

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

FIBONACCI NUMBERS  
GOLDEN RATIO,  
RECURRENCES



# Announcements

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A7: NO LATE DAYS. No need to put in time and comments. We have to grade quickly. No regrade requests for A7. Grade based only on your score on a bunch of sewer systems.

Please check submission guidelines carefully. Every mistake you make in submitting A7 slows down grading of A7 and consequent delay of publishing tentative course grades.

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Final is optional! As soon as we grade A7 and get it into the CMS, we determine tentative course grades.

You will complete “assignment” **Accept course grade?** on the CMS by Wednesday night.

**If you accept it, that IS your grade. It won't change.**

Don't accept it? Take final. Can lower and well as raise grade.

**More past finals are now on Exams page of course website. Not all answers yet.**

# Announcements

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Course evaluation: Completing it is part of your course assignment. Worth 1% of grade.

**Must be completed by Saturday night. 1 DEC**

We then get a file that says who completed the evaluation.

We do not see your evaluations until after we submit grades to to the Cornell system.

We never see names associated with evaluations.

# 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 1200  
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  
pdf on course website

# Fibonacci function (year 1202)

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

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

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

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

```
public static int f(int n) {  
    if ( n <= 1) return n;  
    return f(n-1) + f(n-2);  
}
```

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55

We'll see that this is a  
**lousy way** to compute  
 $f(n)$

Golden ratio  $\Phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2 = 1.61803398\dots$

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Divide a line into two parts:

Call long part **a** and short part **b**



$$(a + b) / a = a / b$$

Solution is the  
**golden ratio,  $\Phi$**

See webpage:

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/golden-ratio.html>

$$\Phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2 = 1.61803398\dots$$

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0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55

$\text{fib}(n) / \text{fib}(n-1)$  is close to  $\Phi$ .

So  $\Phi * \text{fib}(n-1)$  is close to  $\text{fib}(n)$

Use formula to calculate  $\text{fib}(n)$  from  $\text{fib}(n-1)$

In fact,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{fib}(n)/\text{fib}(n-1) = \Phi$$

a/b

$$8/5 = 1.6$$

$$13/8 = 1.625\dots$$

$$21/13 = 1.615\dots$$

$$34/21 = 1.619\dots$$

$$55/34 = 1.617\dots$$

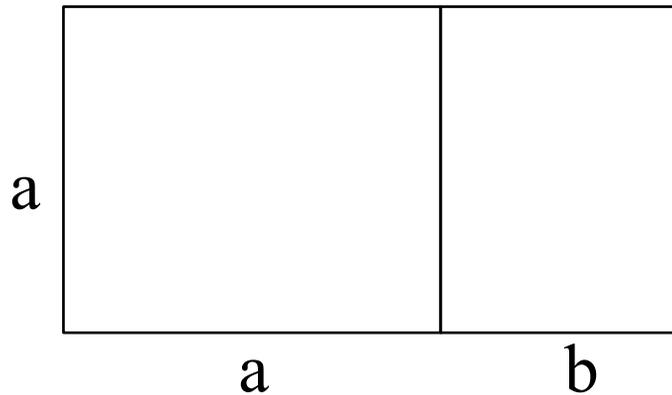
Golden ratio and Fibonacci numbers: inextricably linked

Golden ratio  $\Phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2 = 1.61803398\dots$

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Find the golden ratio when we divide a line into two parts a and b such that

$$(a + b) / a = a / b = \Phi$$



Golden  
rectangle

a/b

$$8/5 = 1.6$$

$$13/8 = 1.625\dots$$

$$21/13 = 1.615\dots$$

$$34/21 = 1.619\dots$$

$$55/34 = 1.617\dots$$

For successive Fibonacci numbers a, b, a/b is close to  $\Phi$  but not quite it  $\Phi$ . 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, ...

