

## On counting by a pair of Fibonacci generated countable sets of irrationals

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**Abstract.** A Fibonacci sequence representation of any rational number of the real line  $R$  is used to construct a pair of phi-nary (in relation to the Golden ratio  $\varphi$ ) unique countable sets of irrational numbers. These sets, which have a potential for novel applications, are further employed in the proof that  $R$  should be populated "much more with irrational numbers than with rational numbers".

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### 1. Introduction

It is well known that the set of rationals  $Q$  in the set of real numbers  $R$  is infinite and countable, while the set of irrationals  $Q^c = R \setminus Q$  is infinite but uncountable, and are equally dense, [1, p. 36], as can be deduced from the following famous results, in which  $k \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma \subset Q^c$ , where  $\Gamma$  is an uncountable set.

**Theorem 1** ([2, p. 14], Density of rational numbers). *There is a countable set  $A = \{r_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset [Q \cap (a, b)]$  between any two distinct real numbers  $a, b \in R$ .*

**Corollary 1** (*Density of irrational numbers*). *There is a countable family of uncountable sets,  $\{\{\mathcal{S}_{\gamma k}\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}\}_{k=1}^\infty \triangleq \{\mathcal{S}_{\gamma k}\} \subset [Q^c \cap (a, b)]$ , between any two distinct real numbers  $a, b \in R$ .*

The proofs of these results are given for the interested reader in the Appendix. The corollary and its proof indicate, moreover, that " $Q^c$  is however more populated than  $Q$ ". And our major aim in this note is to construct Fibonacci-generated, see e.g. [3, p. 143], countable phi-nary sets of irrationals for a related multiplicative decomposition principle of rationals. These phi-nary sets, which have a potential for novel applications, are demonstrated, in section 2, to be asymptotically rationally distinct (ARD), then used to assert Corollary 1, without invoking Theorem 1.

**2. Main result**

The double subscript in the set family  $\{\{S_{\gamma k}\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  emphasizes the fact that its existence is tied to the existence of  $\mathfrak{A} = \{\rho_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset Q \cap (a, b)$ . This being a fact, and not a restriction, should by no means affect the reality of the next remark.

**Remark 1.** The ratio  $\frac{\#\mathfrak{A}}{\#\{\{S_{\gamma k}\}_{\gamma}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}} = \frac{\aleph_0}{\aleph_0 \aleph_1} = \frac{\aleph_0}{\aleph_1}$  does not have a quantitative meaning. However, in terms of the Lebesgue measure  $\mu$ , the previous ratio reduces to  $\frac{\mu(\mathfrak{A})}{\mu(\{\{S_{\gamma k}\}_{\gamma}\}_{k=1}^{\infty})} = \frac{0}{\infty} = 0$ , for any  $(a, b) \subset R$ , and this can imply that  $Q^c$  should be more populated than  $Q$ .

Let  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots\}$ , and  $q \neq 0$ ,  $r = \frac{p}{q} \in Q$ , and  $s, z \in Q^c$ . Rather trivially  $rs, \frac{s}{r}, \frac{r}{s} \in Q^c$ , while  $r \pm s, sz \in R$ , facts that can easily be proved by contradiction in assuming the opposite to be true. Equally simple, is the proof of

$$(1) \quad r = s z.$$

Incidentally Dedekind cuts of the  $Q$  set can be used, see e.g. [4, p. 38], as a basis for the construction of  $R$ . Hence the multiplicative decomposability of  $r$  into two irrational numbers, (1), happens to represent a sort of reversed Dedekind construction.

