

# Zeckendorf's Theorem

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## Abstract

This work formalizes Zeckendorf's theorem. The theorem states that every positive integer can be uniquely represented as a sum of one or more non-consecutive Fibonacci numbers. More precisely, if  $N$  is a positive integer, there exist unique positive integers  $c_i \geq 2$  with  $c_{i+1} > c_i + 1$ , such that

$$N = \sum_{i=0}^k F_{c_i}$$

where  $F_n$  is the  $n$ -th Fibonacci number. This entry formalizes the proof from Gerrit Lekkerkerker's paper [1].

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## 1 Zeckendorf's Theorem

**theory** *Zeckendorf*

**imports**

*Main*

*HOL-Number-Theory.Number-Theory*

**begin**

### 1.1 Definitions

Formulate auxiliary definitions. An increasing sequence is a predicate of a function  $f$  together with a set  $I$ .  $f$  is an increasing sequence on  $I$ , if  $f(x) + 1 < f(x + 1)$  for all  $x \in I$ . This definition is used to ensure that the Fibonacci numbers in the sum are non-consecutive.

**definition** *is-fib* :: *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *bool* **where**

$$is-fib\ n = (\exists\ i.\ n = fib\ i)$$

**definition** *le-fib-idx-set* :: *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat set* **where**

$$le-fib-idx-set\ n = \{i.\ fib\ i < n\}$$

**definition** *inc-seq-on* :: (*nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat*)  $\Rightarrow$  *nat set*  $\Rightarrow$  *bool* **where**

$$inc-seq-on\ f\ I = (\forall\ n \in I.\ f(Suc\ n) > Suc(f\ n))$$

**definition** *fib-idx-set* :: *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat set* **where**

$$fib-idx-set\ n = \{i.\ fib\ i = n\}$$

## 1.2 Auxiliary Lemmas

**lemma** *fib-values[simp]*:

$$fib\ 3 = 2$$

$$fib\ 4 = 3$$

$$fib\ 5 = 5$$

$$fib\ 6 = 8$$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *fib-strict-mono*:  $i \geq 2 \implies fib\ i < fib\ (Suc\ i)$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *smaller-index-implies-fib-le*:  $i < j \implies fib(Suc\ i) \leq fib\ j$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *fib-index-strict-mono* :  $i \geq 2 \implies j > i \implies fib\ j > fib\ i$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *fib-implies-is-fib*:  $fib\ i = n \implies is-fib\ n$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *zero-fib-unique-idx*:  $n = fib\ i \implies n = fib\ 0 \implies i = 0$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *zero-fib-equiv*:  $fib\ i = 0 \longleftrightarrow i = 0$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *one-fib-idxs*:  $fib\ i = Suc\ 0 \implies i = Suc\ 0 \vee i = Suc(Suc\ 0)$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *ge-two-eq-fib-implies-eq-idx*:  $n \geq 2 \implies n = fib\ i \implies n = fib\ j \implies i = j$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *ge-two-fib-unique-idx*:  $fib\ i \geq 2 \implies fib\ i = fib\ j \implies i = j$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *no-fib-lower-bound*:  $\neg is-fib\ n \implies n \geq 4$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *pos-fib-has-idx-ge-two*:  $n > 0 \implies \text{is-fib } n \implies (\exists i. i \geq 2 \wedge \text{fib } i = n)$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *finite-fib0-idx*:  $\text{finite}(\{i. \text{fib } i = 0\})$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *finite-fib1-idx*:  $\text{finite}(\{i. \text{fib } i = 1\})$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *finite-fib-ge-two-idx*:  $n \geq 2 \implies \text{finite}(\{i. \text{fib } i = n\})$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *finite-fib-index*:  $\text{finite}(\{i. \text{fib } i = n\})$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *no-fib-implies-zero-in-le-idx-set*:  $\neg \text{is-fib } n \implies 0 \in \{i. \text{fib } i < n\}$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *no-fib-implies-le-fib-idx-set*:  $\neg \text{is-fib } n \implies \{i. \text{fib } i < n\} \neq \{\}$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *finite-smaller-fibs*:  $\text{finite}(\{i. \text{fib } i < n\})$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *nat-ge-2-fib-idx-bound*:  $2 \leq n \implies \text{fib } i \leq n \implies n < \text{fib } (\text{Suc } i) \implies 2 \leq i$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *inc-seq-on-aux*:  $\text{inc-seq-on } c \{0..k-1\} \implies n - \text{fib } i < \text{fib } (i-1) \implies \text{fib } (c \ k) < \text{fib } i \implies$   
 $(n - \text{fib } i) = (\sum_{i=0..k.} \text{fib } (c \ i)) \implies \text{Suc } (c \ k) < i$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *inc-seq-zero-at-start*:  $\text{inc-seq-on } c \{0..k-1\} \implies c \ k = 0 \implies k = 0$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *fib-sum-zero-equiv*:  $(\sum_{i=n..m::\text{nat}} \text{fib } (c \ i)) = 0 \iff (\forall i \in \{n..m\}. c \ i = 0)$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *fib-idx-ge-two-fib-sum-not-zero*:  $n \leq m \implies \forall i \in \{n..m::\text{nat}\}. c \ i \geq 2 \implies$   
 $\neg (\sum_{i=n..m.} \text{fib } (c \ i)) = 0$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *one-unique-fib-sum*:  $\text{inc-seq-on } c \{0..k-1\} \implies \forall i \in \{0..k\}. c \ i \geq 2 \implies$   
 $(\sum_{i=0..k.} \text{fib } (c \ i)) = 1 \iff k = 0 \wedge c \ 0 = 2$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *no-fib-betw-fibs*:

**assumes**  $\neg is\text{-}fib\ n$

**shows**  $\exists i. fib\ i < n \wedge n < fib\ (Suc\ i)$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *betw-fibs*:

**shows**  $\exists i. fib\ i \leq n \wedge fib\ (Suc\ i) > n$

*<proof>*

Proof that the sum of non-consecutive Fibonacci numbers with largest member  $F_i$  is strictly less than  $F_{i+1}$ . This lemma is used for the uniqueness proof.

**lemma** *fib-sum-upper-bound*:

**assumes** *inc-seq-on*  $c\ \{0..k-1\} \forall i \in \{0..k\}. c\ i \geq 2$

**shows**  $(\sum_{i=0..k} fib\ (c\ i)) < fib\ (Suc\ (c\ k))$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *last-fib-sum-index-constraint*:

**assumes**  $n \geq 2\ n = (\sum_{i=0..k} fib\ (c\ i))\ inc\text{-}seq\text{-}on\ c\ \{0..k-1\}$

**assumes**  $\forall i \in \{0..k\}. c\ i \geq 2\ fib\ i \leq n\ fib\ (Suc\ i) > n$

**shows**  $c\ k = i$

*<proof>*

### 1.3 Theorem

Now, both parts of Zeckendorf's Theorem can be proven. Firstly, the existence of an increasing sequence for a positive integer  $N$  such that the corresponding Fibonacci numbers sum up to  $N$  is proven. Then, the uniqueness of such an increasing sequence is proven.

**lemma** *fib-implies-zeckendorf*:

**assumes** *is-fib*  $n\ n > 0$

**shows**  $\exists c\ k. n = (\sum_{i=0..k} fib\ (c\ i)) \wedge inc\text{-}seq\text{-}on\ c\ \{0..k-1\} \wedge (\forall i \in \{0..k\}. c\ i \geq 2)$

*<proof>*

**theorem** *zeckendorf-existence*:

**assumes**  $n > 0$

**shows**  $\exists c\ k. n = (\sum_{i=0..k} fib\ (c\ i)) \wedge inc\text{-}seq\text{-}on\ c\ \{0..k-1\} \wedge (\forall i \in \{0..k\}. c\ i \geq 2)$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *fib-unique-fib-sum*:

**fixes**  $k :: nat$

**assumes**  $n \geq 2\ inc\text{-}seq\text{-}on\ c\ \{0..k-1\} \forall i \in \{0..k\}. c\ i \geq 2$

**assumes**  $n = fib\ i$

**shows**  $n = (\sum_{i=0..k} fib\ (c\ i)) \longleftrightarrow k = 0 \wedge c\ 0 = i$

*<proof>*

**theorem** *zeckendorf-unique*:

**assumes**  $n > 0$   
**assumes**  $n = (\sum_{i=0..k} \text{fib}(c\ i)) \text{ inc-seq-on } c\ \{0..k-1\} \forall i \in \{0..k\}. c\ i \geq 2$   
**assumes**  $n = (\sum_{i=0..k'} \text{fib}(c'\ i)) \text{ inc-seq-on } c'\ \{0..k'-1\} \forall i \in \{0..k'\}. c'\ i \geq 2$   
**shows**  $k = k' \wedge (\forall i \in \{0..k\}. c\ i = c'\ i)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$   
**end**

## References

- [1] C. G. Lekkerkerker. Voorstelling van natuurlijke getallen door een som van getallen van Fibonacci. *Stichting Mathematisch Centrum. Zuivere Wiskunde*, (ZW 30/51), 1951.