# Fibonacci, golden ratio, golden angle

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0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n)/f(n-1) = \text{golden ratio} = 1.6180339887\dots$$

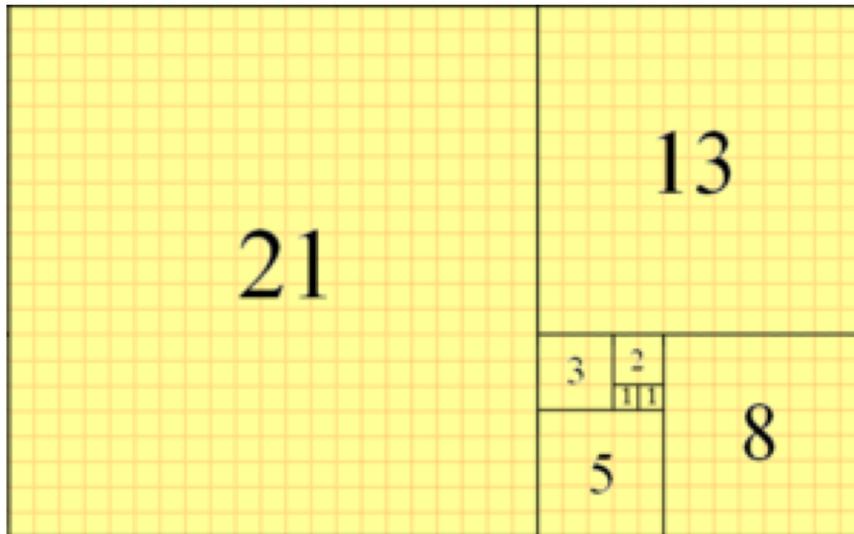
$$360/1.6180339887\dots = 222.492235\dots$$

$$360 - 222.492235\dots = 137.5077 \text{ golden angle}$$

# Fibonacci function (year 1202)

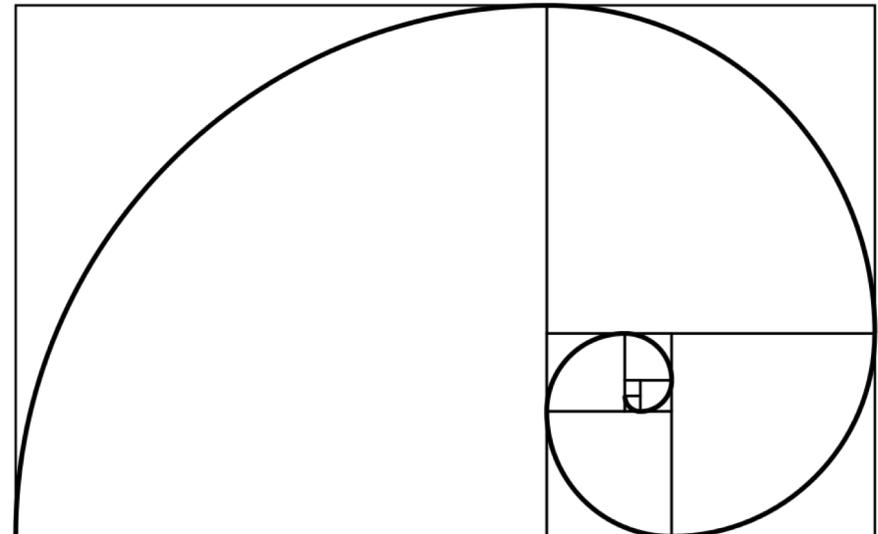
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Golden rectangle

Fibonacci tiling



Fibonacci spiral

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34 ...

