Data Structures in Python
Chapter 4

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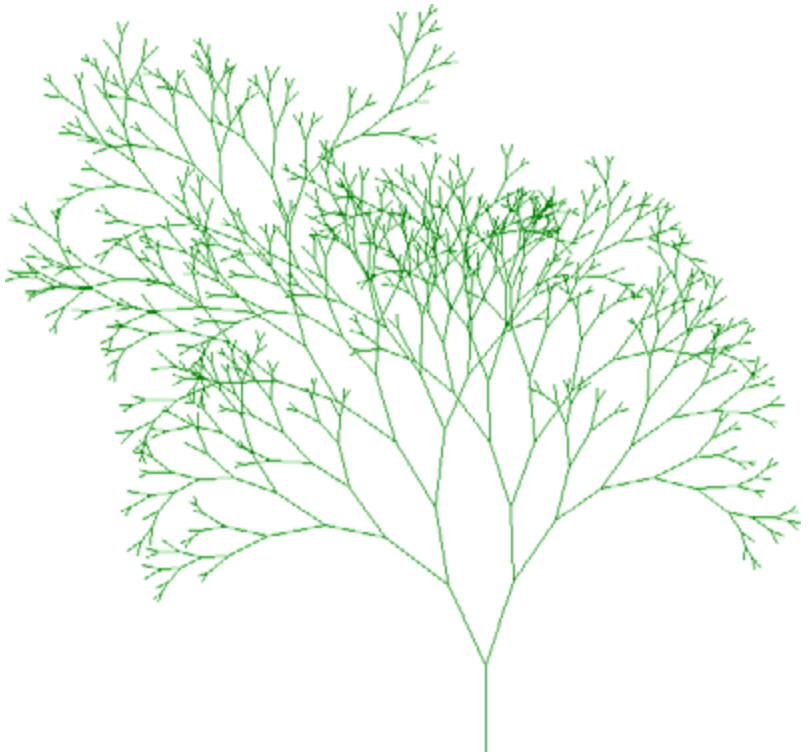
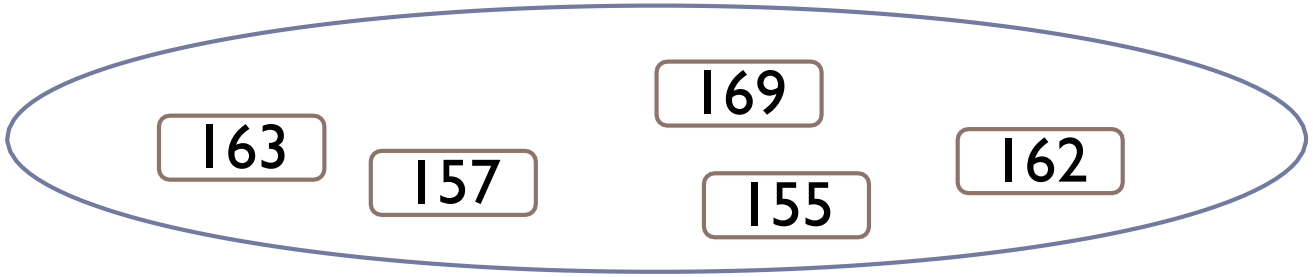


Recursion and Stack

- Example: Find the tallest person in a group of N > 0 students



Who is the tallest?

```
def find_tallest(Group_of_students)
    tallest = Take any student from group;
    Repeat until nobody left
        Take next student from group
        If student is taller than tallest then
            tallest = student
    Return tallest
```

