# INTERVAL-FILLING SEQUENCES INVOLVING RECIPROCAL FIBONACCI NUMBERS

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let r > 0 be a fixed real number. In this paper we will study infinite series of the form:

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon_n}{(F_n)^r} \left(\epsilon_n = 1 \text{ or } 0\right), \tag{1}$$

where  $x \in [0, I_r]$ .  $I_r$  signifies the sum of series (1) if  $\epsilon_n = 1$  for all  $n \in N$ . The convergence of the series (1), if  $x = I_r$ , can be easily proved by the well-known Binet formula! Letting  $\alpha = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  and  $\beta = (1 - \sqrt{5})/2$  we have

$$F_n = \left(\alpha^n - \beta^n\right) / \sqrt{5}. \tag{2}$$

Notice that  $0 < \alpha^{-r} < 1$  and that Binet's formula yields  $\lim_{n\to\infty} (F_n)^r / \alpha^{rn} = (\sqrt{5})^{-r}$ . Thus applying the quotient-criterion for infinite series and geometric series proves the convergence of (1). For example:  $I_1 = 3,359...$  Furthermore it is easy to see that

$$I_r > I_{r'}$$
 for  $r < r', \ I_r \to \infty$  for  $r \to 0$  and  $I_r \to 2$  for  $r \to \infty$ . (3)

We begin with certain results due to J.L. Brown in [1] and P. Ribenboim in [8] dealing with the representation of real numbers in the form (1). In [1] J.L. Brown treated the case r = 1. In [8] P. Ribenboim proved that for every positive real number x there exists a unique integer  $m \ge 1$  such that  $I_{1/(m-1)} < x \le I_{1/m}$  and x is representable in the form (1) with r = 1/m, but x is not of the form (1) with r = 1/(m-1) because  $x > I_{1/(m-1)}(I_{\infty} = 0)$ . Besides requiring r > 0 we do not make any other restrictions on r.

The following theorem is basic for our considerations.

**Theorem 1**: (S. Kakeya, 1914) Let  $(\lambda_n)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers, such that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n = s \tag{4}$$

is convergent with sum s and the inequalities

$$\lambda_1 \ge \lambda_2 \ge \lambda_3 \ge \cdots \tag{5}$$

are fulfilled.

Then, each number  $x \in [0, s]$  may be written in the form

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_n \lambda_n \qquad \epsilon_n \in \{0, 1\}$$
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if and only if

$$\lambda_n \le \lambda_{n+1} + \lambda_{n+2} + \dots \tag{7}$$

for all  $n \in N$ .

The "digits"  $\epsilon_n$  of the expansion may be determined recursively by the following algorithm: If  $n \ge 1$  and if the digits  $\epsilon_i$  of the expansion of x are already defined for all i < n, then we let

$$\epsilon_n = 1 \text{ if } \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \epsilon_i \lambda_i + \lambda_n < x.$$
(7a)

Otherwise, we set  $\epsilon_n = 0$ .

Then, each expansion with x > 0 is infinite, i.e. there is an infinite set of integers n with  $\epsilon_n = 1$ .

A proof of Theorem 1 can be found in [1], or in [7, exercise 131] or in [8].

For our purpose it is practical to introduce the following notion (see [6]):

**Definition:** A sequence  $(\lambda_n)$  satisfying conditions (4) and (5) of Theorem 1 is said to be interval-filling (relating to [0, s]) if every number  $x \in [0, s]$  can be written in the form (6).

### **2. THE CASE** $0 < r \le 1$

First we give an example of an application of

**Theorem 1:** Let  $\lambda_n = 1/F_n^r$  for all  $n \in N$ , where r is a fixed number with  $0 < r \le 1$ . As we have mentioned above this sequence satisfies condition (4) of Theorem 1. (5) is also valid. For the proof of (7) we note first that  $1/F_n < 2/F_{n+1}$  is valid for all  $n \in N$ . With  $0 < r \le 1$  we get

$$\frac{1}{F_n} < \frac{2}{F_{n+1}} \le \frac{2^{1/r}}{F_{n+1}} \text{ which yields } \frac{1}{(F_n)^r} < \frac{2}{(F_{n+1})^r}.$$

From this we obtain by mathematical induction:

$$1/(F_n)^r - 1/(F_{n+k})^r < 1/(F_{n+1})^r + 1/(F_{n+2})^r + \dots + 1/(F_{n+k})^r$$

for all  $k \geq 1$ .

