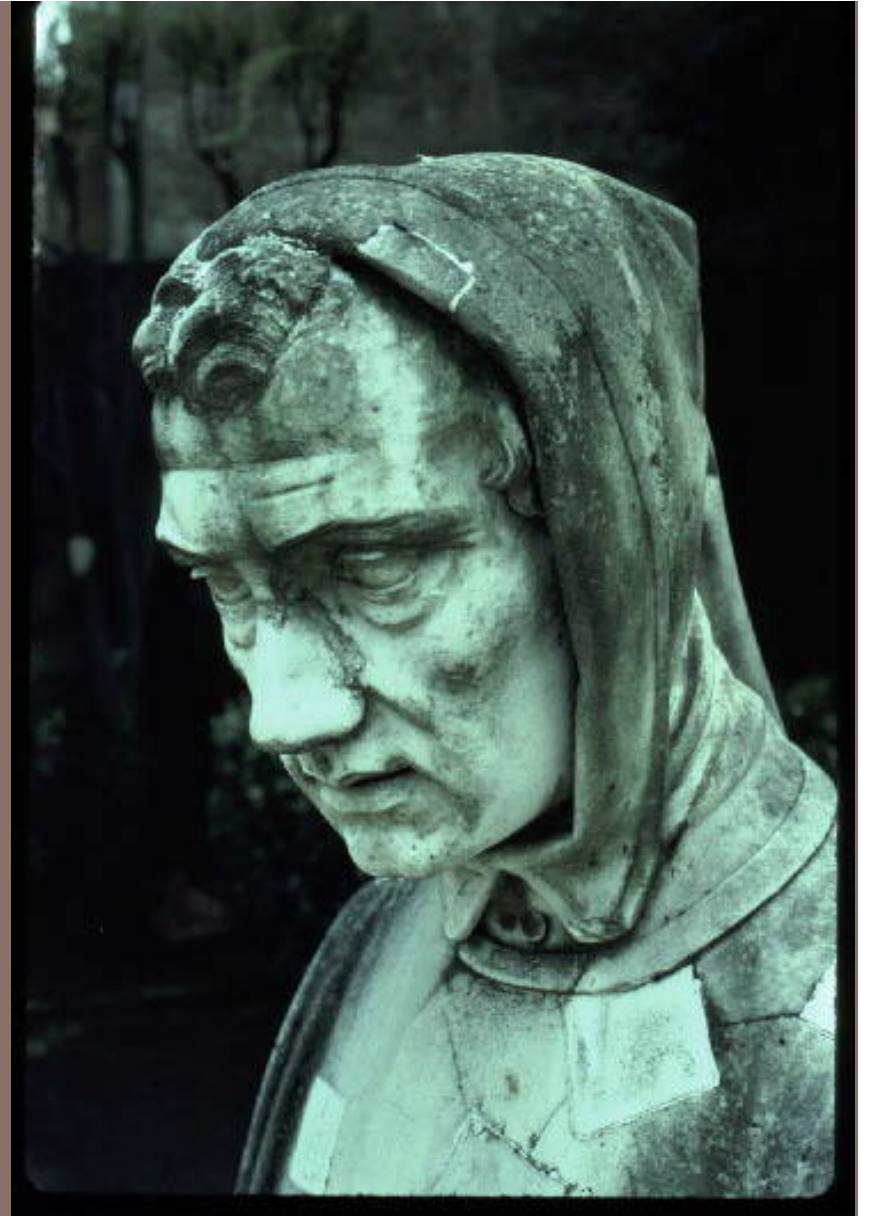


Fibonacci  
(Leonardo Pisano)  
1170-1240?  
Statue in Pisa Italy

FIBONACCI  
NUMBERS AND  
RECURRENCES



# Info about optional final on course website

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We post course grade as soon after 10 May as possible.

You answer quiz on CMS: Accept letter grade or take final?

Walk into final room? You must complete the final.

Take only 1 prelim? Must take final.

Final may lower (rarely) or raise course grade.

Conflict? Email Megan Gatch [mlg34@cornell.edu](mailto:mlg34@cornell.edu)

Quiet room / extra time. Email Megan Gatch

Review session 1: Java. TBA

Data structures, algorithms, concurrency. TBA

# Fibonacci function

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$$\text{fib}(0) = 0$$

$$\text{fib}(1) = 1$$

$$\text{fib}(n) = \text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2) \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...