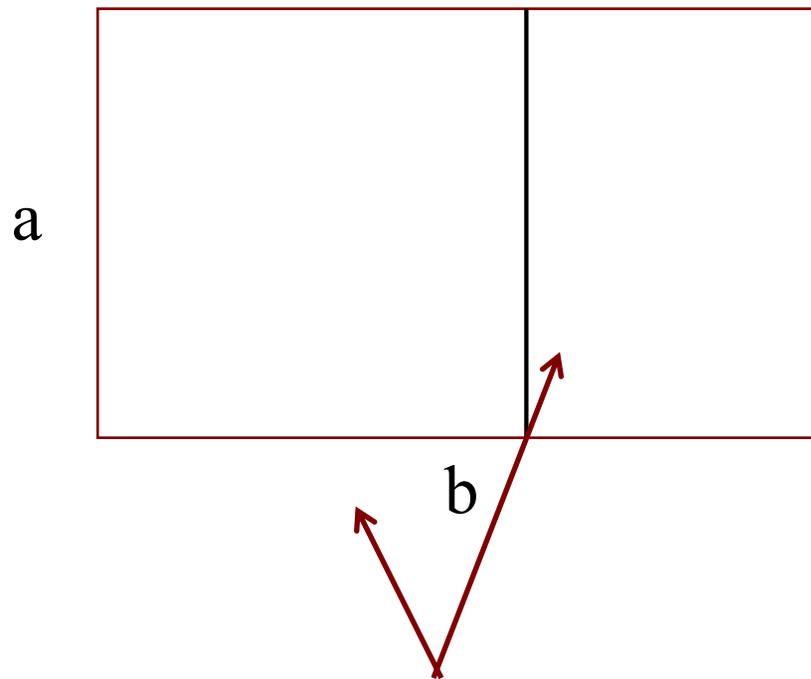
# The Parthenon

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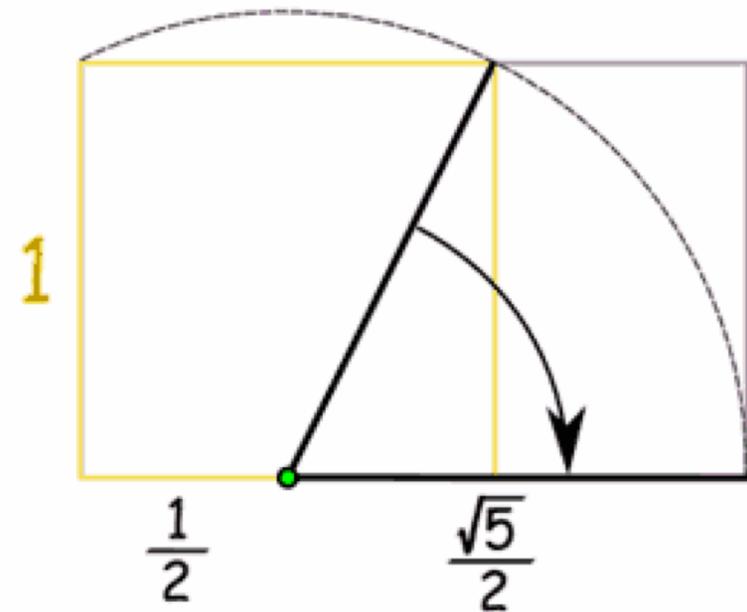


