

4.1 Fibonacci

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Famous sequence of numbers

• Filio - naccio

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...

formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \cdot F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2) \quad \leftarrow \text{recurrence.} \\ & \cdot F(0) = 0 \\ & \cdot F(1) = 1 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} & \cdot F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2) \\ & \cdot F(0) = 0 \\ & \cdot F(1) = 1 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{initial conditions.}$$

FUNCTION Fibo(n)

IF $n \leq 1$ RETURN n

ELSE

RETURN Fibo(n-1) + Fibo(n-2)

basic operation +

Count number of basic operations

$$\begin{aligned} & \cdot A(n) = A(n-1) + 1 + A(n-2) \quad \leftarrow \text{recurrence} \\ & \cdot A(0) = 0 \\ & \cdot A(1) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} & \cdot A(n) = A(n-1) + 1 + A(n-2) \\ & \cdot A(0) = 0 \\ & \cdot A(1) = 0 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{initial conditions}$$

NOTE: instead of Backwards substitution:

I will introduce power tools, 

TOOLS: Results from mathematics

- DEF: Linear Second-Order recurrences with constant coefficients. recurrences of the form

$$a \cdot f(n) + b \cdot f(n-1) + c \cdot f(n-2) = g(n)$$

where a, b, c are real numbers, $a \neq 0$

second order: $f(n-2)$ is two steps removed from $f(n)$

two types $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{homogeneous: } g(n) = 0 \text{ for all } n \\ \text{inhomogeneous} \end{array} \right.$

- DEF: the characteristic equation of an homogeneous linear second-order recurrence with constant coefficients is: the quadratic:

$$a \cdot r^2 + b \cdot r + c = 0$$

E.G.

$$f(n) - 6 \cdot f(n-1) + 9 \cdot f(n-2) = 0$$

$$\Downarrow \\ r^2 - 6 \cdot r + 9 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 1 \\ b &= -6 \\ c &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

- THEOREM: Let r_1, r_2 be the roots of a characteristic equation:

Case 1: r_1, r_2 are real and distinct, then the solution to the recurrence is

$$f(n) = \alpha \cdot r_1^n + \beta \cdot r_2^n$$

where α, β are real constants.

Case 2: r_1, r_2 are equal
 then the solution to the recurrence is

$$f(n) = \alpha \cdot r^n + \beta \cdot n \cdot r^n$$

where α, β are real constants.

Case 3: r_1, r_2 are distinct complex numbers.

$$r_{1,2} = u \pm i \cdot v$$

then the solution to the recurrence is

$$f(n) = \gamma^n \cdot [\alpha \cdot \cos(n\theta) + \beta \cdot \sin(n\theta)]$$

where $\gamma = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$, $\theta = \arctan(v/u)$, α, β are real constants.

End tools:

Back to Fibonacci:

- $F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$
- $F(0) = 0$
- $F(1) = 1$

$$F(n) - F(n-1) - F(n-2) = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Second order w/ constant coefficients.}$$

$$a = 1$$

$$b = -1$$

$$c = -1$$

So: the characteristic equation is:

$$r^2 - r - 1 = 0$$

with roots:

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(-1)}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$F(n) = \alpha \cdot \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + \beta \cdot \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \quad \leftarrow \text{from case 1 of above theorem}$$

$$F(0) = 0 = \alpha \cdot \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^0 + \beta \cdot \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^0 = \alpha + \beta = 0$$

$$\bullet \alpha = -\beta \quad \bullet \beta = -\alpha$$

$$\bullet F(1) = 1 = \alpha \cdot \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^1 + \beta \cdot \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^1 = 1$$

We can now solve for α, β

$$\alpha \cdot \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) - \alpha \cdot \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\alpha \cdot \left[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} - \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right] = 1$$

$$\alpha \cdot [\sqrt{5}] = 1$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

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$$\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} - \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1+\sqrt{5} - 1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \quad \beta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$F(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

$$F(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (\phi^n - \hat{\phi}^n) \quad \text{where } \phi = \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \approx 1.61803\dots$$

→ the golden ratio.

$$\hat{\phi} = -1/\phi \approx 0.61803\dots$$

Note:

this closed formula tells that fibonacci grows exponentially

$$F(n) \in \Theta(\phi^n)$$

Note:

$$F(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \phi^n \text{ rounded to the nearest integer.}$$

• BACK TO THE RECURSIVE ALGORITHM FOR FIBONACCI

count number of basic operations

- $A(n) = A(n-1) + 1 + A(n-2)$ ← recurrence
- $A(0) = 0$
- $A(1) = 0$

} initial conditions

$$A(n) - A(n-1) - A(n-2) = 1$$

$$\text{Let } B(n) = A(n) + 1$$

$$\cdot [A(n)+1] - [A(n-1)+1] - [A(n-2)+1] = 0$$

$$\cdot B(n) - B(n-1) - B(n-2) = 0.$$

the characteristic equation:

$$r^2 - r - 1 = 0$$

same as fibonacci

Note: $B(n) = F(n+1)$

so:

$$B(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (\phi^{n+1} - \hat{\phi}^{n+1})$$

$$A(n) = B(n) - 1$$

$$A(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (\phi^{n+1} - \hat{\phi}^{n+1}) - 1$$

Then

$$A(n) \in \Theta(\phi^n)$$

• ANOTHER VIEW:

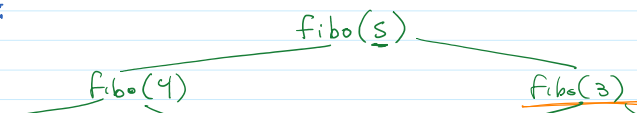
FUNCTION $Fibo(n)$

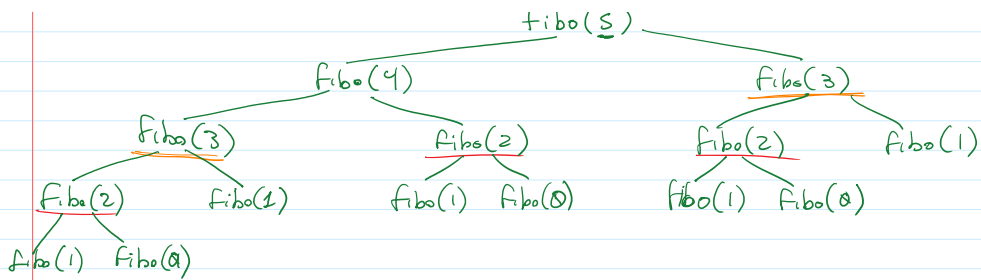
IF $n \leq 1$ RETURN n

ELSE

RETURN $Fibo(n-1) + Fibo(n-2)$

Call Tree:





[recursion is powerfull, but its succindness
may hide inefficiencies.]

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FUNCTION FibArray (F)
  F[0] ← 0
  F[1] ← 1
  FOR i ← 2 TO n DO
    ( F[i] ← F[i-1] + F[i-2] )
  RETURN F[n]
  
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$$A(n) = \sum_{i=2}^n 1 = n-2 \in \Theta(n)$$

EXTRA:

There is a $\Theta(\log n)$ way to compute fibonacci

based on:

$$\begin{bmatrix} F(n-1) & F(n) \\ F(n) & F(n+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n$$

and an efficient way to compute matrix powers.

— EOF —