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$$F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_2 = 1, F_3 = 2, F_4 = 3, F_5 = 5, \dots$$

Could the Fibonacci numbers satisfy

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

for some constants  $a, b, c$  and all indexes  $n \geq 0$ ?

Idea: choose 3 values of  $n$ , and write 3 equations.  
Solve for  $a, b, c$ .

See whether the identity holds for all  $n \geq 0$ .

For odd  $n$ :  $a = 5, b = 0, c = -3$

$$\text{so: } F_{3n} = 5 F_n^3 - 3 F_n$$

CONJECTURE: The Fibonacci numbers satisfy

Fibonacci  
3n-Identity

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

for all indexes  $n \geq 0$ .

Linear system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 34 \\ 610 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 \\ 125 & 25 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

↑  
vector

↑  
matrix

$$\begin{cases} 2 = 1a + 1b + 1c & (n=1) \\ 34 = 8a + 4b + 2c & (n=3) \\ 610 = 125a + 25b + 5c & (n=5) \end{cases}$$