As for  $R^+ = [0, \infty)$  and  $r = \frac{p}{q} \in [R^+ \cap Q]$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{Z}^+ = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  happen to generate a sequence  $\langle r_k \rangle$ , arranged viz  $0 \leq r_1 \leq r_2 \leq r_3 \leq \dots$ , in a countable set  $\{r_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset [R^+ \cap Q]$ , for which  $\Delta r_k = r_{k+1} - r_k$  is not constant with varying  $k$ , but has a fractal structure, as indicated by the Minkowski lattice [5]. Being essential for the completeness of the  $R^+$  set, the irrational numbers are in fact defined by Dedekind, [4, p. 38], in 1901 as the cut which is created in order to fill the gaps produced by the  $r_k$  members of this structure.

Indeed, since  $s$ , in (1), can be varied within a certain set  $\{s_{\gamma}\} = \mathcal{F} \subset Q^c$ , which could be countable,  $\mathbf{G}$ , or uncountable,  $\mathbf{U}$ . Then  $z$  varies, for a fixed  $r$ , as  $z_{\gamma} = \frac{p}{q s_{\gamma}} \in \{z_{\gamma}\} = \mathcal{h} \subset Q^c$ , with  $\mathcal{h}$  similarly countable as  $\mathcal{F}$ , i.e. with corresponding countable  $\mathbf{H}$  and uncountable  $\mathbf{V}$ .

As an example of this, if the  $s$  irrationals are chosen, not from rule-generated sequences, to be, e.g.  $s_1 = 1 - \sqrt{2}$ ,  $s_2 = e^3$ ,  $s_3 = \pi^2$ , ...etc, then the corresponding, via (1),  $z$  irrationals will also be not rule-generated, namely :  $z_1 = \frac{p}{q(1-\sqrt{2})}$ ,  $z_2 = \frac{p}{q e^3}$ ,  $z_3 = \frac{p}{q \pi^2}$ , ... Needless to say here that  $\pi$  and  $e$  are transcendental irrational numbers, while  $\varphi$  is an algebraic irrational number. Also  $\pi^n$ ,  $e^n$ , and  $\varphi^n$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , are all irrationals. Therefore, possible examples of rule-generated  $\mathbf{G}$  for  $s_n$ , over  $(0, \infty) \cap Q^c$  could be

$$(2) \quad \{n\pi\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \{ne\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \left\{n\frac{e}{\pi}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \left\{n\frac{\pi}{e}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \{n\varphi\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \quad \text{or};$$

$$\left\{\left(\frac{\pi}{e}\right)^n\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \{\varphi^n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \left\{\frac{\pi}{e}\varphi^n\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \left\{\frac{e}{\pi}\varphi^n\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} .$$

While over  $(0, 1) \cap Q^c$ , a rule-generated  $\mathbf{G}$  could be

$$(3) \quad \left\{ \pi^{-n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \left\{ e^{-n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \left\{ \left( \frac{\pi}{e} \right)^{-n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \\ \left\{ \varphi^{-n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \left\{ \frac{\pi}{e} \varphi^{-n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \left\{ \frac{e}{\pi} \varphi^{-n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}.$$

In a similar fashion the associated  $\mathbf{H} = \{z_n = \frac{p}{qs_n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  could be defined.

A basic inconvenience in the suggested  $\mathbf{G}'$ s, of (2-3), is their restricted applicability to certain domains and the possibility for their asymptotic behavior to be uncertain, [5-7]. Hence the construction of a universal and computationally robust  $\mathbf{G}$ , that could be blended with the  $(p, q)$  pair, in a  $\frac{p}{q}$  representation, should be of some value for several applications.

Unlike  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ , the uncountable  $\mathbf{U} = \{s_\gamma\}$  and  $\mathbf{V} = \{z_\gamma = \frac{p}{qs_\gamma}\}$ , with  $\# \mathbf{U} = \# \mathbf{V} = \aleph_1$ , can exist in a variety of rather chaotic fashions that may, or may not, follow any specific rule.