# Drawing a golden rectangle with ruler and compass

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golden rectangle



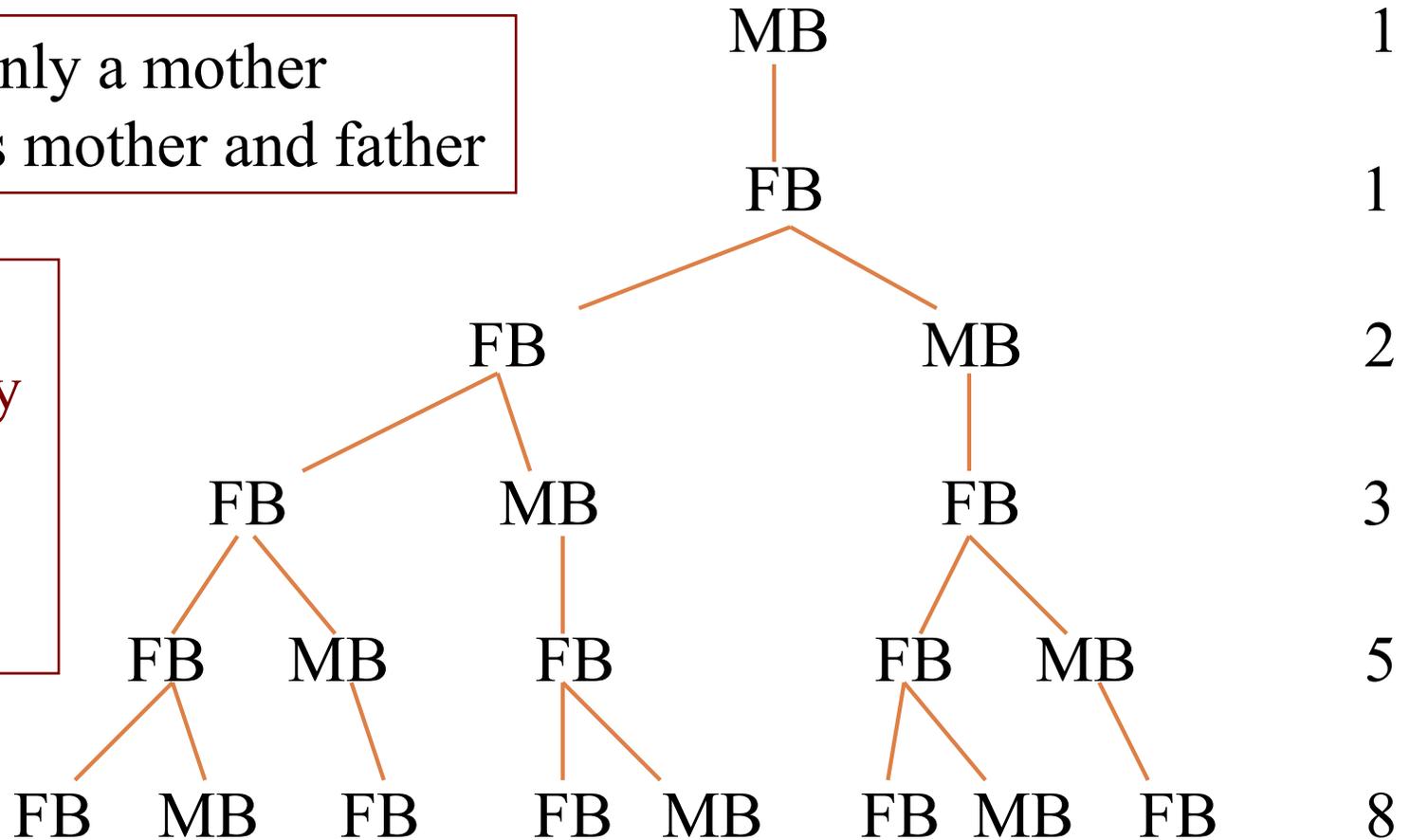
How to draw a golden rectangle

$$\text{hypotenuse: } \sqrt{(1*1 + (\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{2}))} = \sqrt{(5/4)}$$

