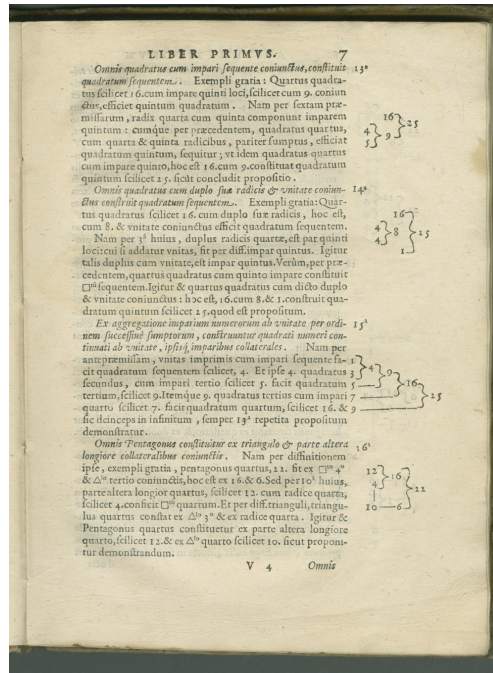


Monday, September 15

1. In *Arithmeticonum libri duo* (1575), Maurolico shows that, for each positive integer  $n$ ,

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2.$$



Prove his statement by induction.

2. Recall that the Fibonacci numbers  $F_n$  are defined by

$$F_0 = 0$$

$$F_1 = 1$$

$$F_n = F_{n-2} + F_{n-1} \text{ if } n \geq 2.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \sum_{j=1}^n F_j \\ &= F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_n. \end{aligned}$$

Prove that, for each  $n$ ,

$$S_n = F_{n+2} - 1.$$

3. Prove by induction that, for each natural number  $n$ ,

$$n < 2^n.$$