

Then

$$S_n = b^{(r-1)n} \sum_{N_0=0}^{r-1} \sum_{N_1=0}^{r-1} \dots \sum_{N_{n-1}=0}^{r-1} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{N_0+N_1+\dots+N_{n-1}}$$

$$= \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \left( b^{r-1} \sum_{N_m=0}^{r-1} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{N_m} \right) = \prod_{m=1}^n \left( \frac{a^r - b^r}{a-b} \right) = \left( \frac{a^r - b^r}{a-b} \right)^n$$

If

$$a = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}), \quad b = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{5}), \quad \text{then} \quad \frac{a^r - b^r}{a-b} = F_r,$$

the Fibonacci number. In that case,

$$S_n \left( r, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}), \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{5}) \right) = F_r^n.$$

*Also solved by the proposer.*

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Oh!

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No zero

In the world of math!

Would that I were like that great

Built into the structure of the universe and art

The ideal of ideals dividing all things in proportions of gold — a paragon!

Brother U. Alfred

\* This poem has the distinction that the number of syllables in each line proceeds by the sequence: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21.

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