In his book in 1202 titled *Liber Abaci*

*Has nothing to do with the famous pianist Liberaci*

But sequence described much earlier in India:

Virahaṅka 600–800

Gopala before 1135

Hemacandra about 1150

The so-called Fibonacci numbers in ancient and medieval India.

Parmanad Singh, 1985

# Fibonacci function (year 1202)

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$\text{fib}(n) = \text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2)$  for  $n \geq 2$

*/\*\* Return fib(n). Precondition:  $n \geq 0$ .\*/*

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    if ( n <= 1) return n;  
    return f(n-1) + f(n-2);  
}
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0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...

# LOUSY WAY TO COMPUTE: $O(2^n)$

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/** Return fib(n). Precondition:  $n \geq 0$ .*/
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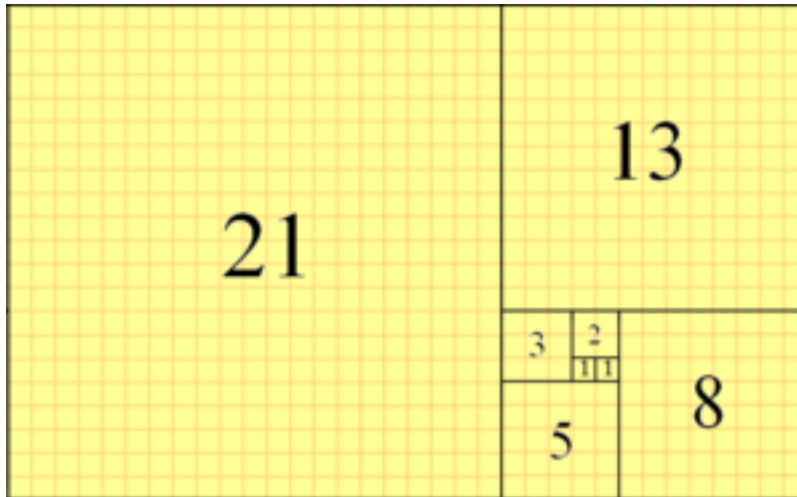
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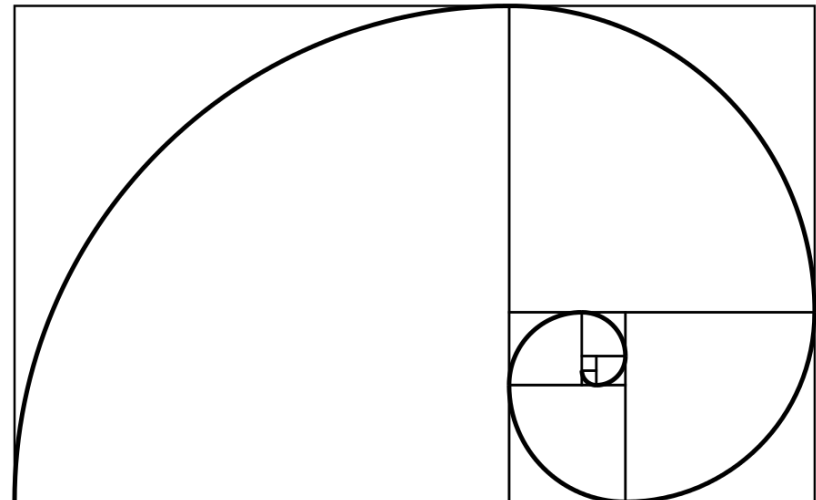
# Fibonacci function (year 1202)