# fibonacci and bees

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

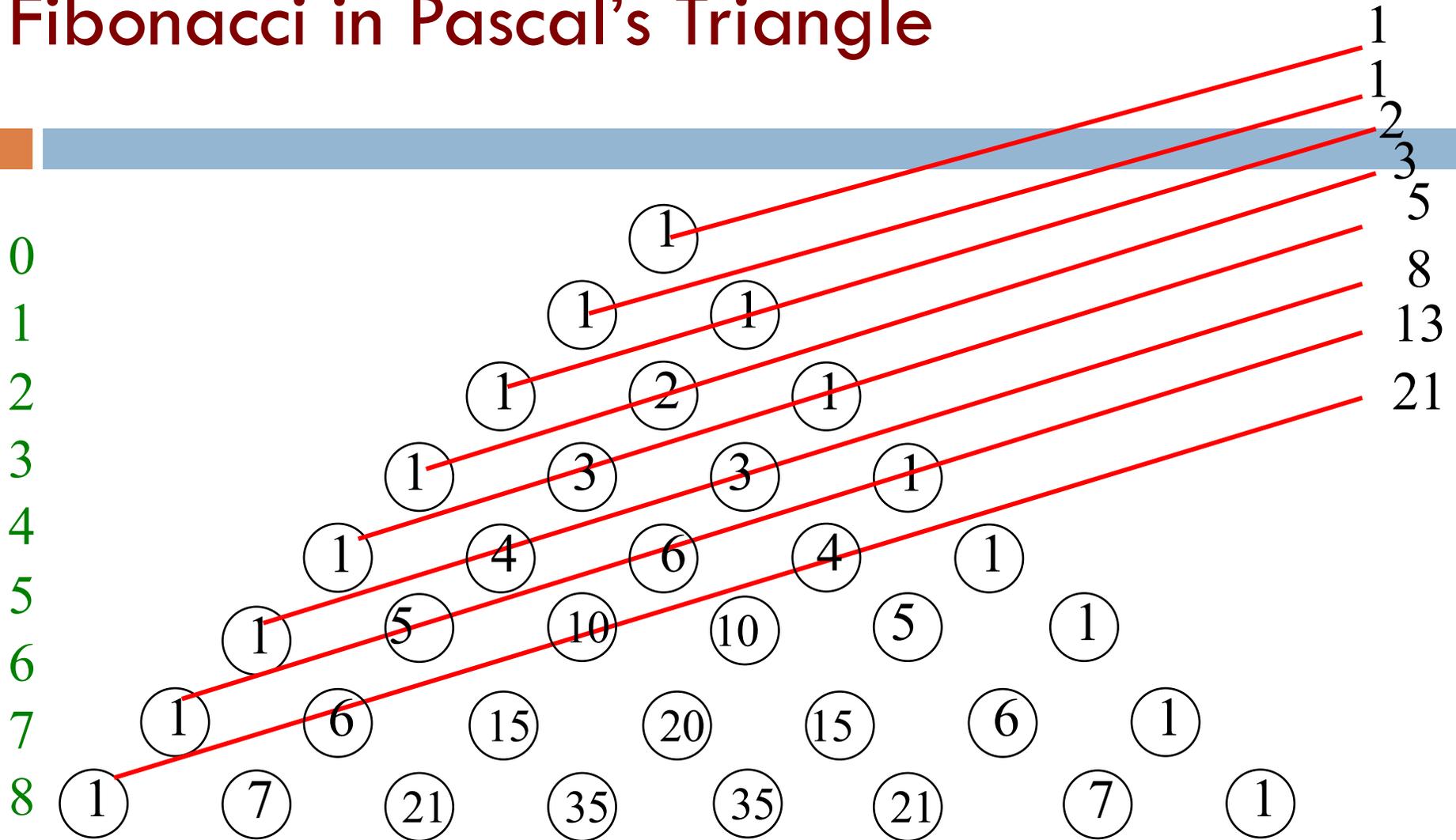
The number of  
ancestors at any  
level is a  
Fibonacci  
number



MB: male bee, FB: female bee

# Fibonacci in 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  $j$

# Suppose you are a plant

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You want to grow your leaves so that they all get a good amount of sunlight. You decide to grow them at successive angles of 180 degrees



Pretty stupid plant!

The two bottom leaves get VERY little sunlight!

# Suppose you are a plant

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You want to grow your leaves so that they all get a good amount of sunlight. 90 degrees, maybe?

**Where does the  
fifth leaf go?**



# Fibonacci in nature

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$$360/(\text{golden ratio}) = 222.492$$



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).