So, in order to develop a nonqualitative (or precise) approach to the analysis of the relative population of  $Q$  and  $Q^c$ , we shall resort, when generating the  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  sets, to the sequence  $\langle F_n \rangle$  of Fibonacci numbers  $F_n$ ,

Table 1: Some Fibonacci numbers

|                       |          |          |          |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $n$                   | -4       | -3       | -2       | -1       | 0     | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     |
| $\langle F_n \rangle$ | $F_{-4}$ | $F_{-3}$ | $F_{-2}$ | $F_{-1}$ | $F_0$ | $F_1$ | $F_2$ | $F_3$ | $F_4$ | $F_5$ | $F_6$ | $F_7$ | $F_8$ |
| $F_n$                 | -3       | 2        | -1       | 1        | 0     | 1     | 1     | 2     | 3     | 5     | 8     | 13    | 21    |

which is an example of a complete sequence in the sense of Zeckendorf [8], and defined recursively viz  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ , with  $F_{-n} = (-1)^{n+1}F_n$  when  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

This sequence, though aperiodic [9], is structurally periodic (or semi-periodic) as every third number in it is even. Also, any three consecutive Fibonacci numbers are pairwise coprime, [9, 10, p. 33], and every  $F_n$  that is prime must have a prime index  $n$ ; with the exception of  $F_4 = 3$ . Furthermore, a characteristic feature of the spiral, defined by  $\langle F_n \rangle$ , is that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_n}{F_{n-1}} = \varphi$ . Defined via

$$\varphi = [1; 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots] = \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \dots}}}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi^{-k},$$

is the Golden ratio, which is a famous irrational number 1.618033988..., satisfying the remarkably unique properties

$$(4) \quad \varphi - 1 = \varphi^{-1}, \quad \varphi + 1 = \varphi^2,$$

properties that enter in the structure of Binet's formula

$$(5) \quad F_n = \frac{\varphi^n - (-\varphi)^{-n}}{\sqrt{5}}.$$

**Definition 1.** An ordered countable set of irrational numbers  $B = \{z_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  is asymptotically rationally distinct (ARD) if  $\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} z_\gamma = \rho \in Q$ .

Now if  $f(n)$  is a function of integers, then  $\lfloor f(n) \rfloor$  is the floor function for  $f(n)$ , i.e. the largest integer less than or equal to  $n$ . Obviously  $n - \lfloor n \rfloor = 0$ , and  $N^n - \lfloor N^n \rfloor = 0, \forall n, N \in \mathbb{N}$ , are rational distinctivity properties for the sequences  $\langle n \rangle$  and  $\langle N^n \rangle$ , respectively.

$\varphi$  is also special in several other ways. The powers  $\varphi^n = \sqrt{5}F_n + (1 - \varphi)^n$ , which satisfy  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^n = \sqrt{5}F_n$ , though are all irrationals, they however lie unexpectedly [6-7] close to integers: for instance  $\varphi^{11} = 199.005$  is unusually close to 199. Moreover, it happens, [6], rather puzzlingly, that

$$(6) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\varphi^n - \lfloor \varphi^n \rfloor) = 0,$$

despite the fact that  $\varphi^n - \lfloor \varphi^n \rfloor \neq 0$ , for all finite  $n$ .

An explanation of the reason for the puzzle (6), representing an asymptotic rational distinctivity for the sequence  $\langle \varphi^n \rangle$ , is provided by the lemma to follow.

**Remark 2.** Throughout this paper we need to distinguish between asymptotic computational infinity  $\infty$ , as a very large (but finite as a must) rational number and mathematical infinity  $\aleph$ , which is neither rational or irrational, but irrational (as a must) when conceived as  $\aleph = \frac{p}{q}, p \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Accordingly,  $\varphi^\aleph = \aleph \in Q^c$ , despite the computational fact (6), which stipulates that

$$(7) \quad \varphi^\infty = \infty \in Q.$$

**Lemma 1.** An ordered countable set of irrational numbers  $B = \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is asymptotically rationally distinct (ARD), i.e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = \rho \in Q$ , if

- (i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z_n}{z_{n-1}} = s \in Q^c$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (z_n - z_{n-1}) = s^* \in Q^c$ , or  $= 0$ ,
- (iii) such that  $\frac{s^*}{s-1} \in Q$ .