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Fibonacci tiling



Fibonacci spiral

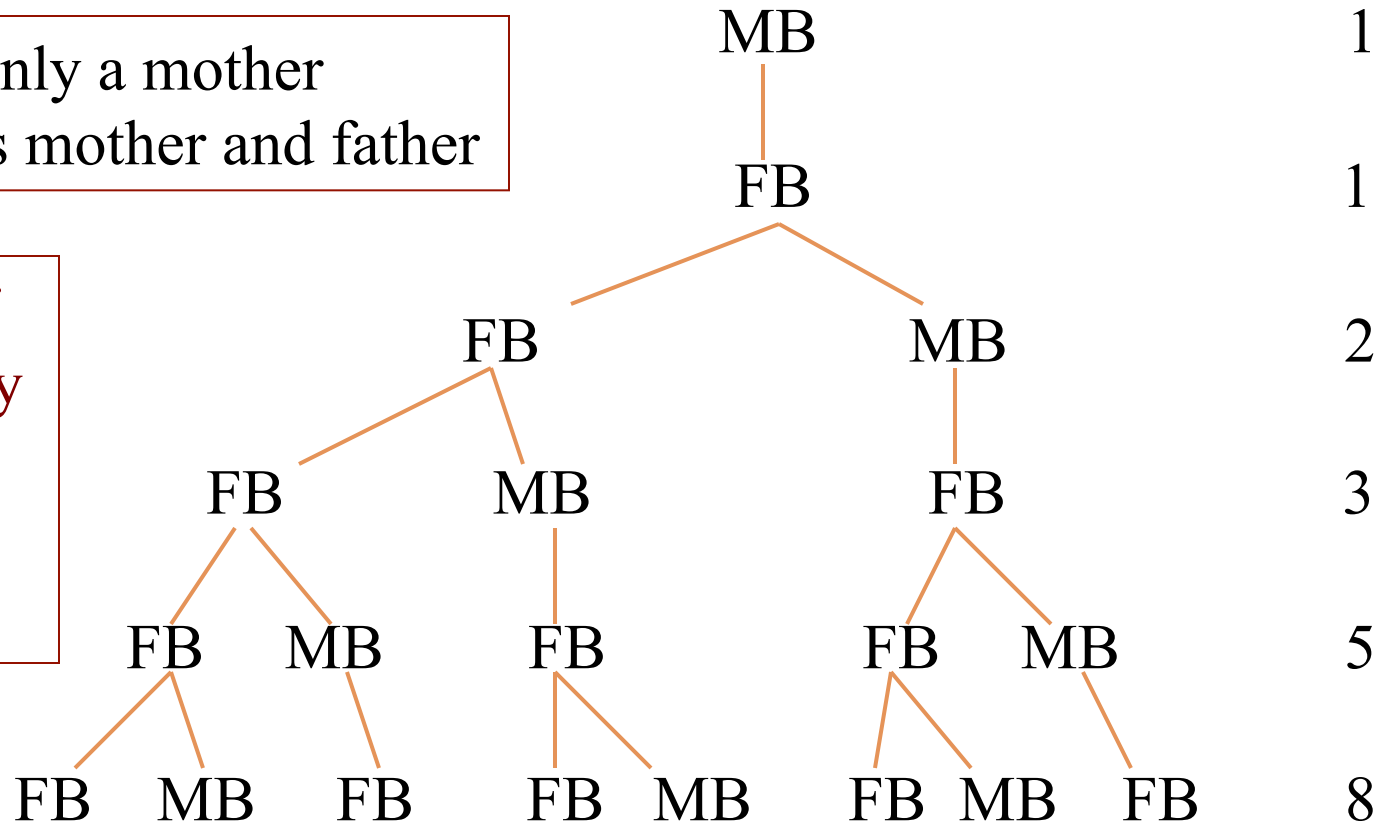
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# fibonacci and bees

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Male bee has only a mother  
Female bee has mother and father

The number of  
ancestors at any  
level is a  
Fibonacci  
number



MB: male bee, FB: female bee

# Fibonacci in nature

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The artichoke uses the Fibonacci pattern to spiral the sprouts of its flowers.