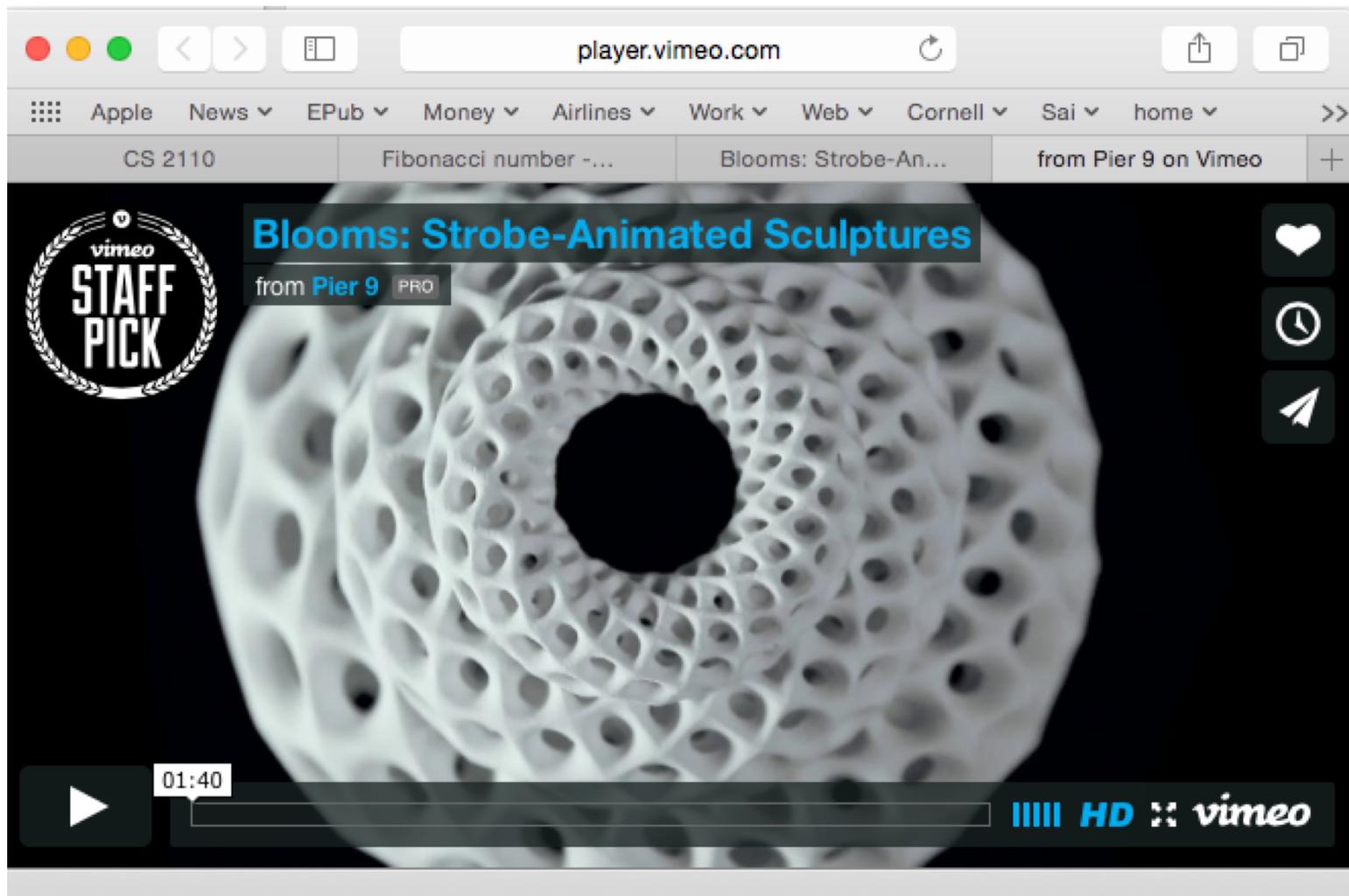
Recall: golden angle

[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)

# 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

# Fibonacci search of sorted $b[0..n-1]$

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binary search:  
cut in half at each step

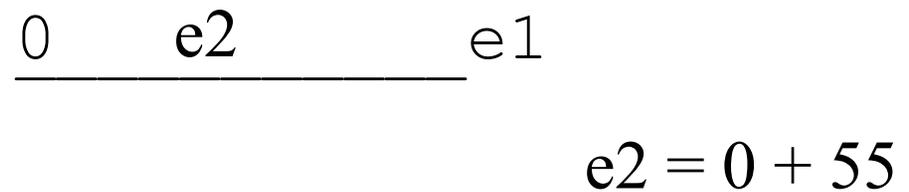
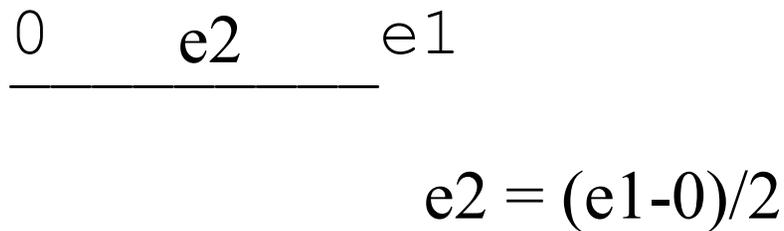
Fibonacci search: ( $n = 144$ )  
cut by Fibonacci numbers