**Proof.** Satisfaction of (i) means that

$$(8) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z_n}{z_{n-1}} = s \in Q^c,$$

while satisfaction of (ii) can be expressed as

$$(9) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (z_n - z_{n-1}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{n-1} \left( \frac{z_n}{z_{n-1}} - 1 \right) = s^* \in Q^c.$$

Now in view of (8), relation (9) is the same as

$$(10) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (z_n - z_{n-1}) = (s - 1) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{n-1} = s^*.$$

Furthermore, as  $(s - 1) = s^o \in Q^c$ , then (10), by (iii) becomes  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{n-1} = \frac{s^*}{s^o} = \rho \in Q$ , which is the same as the required result  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = \rho \in Q$ ; and here the proof ends.

**Corollary 2.** *An ordered countable set of irrational numbers  $B = \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is asymptotically rationally distinct (ARD), when*

(a)  $s^* = 0$ , if (i), of Lemma 1, is violated.

(b) if both (i), and (ii), of Lemma 1, are simultaneously violated, provided that  $s \neq 1$ .

**Proof.** By direct substitution of the stated conditions in Lemma 1.

**Example 1.** Test the ARD for The phi-nary set  $\{\varphi^n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  whose sequence  $\langle \varphi^n, n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  diverges as an expanding Golden spiral.

Clearly ,

(i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z_n}{z_{n-1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi^n}{\varphi^{n-1}} = \varphi = s \in Q^c$ .

(ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (z_n - z_{n-1}) = (\varphi - 1) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^{n-1}$ .

Additionally, since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^{n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lfloor \varphi^{n-1} \rfloor$  is rational, then

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (z_n - z_{n-1}) = s^* \in Q^c$ . Furthermore  $\frac{s^*}{s-1} = \frac{(\varphi-1)}{(\varphi-1)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lfloor \varphi^{n-1} \rfloor = \rho \in Q$ ; and (iii) is satisfied. Hence this set is ARD. Interestingly, this turns out to be consistent with (6).

**Example 2.** Test the ARD for The phi-nary set  $\{\varphi^{-n}\}_{n=1}^\infty$  whose sequence  $\langle \varphi^{-n}, n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  converges to 0 as a contracting Golden spiral.

Here correspondingly,

(i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z_n}{z_{n-1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi^{-n}}{\varphi^{-n+1}} = \varphi^{-1} = s \in Q^c$ .

(ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (z_n - z_{n-1}) = (1 - \varphi) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^{-n} = 0 = s^* \in Q$ .

(iii)  $\frac{s^*}{s-1} = \frac{(1-\varphi)}{(\varphi^{-1}-1)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^{-n} = -\varphi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^{-n} = 0 = \rho \in Q$ .

Therefore this set is also ARD.

**Example 3.** Test the ARD for  $B = \{z_n = (n + \sqrt{2})\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of algebraic irrationals.

Clearly  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z_n}{z_{n-1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+\sqrt{2}}{n-1+\sqrt{2}} = 1 \notin Q^c$ ; violation of (i). Here Corollary 2 can be applied. Moreover,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (z_n - z_{n-1}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n + \sqrt{2} - (n - 1 + \sqrt{2})] = 1 \notin Q^c$  or 0; violation of (ii). Then  $\frac{s^*}{s-1} = \frac{1}{0} = \infty \notin Q$ ; violation of (iii). Therefore this  $B$  is not ARD.

