

## Proof of Zeckendorf's Theorem

**Objective:** Study the Fibonacci numbers as a *numbering system*.

Let us first introduce a notation:  $j \gg k$  iff  $j \geq k + 2$ .

### Zeckendorf's theorem

every positive integer  $n$  has a unique representation of the form:  
 $n = F_{k_1} + F_{k_2} + \dots + F_{k_r}$  where  $k_1 \gg k_2 \gg \dots \gg k_r$  and  $k_r \geq 2$

- Here, we assume that the Fibonacci sequence starts at index 1 and not 0, moreover, the decompositions will never consider  $F(1)$  (since  $F(1) = F(2)$ ).

## Use the Theorem as a numbering system

Any unique system of representation is a numbering system.

- The previous theorem ensures that any non-negative integer can be written as a sequence of bits  $b_i$
- Detail the algorithm that adds a 1 to an integer (increment).