Now let  $k \to \infty$ . The limits of the two sides in the preceding inequality exist and we obtain

$$\frac{1}{(F_n)^r} \le \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(F_{n+k})^r}$$

Condition (7) is thus established. The application of Theorem 1 immediately yields, that each real number x with  $0 < x \leq I_r$ , where  $0 < r \leq 1$ , has (at least) one expansion of the form (1). In other words:  $(1/F_n^r)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is interval-filling relating to  $[0, I_r]$ .

This statement can be extended considerably.

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**Theorem 2**: For each real number x with  $0 < x < I_r$  and fixed r with  $0 < r \le 1$  the set  $C_x$ , which consists of all different expansions for x of the form (1), is uncountable; it has cardinality c (the power of the continuum).

The proof is based on an idea which is used in [2] and [3] considering the representation of the real number x in the form

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_n q^{-n}$$

with non-integral base q. Such an expansion is not unique in general.

Our central point is the construction of a subsequence of  $(1/(F_n)^r)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  which also satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1.

Before we give a proof of Theorem 2 we need some results on sums of Fibonacci reciprocals.

**Theorem 3**: (Jensen's inequality, see [5]). Let  $0 < r \leq 1$  and let A be a finite or infinite subset of N. Then, we claim that

$$\sum_{i \in A} 1/F_i \le \left(\sum_{i \in A} 1/(F_i)^r\right)^{1/r}.$$

**Proof:** Let us let  $a = \left(\sum_{i \in A} 1/(F_i)^r\right)^{1/r}$ . Thus,  $\sum_{i \in A} 1/(F_i a)^r = 1$  and we get  $1/(F_i a) \le 1$  for all  $i \in A$ .  $1 \ge r$  yields  $1/(F_i a) \le 1/(F_i a)^r$  for  $i \in A$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{i \in A} 1/(F_i a) \le \sum_{i \in A} 1/(F_i a)^r = 1.$$

Multiply by a. From the definiton of a and because of the last inequality we obtain the assertion.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 4:** Let  $0 < r \le 1$ . Let z denote a positive integer. (i) If z = 2k + 1, then

$$\frac{1}{(F_z)^r} < \frac{1}{(F_{z+1})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{z+2})^r}.$$

(ii) If z = 2k, then

$$\frac{1}{(F_z)^r} < \frac{1}{(F_{z+1})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{z+2})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{z+3})^r}.$$

(iii) If z = 2k + 1, then

$$\frac{1}{(F_z)^r} < \frac{1}{(F_{z+2})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{z+3})^r} + \dots + \frac{1}{(F_{z+n(z)})^r},$$

with an integer n(z) dependent on the odd integer z, with  $n(z) \le n(z+2)$  and  $n(2k+1) \to \infty$ , as  $k \to \infty$ .

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(iv) If z = 2k, then

$$\frac{1}{(F_z)^r} < \frac{1}{(F_{z+1})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{z+3})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{z+4})^r} + \dots + \frac{1}{(F_{z+k})^r}$$

with k = 7 if z = 2 and k = 5 if  $z \ge 4$ . **Proof:** First we treat the case r = 1.

- (i) z = 2k + 1. The assertion is equivalent to  $F_{z+1}F_{z+2} < F_z(F_{z+1} + F_{z+2})$  or  $F_{z+1}(F_{z+2} F_z) < F_zF_{z+2}$  or  $(F_{z+1})^2 < F_zF_{z+2}$ . Then, the well-known formula  $F_n^2 F_{n+1}F_{n-1} = (-1)^{n+1}$  with n = z + 1 yields  $(F_{z+1})^2 = F_{z+2}F_z 1 < F_{z+2}F_z$ . The proof of (i) for r = 1 is complete.
- (ii) z = 2k. Using (i), we get

$$\frac{1}{F_{z+1}} < \frac{1}{F_{z+2}} + \frac{1}{F_{z+3}} \text{ and then}$$
$$\frac{1}{F_z} < \frac{2}{F_{z+1}} < \frac{1}{F_{z+1}} + \frac{1}{F_{z+2}} + \frac{1}{F_{z+3}}.$$