In addition to the demonstrated ARD behavior of  $\varphi^n$  and  $\varphi^{-n}$ , it is rather straightforward, [3, p. 214], to prove that

$$(11) \quad \varphi^n = \varphi^{n-1} + \varphi^{n-2} = \varphi F_n + F_{n-1},$$

$$(12) \quad \varphi^{-n} = \varphi^{2-n} - \varphi^{1-n} = (-1)^n [F_{n+1} - \varphi F_n].$$

**Remark 3.** There are two canonical countable sets  $C$  and  $D$  in  $[R^+ \cap Q^c]$ , and removing them from the set  $[R^+ \cap Q^c]$  does not alter the cardinality of this set.

**Proof.** According to the decomposition principle (1), each  $r = \frac{p}{q} = sz \in [R^+ \cap Q]$  defines countable  $C$  and  $D \subset [R^+ \cap Q^c]$ . Moreover as  $C \sim D \sim [R^+ \cap Q]$ , then  $\# C = \# D = \aleph_0$ . Also  $C \preceq [R^+ \cap Q^c]$  and  $D \preceq [R^+ \cap Q^c]$ , then since  $R^+ \cap Q^c$  is not denumerable, then  $C \prec [R^+ \cap Q^c]$  and  $D \prec [R^+ \cap Q^c]$ .

Now when  $C \cup D$  is taken out from  $R^+ \cap Q^c$  to form  $R^+ \cap Q$ , the set

$$(13) \quad R^+ \cap Q^c \setminus (C \cup D),$$

remains inside  $R^+ \cap Q^c$  and

$$(14) \quad \#[R^+ \cap Q^c] \setminus (C \cup D) = \#[R^+ \cap Q^c] = \aleph_1.$$

Therefore in the least sense  $\#[R^+ \cap Q^c] = 2 \#[R^+ \cap Q] = 2\aleph_0$ , but the previous process can be repeated an infinite number of times with the same result. However  $\aleph_0 = \infty$ , and if the inequality  $2\infty > \infty$  has any meaning (actually it does not), then we may claim that  $\#[R^+ \cap Q^c] > \infty(2\aleph_0) = \infty\aleph_0$ .

This holds regardless of the fact that  $\frac{\#[R^+ \cap Q^c]}{\#[R^+ \cap Q]} = \infty \frac{\aleph_0}{\aleph_0} = \frac{\aleph_1}{\aleph_0}$ , does not have a quantitative meaning. Hence since removal of  $C$  and  $D$  can indefinitely be repeated from  $R^+ \cap Q^c$ , without affecting the cardinality of the remaining set, we may say that " $R^+ \cap Q^c$  should be much more populated than  $R^+ \cap Q$ ". Finally, since  $R^+ = [R^+ \cap Q] \cup [R^+ \cap Q^c]$ , then there exists much more irrational numbers in  $R^+$  than rational numbers. Here the proof ends.

The only weakness in the previous proof of Remark 3, is that  $C$  and  $D$  are only qualitative or symbolic in nature, i.e. without a rule of generation, and with rather uncertain asymptotic behavior. Hence in a move towards strengthening this proof, it is quite desirable to redefine these sets in a rule-generated and in a computationally ARD fashion.

**Remark 4.** The arguments used in Remark 3 can also be applied on  $R^- \cap Q^c$ , then for  $R \cap Q^c = Q^c$ .

**Theorem 3** (Fibonacci generated countable sets of irrational factors of  $r$ ). *The two irrational factors of  $r \in [R^+ \cap Q]$  form a pair of phi-nary, Fibonacci-generated for  $r$ , countable ARD sets  $C^*$  and  $D^*$ .*

**Proof.** Any two positive integers that stand in  $r = \frac{p}{q}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  can be represented in terms of Fibonacci numbers viz  $p = p(m, i) = [F_m - i] \in (F_{m-1}, F_m]$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq F_{m-2} - 1, m \geq 0, m \neq 2$ , yielding

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \left\{ \{F_m - i\}_{i=0}^{F_{m-2}-1} \right\}_{m=0, m \neq 2}^\infty$$

and  $q = p(n, j) = [F_n - j] \in (F_{n-1}, F_n], 0 \leq j \leq F_{n-2} - 1, n \geq 1, n \neq 2$ , yielding  $\mathbb{N} = \left\{ \{F_n - j\}_{j=0}^{F_n-2-1} \right\}_{n=1, n \neq 2}^\infty$ .

