

4.1 Fibonacci

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Famous sequence of numbers

0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34

Formula

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

Pseudocode

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FUNCTION fibo(n)
  IF n ≤ 1 return n
  ELSE return fibo(n-1) + fibo(n-2)
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Analysis.

basic operation

Count number of additions

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

Note: very difficult to solve using backwards substitution

need to introduce MORE tools:

• TOOLS: Linear Second-Order Recurrences

DEF: linear Second-Order Recurrences are 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 behind $f(n)$

two types
of linear
second order
recurrences

homogeneous if $g(n) = 0$ for all n
inhomogeneous.

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

E.g.

$$f(n) - 6f(n-1) + 9f(n-2) = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} a=1 \\ b=-6 \\ c=9 \end{matrix}$$

the characteristic equation is:

$$1 \cdot r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0$$

THEOREM = from the roots of the char. eq. we can solve the recurrence.

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 for the recurrence is:

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

where α, β are some real numbers.

Case 2: r_1, r_2 are equal

then the solution for the recurrence is

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

where α, β are some real numbers.

Case 3: r_1, r_2 are distinct complex numbers

then the solution for the recurrence is

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

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

where

$$\gamma = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} \quad \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{v}{u}\right) \quad \alpha, \beta \text{ some real numbers}$$

QUADRATIC: REVIEW:

$$\bullet \quad a \cdot r^2 + b \cdot r + c \quad \bullet \quad r = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Back to Fibonacci:

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} F(0) = 0 \\ F(1) = 1 \end{array} \right\} \text{initial conditions.}$$

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

$$a = 1$$

$$b = -1$$

$$c = -1$$

Linear
second order recurrence.
w/ constant coefficients
Homogeneous.

Characteristic equation

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

with roots:

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

Then:

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

Now let's find α β

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

$$\cdot \alpha = -\beta \quad \cdot \beta = -\alpha$$

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

substitute β

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note

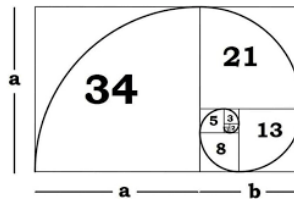
$$\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) = 1.61803... = \phi \quad \text{"the golden ratio"}$$

$$\text{Let } \hat{\phi} = -\frac{1}{\phi}$$

then:

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

$$F(n) \in O(\phi^n) \text{ exponential.}$$



Side Note.

you can compute $F(n) \cong \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \phi^n$ rounded to nearest integer.

Back to the recursive algorithm Fibo():

$$\bullet A(n) = A(n-1) + 1 + A(n-2) \leftarrow \text{recurrence}$$

$$\bullet A(0) = 0$$

$$\bullet A(1) = 0$$

} initial conditions.

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

- Linear, second order recurrence
- constant coefficients,
- inhomogeneous.

Trick: rewrite formula:

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

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

$$\bullet B(n) - B(n-1) - B(n-2) = 0 \quad \text{-homogeneous!!}$$

$$a=1$$

$$b=-1$$

$$c=-2$$

$$r^2 - r - 1 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{same as Fibonacci.}$$

- $B(0) = 1$
- $B(1) = 1$
- $B(2) = 2$
- $B(3) = 3$
- $B(4) = 5$
- $B(5) = 8$

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

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

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

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

then

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

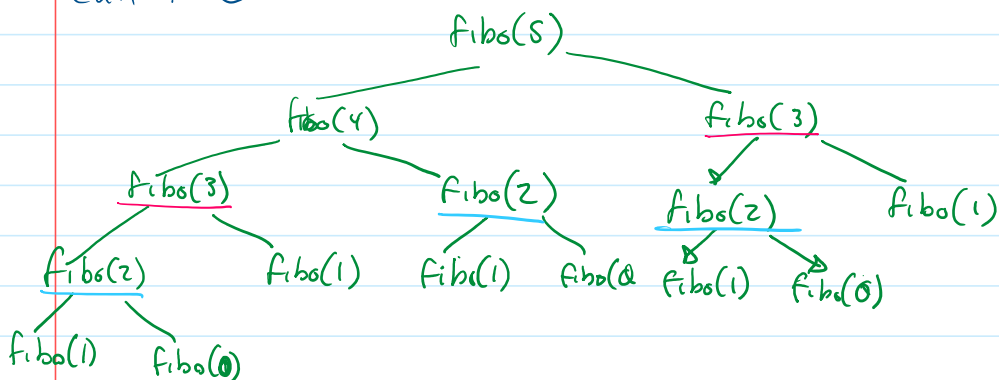
Another View: The call tree of fibo() :

Pseudocode

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  IF  $n \leq 1$  return n
  ELSE return fibo(n-1) + fibo(n-2)
  
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Call-tree



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Let's rewrite Fibo()

FUNCTION FibArray (F[0...n])

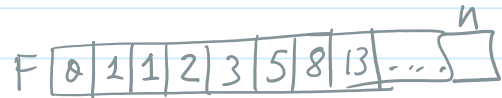
F[0] ← 0

F[1] ← 1

for i ← 2 to n do

F[i] ← F[i-1] + F[i-2]

return F



Analysis:

basic-operations

$$A(n) = \sum_{i=2}^n 1 = n-2 \in \Theta(n) \text{ linear.}$$

EXTRA:

There is an $\Theta(\log n)$ 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 powers of matrices.

— EOF —