(iii) z = 2k + 1. For the purpose of abbreviation let  $\delta = \beta/\alpha = (\sqrt{5} - 3)/2$ . Then,  $|\delta| < 1$ . Using the Binet's formula we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F_z}{F_{z+2}} + \frac{F_z}{F_{z+3}} + \dots + \frac{F_z}{F_{z+n}} &= \frac{\alpha^z - \beta^z}{\alpha^{z+2} - \beta^{z+2}} + \dots + \frac{\alpha^z - \beta^z}{\alpha^{z+n} - \beta^{z+n}} \\ &= \alpha^{-2} \frac{(1+|\delta|^z)}{1+|\delta|^{z+2}} + \dots + \alpha^{-n} \frac{(1+|\delta|^z)}{1\mp |\delta|^{z+n}} \\ &> \frac{(1+|\delta|^z)(1-(/\alpha)^{n-1})}{(1+|\delta|^{z+2})\alpha^2(1-(1/\alpha))} \quad (\text{Note } \alpha^2(1-(1/\alpha)) = 1!) \\ &= \frac{(1+|\delta|^z)(1-(1/\alpha)^{n-1}}{(1+|\delta|^{z+2})}. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $|\delta| < 1$  it follows that  $(1 + |\delta|^z)/(1 + |\delta|^{z+2}) > 1$ . Further, we notice that the increasing sequence  $((1 - (1/\alpha)^{n-1}))$  has limit 1, as  $n \to \infty$ . Therefore, it follows that the inequality

$$\frac{(1+|\delta|^z)(1-(1/\alpha)^{n-1})}{(1+|\delta|^{z+2})} > 1$$

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is valid for all sufficient large values of  $n \in N$ . We denote the minimum of these values by n(z). Thus, we have

$$\frac{F_z}{F_{z+2}} + \frac{F_z}{F_{z+3}} + \dots + \frac{F_z}{F_{z+n}} > 1$$

for all  $n \ge n(z)$ . This is equivalent to (iii).

- The assertions  $n(z) \leq n(z+2)$  and  $n(2k+1) \to \infty$  as  $k \to \infty$  are easily proved.
- (iv) Let z = 2k. If z = 2 a direct computation leads to the assertion. We observe that for  $z \ge 4$ , the desired result is equivalent to

$$\frac{F_z F_{z+1}}{F_{z-1}} \left( \frac{1}{F_{z+3}} + \frac{1}{F_{z+4}} + \frac{1}{F_{z+5}} \right) > 1.$$

Applying (i) with the odd integer z+3 to the parenthesis on the left hand side, we obtain

$$\frac{F_z F_{z+1}}{F_{z-1}} \left( \frac{1}{F_{z+3}} + \frac{1}{F_{z+4}} + \frac{1}{F_{z+5}} \right) > \frac{2F_z F_{z+1}}{F_{z-1}F_{z+3}}$$

Therefore, it is enough to establish that  $2F_zF_{z+1} > F_{z-1}F_{z+3}$ . For that purpose we begin with the well-known equation  $F_{n+2}F_{n-1} - F_nF_{n+1} = (-1)^n$   $(n \in N)$ . We obtain  $F_{z-2}F_{z+1} - F_{z-1}F_z = -1$  and from this  $2F_{z+1}F_{z-2} > F_{z-1}F_z$ . It follows step-by-step that  $2F_{z+1}(F_z - F_{z-1}) > F_{z-1}F_z$ ;  $2F_zF_{z+1} > 2F_{z-1}F_{z+1} + F_{z-1}F_z = F_{z-1}F_{z+3}$ . We have therefore proved all parts of the theorem for r = 1.

The general assertions for  $0 < r \leq 1$  are immediate consequences of Theorem 3. For instance: In the event of (i) the subset A is as follows:  $A = \{z + 1, z + 2\}$ . Then, we have by Theorem 3

$$\frac{1}{F_z} < \frac{1}{F_{z+1}} + \frac{1}{F_{z+2}} \le \left(\frac{1}{(F_{z+1})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{z+2})^r}\right)^{1/r}.$$

Raising both sides to the  $r^{th}$  power we have (i).