It should be noted that  $m \neq 2$  and  $n \neq 2$  in the previous relations happen to be reflection of the remarkable fact that  $F_1 = F_2 = 1$ .

Therefore  $r_k = r(m, n, i, j) = \frac{p(m, i)}{q(n, j)} = \frac{[F_m - i]; m \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \setminus \{2\}, 0 \leq i \leq F_m - 2 - 1}{[F_n - j]; n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{2\}, 0 \leq j \leq F_n - 2 - 1} \geq 0$ .

Apparently, different  $p$ 's may have the same  $m$  (that defines the closest  $F_m$ ), but different  $i$ 's. Also different  $p$ 's may have different  $m$ 's but the same  $i$ . Regardless of that,  $p(m, i) = [F_m - i]$  should be unique, i.e. exists one and only one  $p$  that can be defined by the  $(m, i)$  pair. This follows directly from the uniqueness of  $F_m, \forall m \neq 2$ .

Make then use of (5) in this  $r_k$  to rewrite it as  $r_k = \frac{\varphi^{m-n} (1-\varphi)^{-m-i}\sqrt{5}}{\varphi^n (1-\varphi)^{-n-j}\sqrt{5}}$ , which in view of (4) decomposes to

$$(15) \quad r_k = \frac{\pi n}{em(i+j)} \frac{[1 - (-1)^m (1 - \varphi^{-1})^m] / i - \varphi^{-m} \sqrt{5}}{[1 - (-1)^n (1 - \varphi^{-1})^n] / j - \varphi^{-n} \sqrt{5}} = \frac{e}{\pi} \frac{m}{n} (i+j) \frac{i}{j} \varphi^{m-n}.$$

By virtue of (1), it is possible to write

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} \wp_{m-n, i, j}(\varphi) &= \frac{e}{\pi} \frac{m}{n} (i+j) \frac{i}{j} \varphi^{m-n} \\ &= \frac{e}{\pi} \frac{m}{n} (i+j) \frac{i}{j} \begin{cases} \varphi F_{m-n} + F_{m-n-1}, & m-n > 0 \\ (-1)^{n-m} [F_{n-m+1} - \varphi F_{n-m}], & m-n < 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Since distinct  $r = \frac{p'}{q}$ 's may have the same  $\frac{i}{j} \varphi^{m-n}$ , to entail a virtual contradiction. However, the multiplication of  $\frac{i}{j} \varphi^{m-n}$  by  $\frac{n}{m}(i+j)$ , in (16), is meant to guarantee uniqueness of  $\wp_k(\varphi) = \wp_{m-n, i, j}(\varphi)$ . A uniqueness that follows from the fact that the system of equations:

$$\varphi^{m-n} = \alpha, \frac{m}{n} = \beta, \frac{i}{j} = \sigma, i+j = \theta, \text{ with } \begin{cases} \alpha > 1, & \beta > 1, m-n > 0, \\ \alpha < 1, & \beta < 1, m-n < 0 \end{cases}, \text{ has}$$

always the unique solution vector  $(\frac{\beta \ln \alpha}{(\beta-1) \ln \varphi}, \frac{\ln \alpha}{(\beta-1) \ln \varphi}, \frac{\gamma \theta}{1+\sigma}, \frac{\sigma}{1+\sigma}) = (m, n, i, j) \triangleq r_k$ .