$$e1 = (n-0)/2$$



$$e1 = 0 + 89$$



2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 144

# Fibonacci search history

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David Ferguson. Fibonaccian searching. Communications of the ACM, 3(12) 1960: 648

Wiki: Fibonacci search divides the array into two parts that have sizes that are consecutive Fibonacci numbers. On average, this leads to about 4% more comparisons to be executed, but only one addition and subtraction is needed to calculate the indices of the accessed array elements, while classical binary search needs bit-shift, division or multiplication.

If the data is stored on a magnetic tape where seek time depends on the current head position, a tradeoff between longer seek time and more comparisons may lead to a search algorithm that is skewed similarly to Fibonacci search.

# Fibonacci search

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David Ferguson.

Fibonacci searching.

This flowchart is how Ferguson describes the algorithm in this 1-page paper. There is some English verbiage but no code.

Only high-level language available at the time: Fortran.

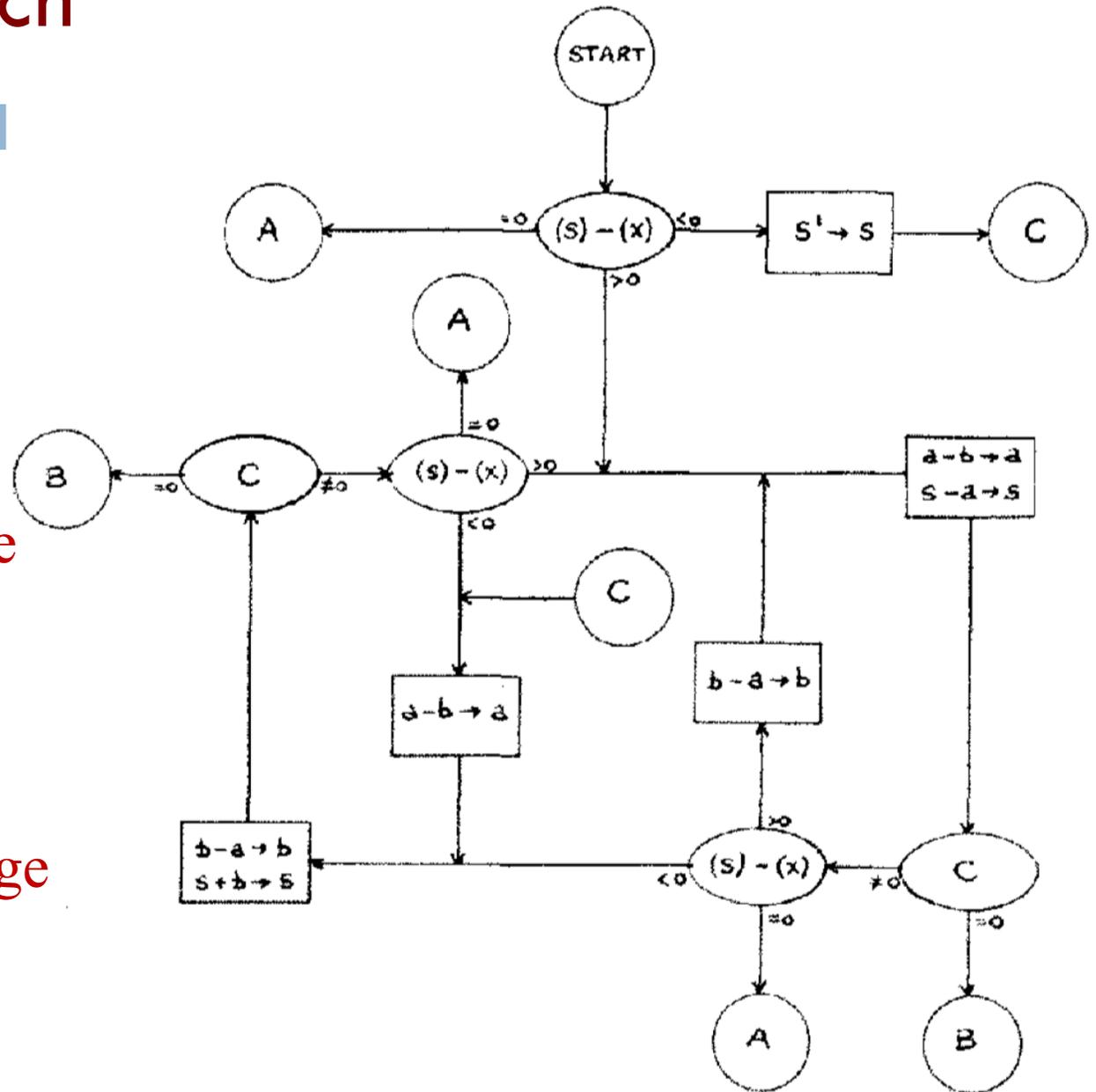


FIG. 1

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

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

```
public static int f(int n) {  
    if ( n <= 1) return n;  
    return f(n-1) + f(n-2);  
}
```

Calculates  $f(15)$  8 times!  
What is complexity of  $f(n)$ ?

```
                20  
            19          18  
        18      17      17      16  
    17  16  16  15      16  15  15  14
```

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

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$$T(0) = a$$

$T(n)$ : Time to calculate  $f(n)$

$$T(1) = a$$

Just a recursive function

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

“recurrence relation”

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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$$T(0) = a$$

$$T(1) = a$$

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

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

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

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

$$T(2)$$

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

$$a + T(1) + T(0)$$

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

$$a + a * 2^1 + a * 2^0$$

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

$$a * (4)$$

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

$$a * 2^2$$

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

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$$T(0) = a$$

$$T(1) = a$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$T(3)$$

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

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

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

$$a + a * 2^2 + a * 2^1$$

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

$$a * (7)$$

