{n+1}^4 + F_{n+2}^4) \left( \frac{1}{F_n^2} + \frac{1}{F_{n+1}^2} + \frac{1}{F_{n+2}^2} \right)^2 > 100.$$

## Existing identity and inequality

**Definition 1.** The  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number is defined by

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$

where  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $F_1 = F_2 = 1$  and  $n \geq 2$  is a natural number.

**Lemma 2.** (Candido's identity ([2], [3], [4]))

For every natural number  $n$ ,

$$(F_n^2 + F_{n+1}^2 + F_{n+2}^2)^2 = 2(F_n^4 + F_{n+1}^4 + F_{n+2}^4).$$

**Lemma 3.** For every natural number  $n$ ,

$$\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}} \geq \frac{1}{2}.$$

## Auxillary equations

In this section we give a proof of some auxillary equations that we use to obtain our main result.

**Lemma 4.** For every natural number  $n$ ,

$$\left( \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} \right)^2 = 1 + 2 \left( \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right) + \left( \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right)^2.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} \right)^2 &= \left( \frac{F_n + F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right)^2 \\ &= \left( 1 + \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right)^2 \\ \left( \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} \right)^2 &= 1 + 2 \left( \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right) + \left( \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right)^2. \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 5.** For every natural number  $n$ ,

$$\left( \frac{F_{n+2}}{F_n} \right)^2 = 4 + 4 \left( \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right) + \left( \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right)^2.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{F_{n+2}}{F_n} \right)^2 &= \left( \frac{2F_n + F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right)^2 \\ &= \left( 2 + \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right)^2 \\ &= 4 + 4 \left( \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right) + \left( \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right)^2. \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

## Result

In this section we give a proof of the new inequality which is our main result.

**Theorem 6.** (Main inequality)

For every natural number  $n$ ,

$$2(F_n^4 + F_{n+1}^4 + F_{n+2}^4) \left( \frac{1}{F_n^2} + \frac{1}{F_{n+1}^2} + \frac{1}{F_{n+2}^2} \right)^2 > 100.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} 2(F_n^4 + F_{n+1}^4 + F_{n+2}^4) \left( \frac{1}{F_n^2} + \frac{1}{F_{n+1}^2} + \frac{1}{F_{n+2}^2} \right)^2 \\ = (F_n^2 + F_{n+1}^2 + F_{n+2}^2)^2 \left( \frac{1}{F_n^2} + \frac{1}{F_{n+1}^2} + \frac{1}{F_{n+2}^2} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

(by Lemma 2.)

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left( 3 + \frac{F_{n+1}^2 + F_{n+2}^2}{F_n^2} + \frac{F_n^2 + F_{n+2}^2}{F_{n+1}^2} + \frac{F_n^2 + F_{n+1}^2}{F_{n+2}^2} \right)^2 \\
&= \left( 3 + \left( \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_{n+2}}{F_n} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_{n+2}}{F_{n+1}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_n}{F_{n+2}} \right)^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left( \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_{n+2}} \right)^2 \right)^2 \\
&= \left( 9 + \frac{6F_{n-1}}{F_n} + \frac{2F_n}{F_{n+1}} + 2 \left( \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_n}{F_{n+2}} \right)^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left( \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_{n+2}} \right)^2 \right)^2
\end{aligned}$$

(by lemma 4 – 5.)

$$\begin{aligned}
&> \left( 10 + \frac{6F_{n-1}}{F_n} + 2 \left( \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_n}{F_{n+2}} \right)^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left( \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_{n+2}} \right)^2 \right)^2
\end{aligned}$$

(by lemma 3.)

$> 100$ . ■

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