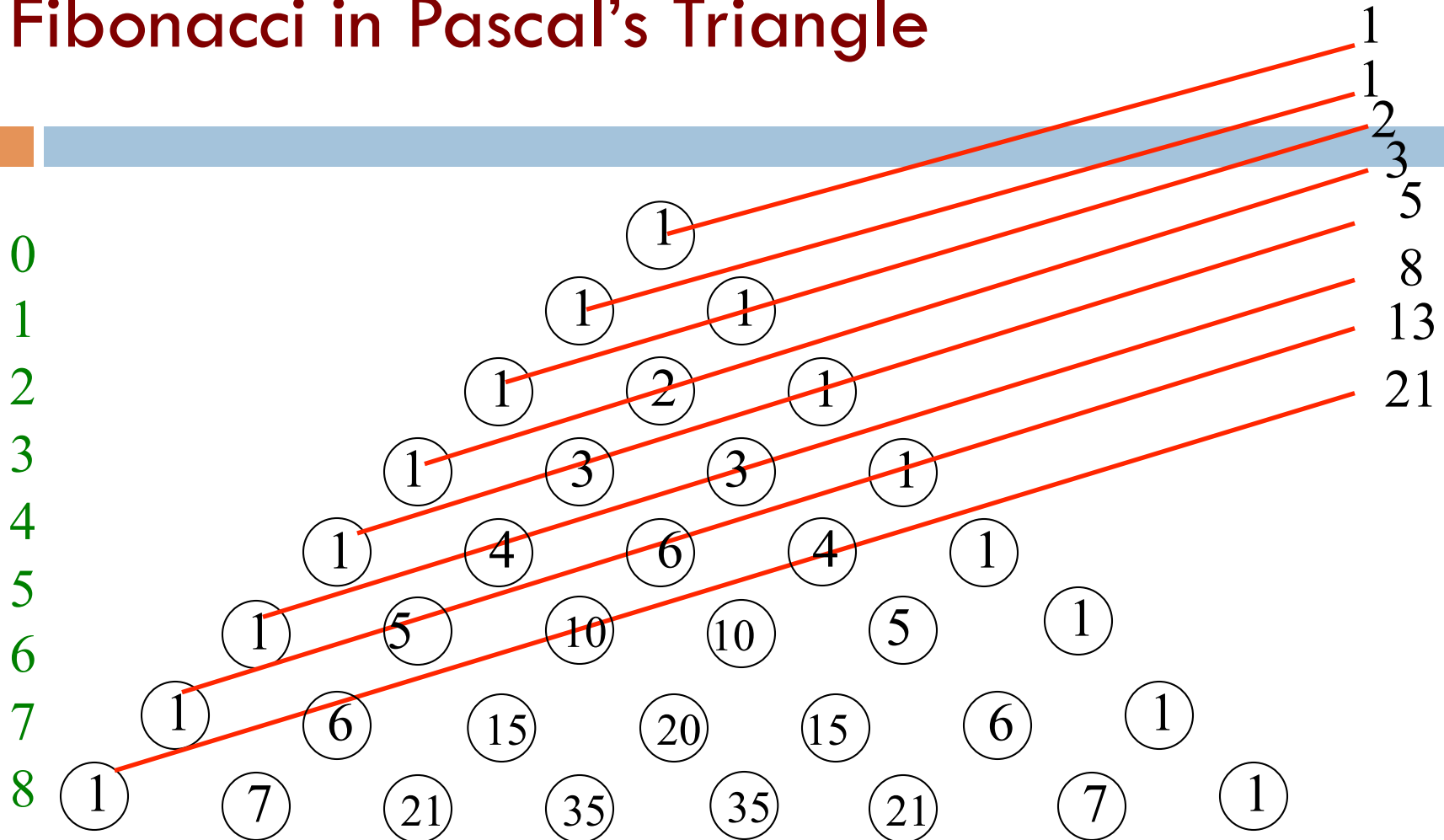
The artichoke sprouts its leaves at a constant amount of rotation: 222.5 degrees (in other words the distance between one leaf and the next is 222.5 degrees). You can measure this rotation by dividing 360 degrees (a full spin) by the inverse of the **golden ratio**. We see later how **the golden ratio is connected to fibonacci**.

