

The Fibonacci numbers are a series of numbers where the next number is found by adding up the two numbers before it and can be generally written as $x_n = x_{n-1} + x_{n-2}$

The Fibonacci numbers can be calculated by recursion method. This method or algorithm invokes itself one or more times with different arguments. This is a bad idea for a couple of reasons, one of which is that it repeats the same calculations many time. For instance,

$$F(5) = F(4) + F(3) = F(3) + F(2) + F(3) = F(2) + F(1) + F(2) + F(3) = F(2) + F(1) + F(2) + F(2) + F(1)$$

This shows that the recursion method is time consuming, expensive and uses a lot of computational resources which in turn makes the process very inefficient.