

Fibonacci Series Time Complexity with Backward Substitution Method

*In fibonacci series : $T(n) = T(n - 1) + T(n - 2)$, where 'n' is greater than 1 ,
when 'n' = 0 , $T(n) = 1$ and $T(n) = 1$, when 'n' = 1, these are base cases for
fibonacci series.*

To start with: –

$T(n) = T(n - 1) + T(n - 2) + 1$, here 1 is constant for the base case.

Assuming, $T(n - 1) \approx T(n - 2)$, we get :

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

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

By Backward Substitution:

*Substitution the values of $T(n - 1)$ in the recurrence equation, one gets
the following equations:*

$$= 2 \times [2 \times T(n - 1 - 1) + 1] + 1$$

$$= 4T(n - 2) + 3$$

*Substitution the values of $T(n - 2)$ in the recurrence equation, one gets
the following equations:*

$$= 2[4T(n-2-1) + 3] + 1$$

$$= 8T(n-3) + 7$$

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$$= 2[8T(n-3-1) + 7] + 1$$

$$= 16T(n-4) + 15$$

Hence by repeating the process, one can observe that at the i th iteration, this equation would be as follows:

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

If $i = n-1$, we will have:

$$T(i) = 2^{n-1} T(n-(n-1)) + 2^{n-1} - 1$$

$$= 2^{n-1} T(n-n+1) + 2^{n-1} - 1$$

$$= 2^{n-1} T(1) + 2^{n-1} - 1$$

$$= 2^{n-1} \times 1 + 2^{n-1} - 1 \text{ [We know, } T(1) = 1 \text{]}$$

$$= 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} - 1$$

$$= 2 \times (2^{n-1}) - 1 \quad [\text{As, } 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} = 2 \times (2^{n-1})]$$

$$= 2^{n-1+1} - 1$$

$$= 2^n - 1$$

$$= O(2^n - 1)$$

$$= O(2^n)$$

Therefore, $O(2^n)$ is the answer.