[topones.weebly.com/1/post/2012/10/the-artichoke-and-fibonacci.html](http://topones.weebly.com/1/post/2012/10/the-artichoke-and-fibonacci.html)



# Fibonacci in Pascal's Triangle

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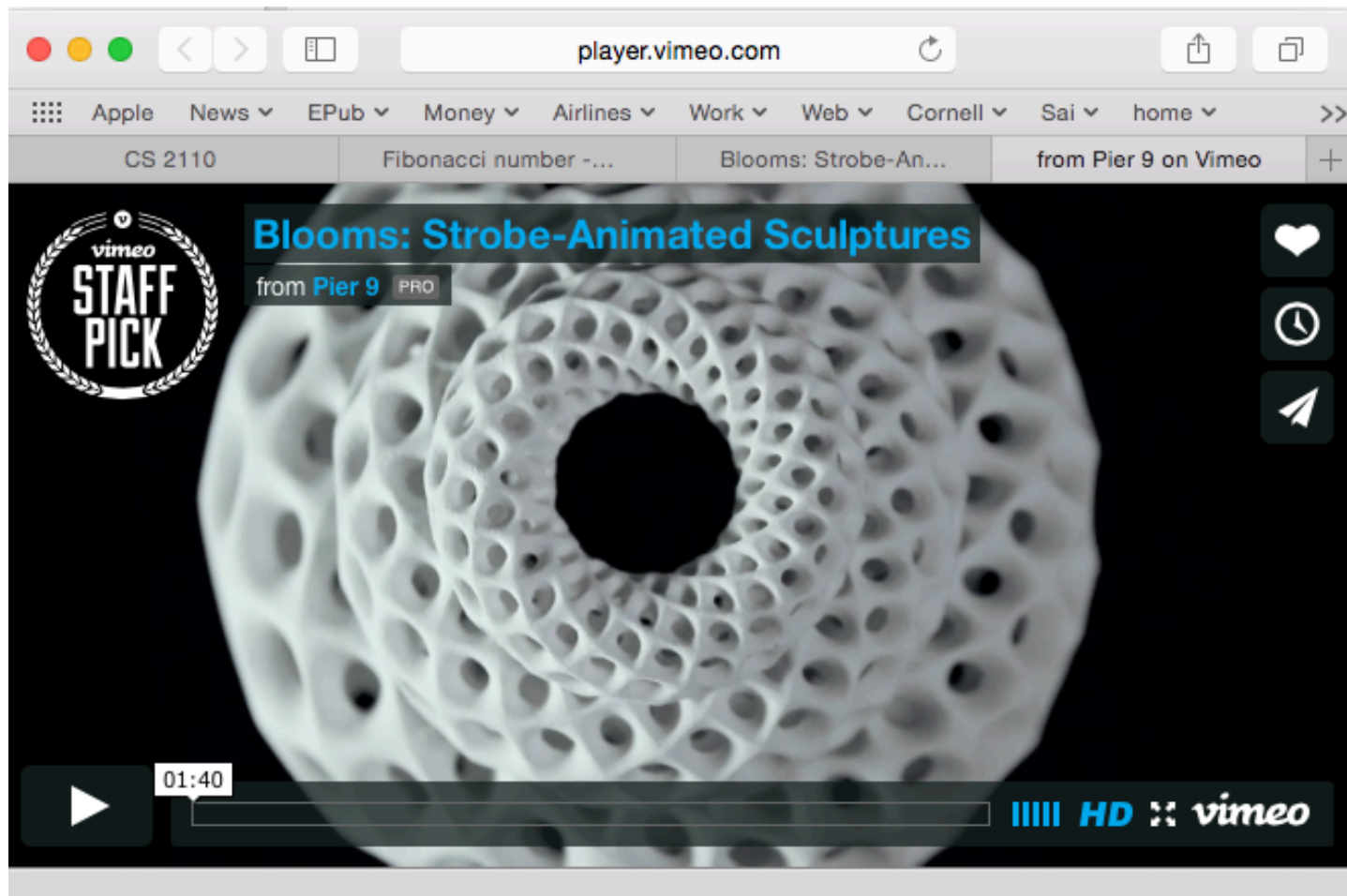


$p[i][j]$  is the number of ways  $i$  elements can be chosen from a set of size  $j$

# Blooms: strobe-animated sculptures

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[www.instructables.com/id/Blooming-Zoetrope-Sculptures/](http://www.instructables.com/id/Blooming-Zoetrope-Sculptures/)