All other cases follow in a similar way. Therefore, the proof of Theorem 4 is complete.  $\Box$ 

Before we continue with the proof of Theorem 2 let us give a simple application of Theorem 4.

r will be chosen with  $0 < r \le 1$ . Assume that we have a representation of  $x \in [0, I_r]$  in the form (1) with the interval-filling sequence  $(1/(F_n)^r)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  on the basis of the algorithm (7a). **Theorem 5:** Consider the sequence  $(\epsilon_n(x))_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of digits. A chain of consecutive digits "1" following a digit "0" has at most length two.

**Proof:** Let  $\epsilon_n(x) = 0$ ,  $\epsilon_{n+1}(x) = 1$ ,  $\epsilon_{n+2}(x) = 1$ , ...,  $\epsilon_{n+k}(x) = 1$  be a chain of the described kind. Then, we obtain by algorithm (7a)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\epsilon_i}{(F_i)^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{n+1})^r} + \dots + \frac{1}{(F_{n+k})^r} < x \le \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\epsilon_i}{(F_i)^r} + \frac{1}{(F_n)^r}.$$

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Thus,

$$\frac{1}{(F_n)^r} > \frac{1}{(F_{n+1})^r} + \dots + \frac{1}{(F_{n+k})^r}$$

We now appeal to Theorem 4. It implies that k must be equal to 1 (at most equal to 2), if n is an odd (even) number since the assumption  $k \ge 2$  ( $k \ge 3$ ) leads to a contradiction with Theorem 4(i) or (ii).

The proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

**Proof of Theorem 2:** We choose a sequence of even integers  $(z_j)_{j=1}^{\infty} = (2k_j)_{j=1}^{\infty}$  with  $z_{j+1} - z_j > \max\{9, n(z_j - 1)\}$  for all  $j \in N$ . The first member  $z_1$  will be chosen (later) to be sufficiently large. Let  $M = N - \{z_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ . Consider the set  $\{1/(F_m)^r : m \in M\}$  as a non increasing sequence  $(\lambda_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of numbers:  $\lambda_1 = 1/(F_1)^r, \lambda_2 = 1/(F_2)^r, \ldots, \lambda_{z_1-1} = 1/(F_{z_1-1})^r, \lambda_{z_1} = 1/(F_{z_1+1})^r, \lambda_{z_1+1} = 1/(F_{z_1+2})^r, \ldots$ 

Next, we shall show that Theorem 1 is applicable to the sequence  $(\lambda_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , in particular the validity of (6).

First we determine for each  $m \in M$  the unique number  $j \in N$  such that the condition  $z_{j-1} + 1 \leq m \leq z_j - 1$  is satisfied  $(z_o = 0)$ . Then, we obtain with the help of Theorem 4

$$\sum_{n>m} \frac{1}{(F_n)^r} > \frac{1}{(F_{m+1})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{m+2})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{m+3})^r} > \frac{1}{(F_m)^r},$$

 $n \in M$  if  $z_{j-1} + 1 \leq m \leq z_j - 4$  in view of Theorem 4(i), (ii);

$$\sum_{n>m} \frac{1}{(F_n)^r} > \frac{1}{(F_{m+1})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{m+2})^r} > \frac{1}{(F_m)^r},$$

 $n \in M$  if  $m = z_j - 3$  in view of Theorem 4(i);

$$\sum_{n>m} \frac{1}{(F_n)^r} > \frac{1}{(F_{m+1})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{m+3})^r} + \dots + \frac{1}{(F_{m+k})^r} > \frac{1}{(F_m)^r},$$

 $n \in M$  if  $m = z_j - 2$  in view of Theorem 4(iv); and

$$\sum_{n>m} \frac{1}{(F_n)^r} > \frac{1}{(F_{m+2})^r} + \frac{1}{(F_{m+3})^r} + \dots + \frac{1}{(F_{m+n(m)})^r} > \frac{1}{(F_m)^r},$$

 $n \in M$  if  $m = z_j - 1$  in view of Theorem 4(iii).

