

**Solution** (#349) Cassini's Identity is an easy check for  $n = 1$  as

$$F_2F_0 - (F_1)^2 = 2 \times 0 - 1^2 = -1 = (-1)^1.$$

Suppose now that Cassini's Identity holds for a particular  $n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} F_{n+2}F_n - (F_{n+1})^2 &= (F_{n+1} + F_n)F_n - F_{n+1}(F_n + F_{n-1}) \\ &= (F_n)^2 - F_{n+1}F_{n-1} \\ &= -\left(F_{n+1}F_{n-1} - (F_n)^2\right) \\ &= -(-1)^n \quad [\text{by hypothesis}] \\ &= (-1)^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

The result follows by induction.