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

$$a * 2^3$$

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

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$$T(0) = a$$

$$T(1) = a$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$T(4)$$

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

$$a + T(3) + T(2)$$

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

$$= a + a * 2^3 + a * 2^2$$

<arithmetic>

$$a * (13)$$

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

$$a * 2^4$$

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

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$$T(0) = a$$

$$T(1) = a$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$T(5)$$

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

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

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

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

<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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$$T(0) = a$$

$$T(1) = a$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$T(k)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$a * 2^k$$

# Caching

As values of  $f(n)$  are calculated, save them in an ArrayList.  
Call it a **cache**.

When asked to calculate  $f(n)$  see if it is in the cache.  
If yes, just return the cached value.  
If no, calculate  $f(n)$ , add it to the cache, and return it.

Must be done in such a way that if  $f(n)$  is about to be cached,  $f(0)$ ,  $f(1)$ , ...  $f(n-1)$  are already cached.

# Caching

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```
/** For  $0 \leq n < \text{cache.size}$ , fib(n) is cache[n]  
 * If fibCached(k) has been called, its result is in cache[k] */  
public static ArrayList<Integer> cache= new ArrayList<>();
```

```
/** Return fibonacci(n). Pre:  $n \geq 0$ . Use the cache. */  
public static int fibCached(int n) {  
    if (n < cache.size()) return cache.get(n);  
    if (n == 0) { cache.add(0); return 0; }  
    if (n == 1) { cache.add(1); return 1; }  
  
    int ans= fibCached(n-2) + fibCached(n-1);  
    cache.add(ans);  
    return ans;  
}
```

# 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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$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= 0 \\ f_1 &= 1 \\ f_{n+2} &= f_{n+1} + f_n \end{aligned} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_n \\ f_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_{n+1} \\ f_{n+2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^k \begin{pmatrix} f_n \\ f_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_{n+k} \\ f_{n+k+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Logarithmic algorithm!

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

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

# Another log 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

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