So, we obtain for each  $m \in M : 1/(F_m)^r < \sum_{n>m,n\in M} 1/(F_n)^r$ , that is we proved that condition (7) of Theorem 1 is satisfied. It is clear that (4) and (5) are valid.

Let  $0 < x < I_r$ . We choose  $z_1$  so that the following conditions are satisfied simultaneously:

$$(*) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(F_{z_j})^r} < x \text{ and } x + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(F_{z_j})^r} < I_r.$$

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This is possible, because  $\lim_{z_1\to\infty}\sum_{n\geq z_1} 1/(F_n)^r = 0$ . Let  $\triangle$  be any subset of the set  $\{z_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ . We define now the 0-1-sequence  $(\delta_j)_{j=1}^{\infty}$  in the following way:  $\delta_j = 1$ , if  $z_j \in \triangle$ ,  $\delta_j = 0$ , if  $z_j \notin \triangle$ . Consider the number

$$y=x-\sum_{j=1}^\infty rac{\delta_j}{(F_{z_j})^r}$$

We obtain from the above conditions (\*) that

$$y \ge x - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(F_{z_j})^r} > 0 \text{ and } y \le x < I_r - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(F_{z_j})^r}.$$

It follows from this that  $0 < y < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n$ .

Now the key point is the application of Theorem 1. For each real number in the interval  $[0, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n]$  there is a series of the form

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_n \lambda_n \quad \epsilon_n \in \{0,1\}.$$

With a view to the definition of y we receive the following representation:

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_n \lambda_n + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_j}{(F_{z_j})^r}.$$

We note that a Fibonacci reciprocal contained in the second sum cannot occur in the first, which implies that the representation of x is dependent on the sequence  $(\delta_j)$ . Two different sequence  $(\delta_j)$  and  $(\delta'_j)$  lead to different representations of x. It is well-known that the set of all 0-1-sequences has cardinality c (the power of the continuum). Therefore, the set  $C_x$  of different representations of x in the form (1) has at least cardinality c. Because the cardinality of the set of 0-1-sequences equals the cardinality of the continuum, the set  $C_x$  has cardinality at most c.

Theorem 2 is thus established.  $\Box$ 

Next, we will draw a comparison between our Theorem 2 and results in [2] and [3], which are due to P. Erdös, M. Horvath, I. Joó and V. Komornik.

First we make the observation that by Binet's formula  $\lim_{n\to\infty} F_n/\alpha^n = 1/\sqrt{5}$ , that is  $F_n$ and  $\alpha^n$  are "almost" proportional as  $n \to \infty$ . To simplify matters we assume  $F_n \sim \alpha^n$ . Then it follows that  $(F_n)^r \sim \alpha^{nr} = q^n$  with  $q = \alpha^r$  and the interval  $0 < r \le 1$  corresponds to the interval  $1 < q \le \alpha$ .

Let  $q \in (1, \alpha)$ . It was proven in [2] (see Theorem 3 in [2]) that for every  $x \in (0, 1/q - 1)$  there are c different expansions of the form

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon_n}{q^n} \quad \epsilon_n \in \{0, 1\}.$$
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We can say that this result is analogous to our Theorem 2, if we take into consideration the above-mentioned remark on  $(F_n)^r$  and  $q^n$ .

On the other hand it was shown in [3] (see the proof of Theorem 1 in [3]) that, if we assume in (8) x = 1 and  $q = \alpha$ , there exist precisely countably many expansions of the form (8). It is surprising that we have different cardinal numbers relating the set of representations for x = 1 and r = 1 according to (1) and the set of representation for x = 1 and  $q = \alpha$  according to (8).

#### 3. THE CASE r > 1

We shall prove two further theorems regarding expansions of the form (1).

**Theorem 6:** Let r satisfy  $1 < r < \log 2/\log \alpha$ . Then, there is an even integer m(r) such that the sequence  $(1/(F_n)^r)_{n=m(r)-1}^{\infty}$  is interval-filling.

**Theorem 7:** Let r satisfy  $r \ge \log 2/\log \alpha$ . Then, there is no integer  $m \in N$  such that  $(1/(F_n)^r)_m^{\infty}$  is an interval-filling sequence.