Now as this  $\wp_{m-n, i, j}(\varphi) \in \mathbf{C}^*$  is an irrational factor of  $r_k$ , and  $\mathbf{C}^* \sim [R^+ \cap Q]$ , then

$$(17) \quad \frac{\pi n}{em(i+j)} \frac{[1 - (-1)^m (1 - \varphi^{-1})^m] / i - \varphi^{-m} \sqrt{5}}{[1 - (-1)^n (1 - \varphi^{-1})^n] / j - \varphi^{-n} \sqrt{5}} = \mathfrak{S}_{m, n, i, j}(\varphi),$$

can only be an irrational belonging in some other  $\mathbf{D}^* \sim [R^+ \cap Q]$ , and distinct from  $\mathbf{C}^*$ .

Hence, the multiplicative decomposition principle (1) writes in phi-nary factors as

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} r_k &= \wp_{m-n, i, j}(\varphi) \mathfrak{S}_{m, n, i, j}(\varphi), \\ (m, n, i, j) &\triangleq \frac{p}{q} = r_k \in \{r_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset [R^+ \cap Q]. \end{aligned}$$

The proof that  $C^*$  is ARD is trivial, and unlike the the proof of the ARD of  $D^*$ , which is indirect. Moreover,  $\wp_k = \wp_{m-n,i,j}(\varphi) \in \{\wp_k\}_{k=1}^\infty = C^*$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_k = \mathfrak{S}_{m,n,i,j}(\varphi) \in \{\mathfrak{S}_k\}_{k=1}^\infty = D^*$ , establishing that both  $C^*$  and  $D^*$  are Fibonacci-generated for  $\{r_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ , countable irrational phinary ARD sets. In particular,  $\wp_k = \wp_{m-n,i,j}(\varphi) \in C^*$  is Fibonacci-generated uniquely for every  $r_k$  via the vector  $(\frac{n}{m}, (n - m), \frac{i}{j}, (i + j))$ . Also  $\mathfrak{S}_k = \mathfrak{S}_{m,n,i,j}(\varphi) \in D^*$  corresponds, to the same  $r_k$ , via its  $m, n, i, j$ . Hence the pair of irrational numbers  $(\wp_k, \mathfrak{S}_k) = (\wp_{m-n,i,j}(\varphi), \mathfrak{S}_{m,n,i,j}(\varphi))$  uniquely represents any rational number  $r_k$  via the Fibonacci-based rules (16)-(17).

Here the proof ends.

**Corollary 3.** *The set  $[C^*UD^*]$  is a unique countable set of irrationals on  $R^+$ .*

**Proof.** Each element  $\wp_k = \wp_{m-n,i,j}(\varphi) \in C^*$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_k = \mathfrak{S}_{m,n,i,j}(\varphi) \in D^*$  is, by virtue of (16) and (17), respectively unique. So are the pertaining  $C^*$  and  $D^*$  sets.

**Result 1.** Remark 3 holds, when each of the  $C$  and  $D$  sets, in its proof, is respectively replaced by  $C^*$  and  $D^*$  of Theorem 3.

As  $C^* \cup D^*$  may preserve some of the aperiodicity (or semi-periodicity) features, [10, p.33], of the Fibonacci sequence, then Result 1 should not be the only possible application for this set. One can envisage, e.g., some role to be played by  $C^* \cup D^*$ , in some modifications to Fibonacci search algorithms [11-12], to be investigated in the future. Specifically, in certain optimization problems, a stable (resonance free) optimal frequency, that may be sought by such algorithms, may not be admissible in the  $Q$  set, [5]. Such situations invoke a modification of the Fibonacci to "irrational-Fibonacci" search algorithm, to yield a stable optimal frequency in  $C^* \cup D^*$ .

