

Question 1: Fib

The most famous recurrence relation is the one that specifies the Fibonacci sequence. The sequence is defined by the recurrence relation $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$. Where $F_0 = 0$ and $F_1 = 1$ are the base cases.

- a) Find the third term F_3
- b) Find the fourth term F_4
- c) Find the fifth term F_5 (use your previous answers to help you)
- d) Look at the code below. What do you think each line means? It looks surprisingly similar to the recurrence relation and the base cases above.

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1  fib(0) = 0
2  fib(1) = 1
3  fib(n) = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
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Question 2: New Pants

You have a new shirt but really need some cool pants to go along with it. The pants cost \$50, and you already have \$20 saved up. Lets see if you can eventually afford the pants by writing a recurrence relation to help.

- a) Starting off simple. What is the base case here? What will P_0 be? Think about where we need to start from.
- b) Every month we get paid \$10 first. Add this to the recurrence relation P_n
- c) Immediately after we get paid every month we earn 12% in interest. Add this to the recurrence relation P_n
- d) We then get charged \$5 for the phone bill. Add this to the recurrence relation P_n
- e) Find the second term of this recurrence relation P_2

- f) Look at the code below. Does it look similar to your recurrence relation?

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1 new_pants(0) = 20
2 new_pants(n) = 1.12 * (new_pants(n-1) + 10) - 5
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Question 3: Match the pattern

I have a sequence of numbers called a B sequence - 2, 3, 6, 18, 108, 1944...

- a) The sequence has two base cases B_0 and B_1 . What are these?
- b) Using the last two terms can you find the next in the sequence. eg. use B_0 and B_1 to find B_2 .
- c) What is the general rule B_n ?
- d) What is the value of B_6 ?
- e) Look at the code below. Does it look similar to your recurrence relation?

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1 b_sequence(0) = 2
2 b_sequence(1) = 3
3 b_sequence(n) = b_sequence(n-1) * b_sequence(n-2)
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