**Proof of Theorem 6**: In view of the equation  $\beta/\alpha = -1/\alpha^2$  and with the help of Binet's formula it easily follows that

$$F_{n+1}/F_n = \alpha E(n)$$
 where  $E(n) = \frac{1 + (-1)^{n+2} \alpha^{-2n-2}}{1 + (-1)^{n+1} \alpha^{-2n}}$ .

If  $1 < r < \log 2/\log \alpha$  holds, then  $2 > 2^{1/r} > \alpha$ . As soon as n is an odd integer we get E(n) < 1. Thus, it follows that  $F_{n+1}/F_n < 2^{1/r}$  for an odd integer n. On the other hand, we obtain from the definition of E(n) that for even integers the following statements are valid:  $E(n) > 1, E(n) > E(n+2), \lim_{n\to\infty} E(n) = 1$ . Hence, there is a smallest even integer m(r) such that  $1 < E(m(r)) < 2^{1/r}/\alpha$ . Therefore,  $F_{n+1}/F_n = \alpha E(n) \le \alpha E(m(r)) < 2^{1/r}$  for each even  $n \ge m(r)$ . Summarizing we obtain  $F_{n+1}/F_n < 2^{1/r}$  or  $(F_{n+1})^r/(F_n)^r < 2$  for all integers  $n \ge m(r) - 1$ . This implies that Theorem 1 is applicable since the sequence  $(1/(F_n)^r)$  with  $n \ge m(r) - 1$  meets all the requirements of the theorem, in particular condition (7). Theorem 6 is thus established.  $\Box$ 

**Proof of Theorem 7:** Let  $r \ge \log 2/\log \alpha$ , equivalent to  $\alpha^r \ge 2$ . First we shall prove that, for all even integers  $n \in N$ , we have

$$1/(F_n)^r > 1/(F_{n+1})^r + 2/(F_{n+2})^r.$$
(10)

We again use the definition of E(n) in the proof of Theorem 6. We receive from (10) the equivalent inequality

$$\alpha^{r}(E(n)E(n+1))^{r} > (E(n+1))^{r} + 2/\alpha^{r} \text{ (n even).}$$
(11)

On the other side, we obtain for even  $n \in N$ :

$$E(n)E(n+1) = 1 + \frac{1 - 1/\alpha^{+4}}{\alpha^{2n} - 1} > 1$$
 and  $E(n+1) < 1$ .

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The last two inequalities and  $\alpha^r \geq 2$  yield that (11) is valid for all even  $n \in N$ , because

$$\alpha^{r}(E(n)E(n+1))^{r} \ge 2((E(n)E(n+1))^{r} > 2 > (E(n+1))^{r} + 1 \ge (E(n+1))^{r} + 2/\alpha^{r}$$

Thus, the equivalent statement (10) follows, from which we obtain by mathematical induction:

$$\frac{1}{(F_n)^r} - \frac{1}{(F_{n+2k})^r} > \sum_{i=1}^{2k} \frac{1}{(F_{n+i})^r}$$
(12)

for all  $k \geq 1$  and even n.

Then, it follows from (12) as  $k \to \infty$ :

$$\frac{1}{(F_n)^r} \ge \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(F_{n+i})^r} \quad (n \in N, \ n \text{ even}).$$

$$\tag{13}$$

Now, suppose that in (13) for two consecutive even numbers n = v and n = v + 2 the equals sign is valid.

Then, a simple calculation shows that we have a contradiction to (10):

$$\frac{1}{(F_v)^r} = \frac{1}{(F_{v+1})^r} + \frac{2}{(F_{v+2})^r},$$

i.e. from two successive inequalities (13) there is at most one equality. Next, consider the set

$$A(r) - \{n | n \in 2N, \ 1/(F_n)^r > \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 1/(F_{n+i})^r\}$$

From the preceding argument it is clear that A(r) is an infinite subset of N, such that condition (7) of Theorem 1 is not true for  $n \in A(r)$ . We conclude that there is no integer  $m \in N$ , such that the sequence  $(1/(F_n)^r)_{n=m}^{\infty}$  is interval-filling.  $\Box$ 

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