# Uses of Fibonacci sequence in CS

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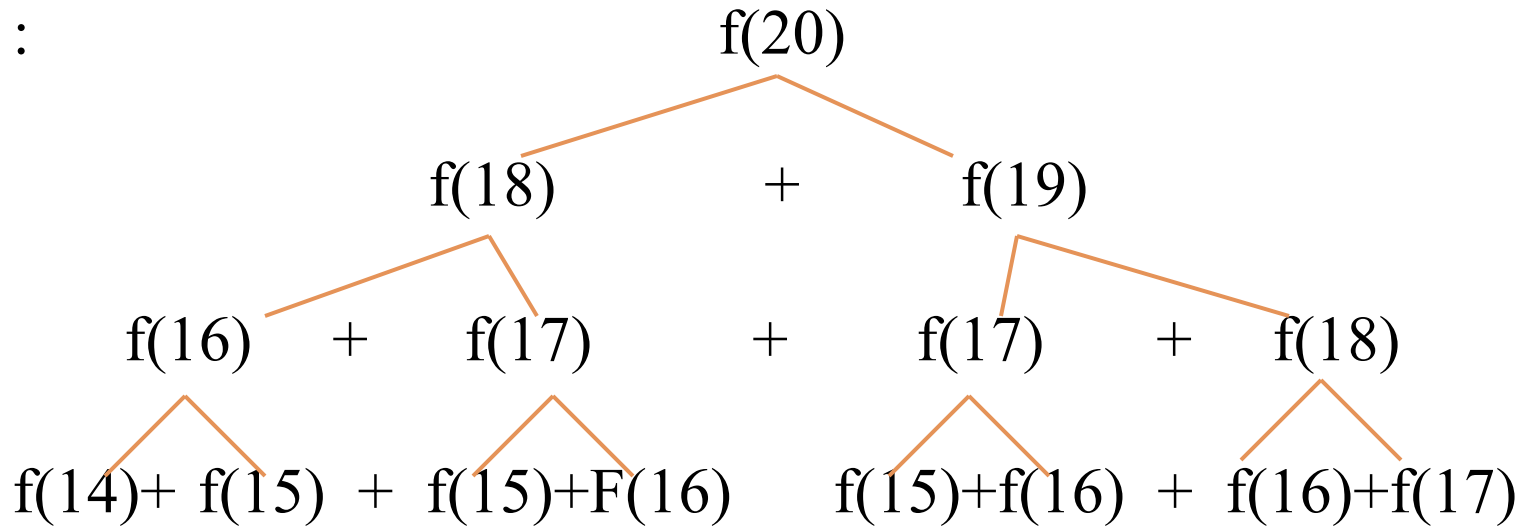
Fibonacci search

Fibonacci heap data structure

Fibonacci cubes: graphs used for interconnecting parallel and distributed systems

# Recursion for fib: $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$

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Calculates  $f(15)$  four times! What is complexity of  $f(n)$ ?

## Recursion for fib: $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$

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$T(0) = a$  “Recurrence relation” for the time

$T(1) = a$  It's just a recursive function

$T(n) = a + T(n-1) + T(n-2)$

We can prove that  $T(n)$  is  $O(2^n)$

It's a “proof by induction”.

Proof by induction is not covered in this course.

But we can give you an idea about why  $T(n)$  is  $O(2^n)$

$$T(n) \leq c \cdot 2^n \quad \text{for } n \geq N$$

## Recursion for fib: $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$

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$$T(0) = a$$

$$T(1) = a$$

$$T(n) = a + T(n-1) + T(n-2)$$

$$T(0) = a \leq a * 2^0$$

$$T(1) = a \leq a * 2^1$$

$$T(n) \leq c * 2^n \text{ for } n \geq N$$

$$\begin{aligned} & T(2) \\ = & \text{<Definition>} \\ & a + T(1) + T(0) \\ \leq & \text{<look to the left>} \\ & a + a * 2^1 + a * 2^0 \\ = & \text{<arithmetic>} \\ & a * (4) \\ = & \text{<arithmetic>} \\ & a * 2^2 \end{aligned}$$

## Recursion for fib: $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$

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$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2)$$

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$$T(2) = a \leq a * 2^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & T(3) \\ = & \text{ <Definition>} \\ & a + T(2) + T(1) \\ \leq & \text{ <look to the left>} \\ & a + a * 2^2 + a * 2^1 \\ = & \text{ <arithmetic>} \\ & a * (7) \\ \leq & \text{ <arithmetic>} \\ & a * 2^3 \end{aligned}$$