### 3. Conclusion

It is worthwhile to remark that this work has nothing to do with Fibonacci coding [7-8], or with base  $\varphi$  representations [13] of whole numbers. The reported result of this note illustrates, nevertheless, that the Fibonacci generated countable irrational  $C^*$  and  $D^*$  sets can improve arguments of the proofs of some related real analysis results and may have potential application in some irrational-Fibonacci search algorithms. It also poses a question on its possible relation to the subject of completeness of the  $\langle F_n \rangle$  sequence. Zeckendorf completeness means that every positive integer, like  $p$  or  $q$ , can be written in a unique way as a sum of one or more distinct  $F_n$ 's, in such a way that the sum does not include any two consecutive  $F_n$ 's. Our Theorem 3 demonstrates that by using  $\langle F_n \rangle$  sequence representations, any  $r_k$  rational is multiplicatively decomposable to two unique irrationals,  $\wp_k \in C^*$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_k \in D^*$ . The tenuous re-

relationship between this result and completeness is perhaps one between additive and multiplicative decomposability, but not of the same objects though.

**4. Appendix**

$Q$  and  $Q^c$  are both equally dense, as this word has a precise mathematical meaning that they share. Density here is a topological concept, and has nothing to do with cardinality  $\#$ ; see e.g. [1]. As the word "more dense" sounds meaningless in topology, one way to measure how relatively populated  $Q$  and  $Q^c$  are, is the fact that  $Q$  has a Lebesgue measure 0, whereas  $Q^c$  has full measure in any interval  $(a, b) \subset R$ . Hence if one picks at random a number  $x$  from  $(0, 1)$ , the probability of  $x = r \in A = \{r_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset Q$  is zero, while the probability of  $x = s \in B = \{s_k\} \subset Q^c$  is one. Remarkably, this happens to take place while the countable  $A$  and uncountable  $B$  are both infinite sets and both are equally dense.

This may sound physically paradoxical, if density is conceived conventionally as a "number of points per unit length". The paradox is resolvable however, if one simulates rational numbers by a tiny amount of a solute of small molecules, dissolved in a pond of a solvent of large molecules. Topologically, the species density should be some ratio like

$$\frac{\text{Molecular size}}{\text{Average distance between any two molecules}}$$

for each of the two species. Such a density can be the same for the solvent ( $B$ ) and solute ( $A$ ), despite the infinitely larger relative population of the solvent molecules in  $B$ .

Indeed  $B$  appears to be more populated than  $A$ , as can be deduced from Theorem 1 and its corollary.

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Reapply the same classical proof, see e.g. [2], of this theorem on the existence of a rational number between any two real numbers  $a, b \in R$ . This invokes the Archimedian property of  $R$  to start with  $0 < \frac{1}{n_k} < b - a$ ,  $n_k \in N = \{n_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{N}$ .

Take then  $m_* = \frac{\min m}{n_k} \geq b$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , to arrive at  $a < r_k = \frac{m_* - 1}{n_k} < b$ ,  $r_k \in A = \{r_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset Q \cap (a, b)$ . Here the proof ends.

**Proof of Corollary 1.** Reconsider the open interval  $(a, b)$  of Theorem 1 as  $(\frac{a}{z_\gamma}, \frac{b}{z_\gamma})$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , with an arbitrary  $z_\gamma \in \mathfrak{B} \subset Q^c \cap (a, b)$ , not necessarily countable, with  $\#\mathfrak{B} = \aleph_1$ . This theorem stipulates the existence of  $\rho_k \in \mathfrak{A} = \{\rho_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset Q \cap (a, b)$  satisfying  $\frac{a}{z_\gamma} < \rho_k < \frac{b}{z_\gamma}$ ,  $\rho_k \in \mathfrak{A} = \{\rho_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset Q \cap (a, b)$ , with  $\#\mathfrak{A} = \aleph_0$ , i.e.  $a < s_{\gamma k} = z_\gamma \rho_k < b$ , and  $s_{\gamma k} \triangleq (z_\gamma, \rho_k) \in \mathfrak{B} \times \mathfrak{A}$ . Now since  $z_\gamma \rho_k$  is irrational, then  $s_{j k} \in \{\{s_{\gamma k}\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset Q^c \cap (a, b)$ , which is the required result.

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