## Recursion for fib: $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$

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$$T(0) = a$$

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$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2)$$

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$$T(3) = a \leq a * 2^3$$

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## Recursion for fib: $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$

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$$T(0) = a$$

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$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2)$$

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$$T(4) = a \leq a * 2^4$$

$$T(n) \leq c * 2^n \text{ for } n \geq N$$

$$T(5)$$

$$= \text{<Definition>}$$

$$a + T(4) + T(3)$$

$$\leq \text{<look to the left>}$$

$$a + a * 2^4 + a * 2^3$$

$$= \text{<arithmetic>}$$

$$a * (25)$$

$$\leq \text{<arithmetic>}$$

$$a * 2^5$$

WE CAN GO ON FOREVER LIKE THIS

## Recursion for fib: $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$

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$$T(0) = a$$

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$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2)$$

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$$T(4) = a \leq a * 2^4$$

$$T(n) \leq c * 2^n \text{ for } n \geq N$$

$$T(k)$$

$$= \text{<Definition>}$$

$$a + T(k-1) + T(k-2)$$

$$\leq \text{<look to the left>}$$

$$a + a * 2^{k-1} + a * 2^{k-2}$$

$$= \text{<arithmetic>}$$

$$a * (1 + 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-2})$$

$$\leq \text{<arithmetic>}$$

$$a * 2^k$$

## Recursion for fib: $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$

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$$T(5) = a \leq a * 2^5$$

$$T(n) \leq c * 2^n \text{ for } n \geq N$$

Need a formal proof, somewhere.  
Uses mathematical induction

“Theorem”: all odd integers  $> 2$  are prime

3, 5, 7 are primes? yes

9? experimental error

11, 13? Yes.

That's enough checking

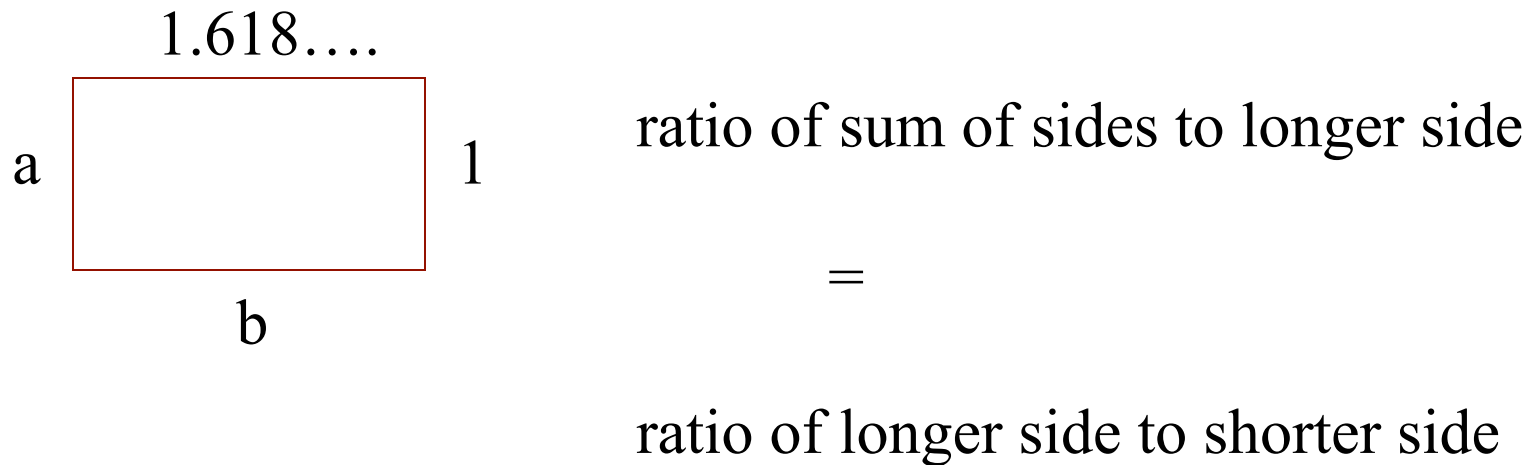
# The golden ratio

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$a > 0$  and  $b > a > 0$  are in the **golden ratio** if

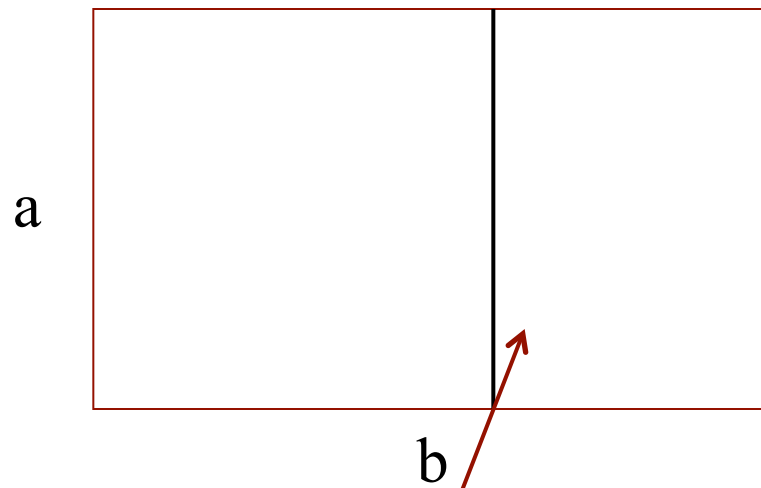
$$(a + b) / a = a/b \quad \text{call that value } \varphi$$

$$\varphi^2 = \varphi + 1 \quad \text{so } \varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5}) / 2 = 1.618 \dots$$

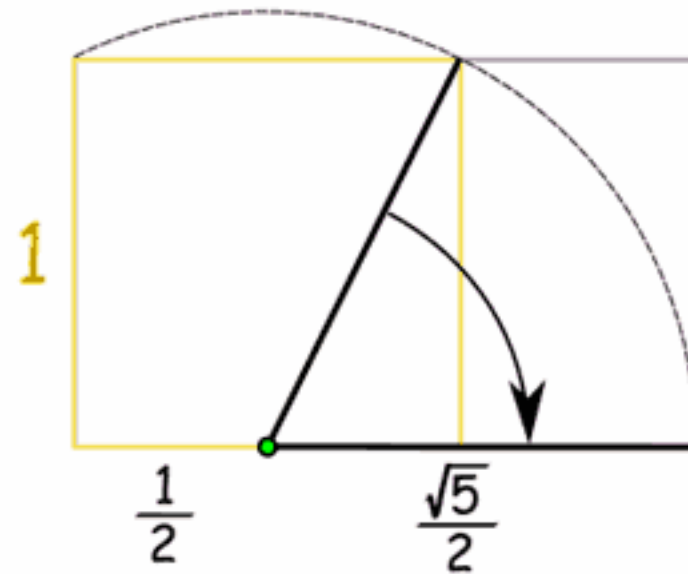


# The golden ratio

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golden rectangle



How to draw a golden rectangle

# The Parthenon

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## Can prove that Fibonacci recurrence is $O(\varphi^n)$

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We won't prove it.

Requires proof by induction

Relies on identity  $\varphi^2 = \varphi + 1$

## Linear algorithm to calculate fib(n)

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```
/** Return fib(n), for n >= 0. */  
public static int f(int n) {  
    if (n <= 1) return 1;  
    int p= 0;  int c= 1;  int i= 2;  
    // invariant: p = fib(i-2) and c = fib(i-1)  
    while (i < n) {  
        int fibi= c + p;  p= c;  c= fibi;  
        i= i+1;  
    }  
    return c + p;  
}
```



# Logarithmic algorithm!

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$$f_0 = 0$$

$$f_1 = 1$$

$$f_{n+2} = f_{n+1} + f_n$$

You know a logarithmic algorithm for exponentiation —recursive and iterative versions

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_n \\ f_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_{n+1} \\ f_{n+2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{so:} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_n \\ f_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Gries and Levin/ Computing a Fibonacci number in log time. IPL 2 (October 1980), 68-69.

# Constant-time algorithm!

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Define  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5}) / 2$        $\phi' = (1 - \sqrt{5}) / 2$

The golden ratio again.

Prove by induction on  $n$  that

$$f_n = (\phi^n - \phi'^n) / \sqrt{5}$$

We went from  $O(2^n)$  to  $O(1)$