Iterative solution

Recursion and Stack

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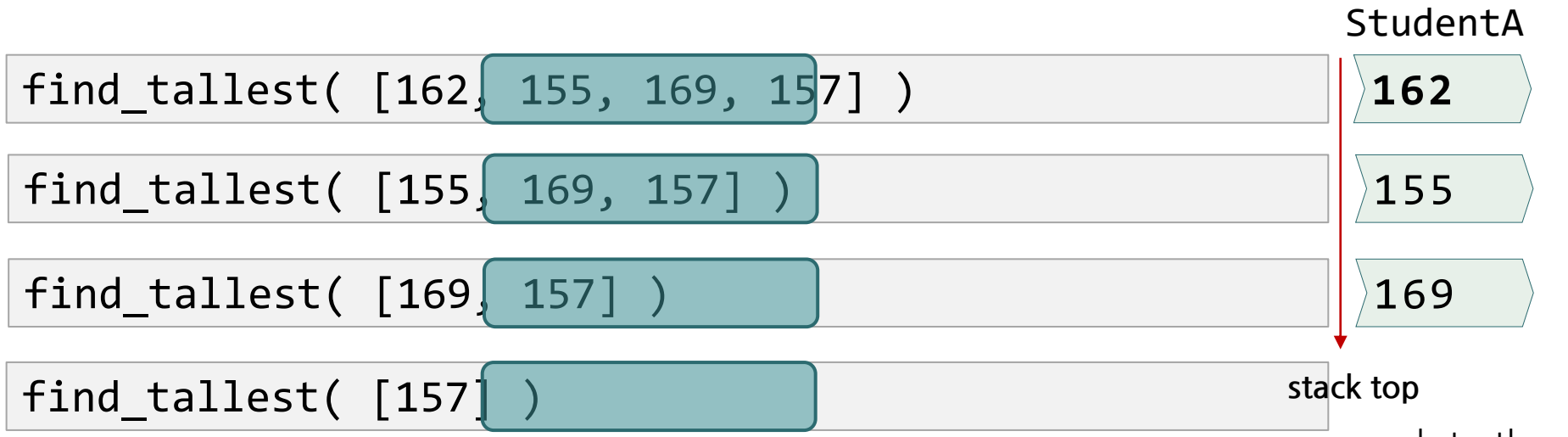


```
def find_tallest(Group of students)
    If only one student in group
        return this student
    else
        StudentA = Take one student from group
        StudentB = find_tallest(Remaining Group)
    return the taller person of StudentA and StudentB
```

162 push to stack

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Recursion and Stack

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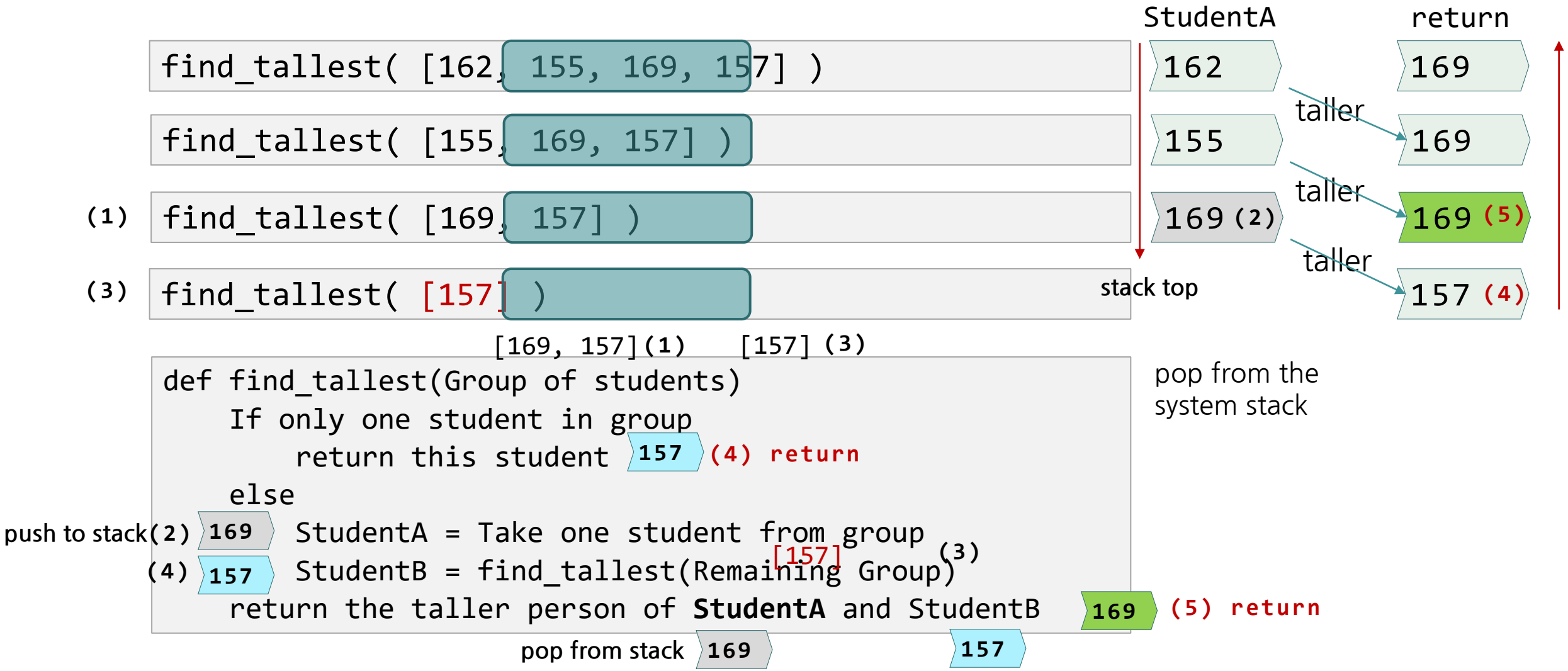
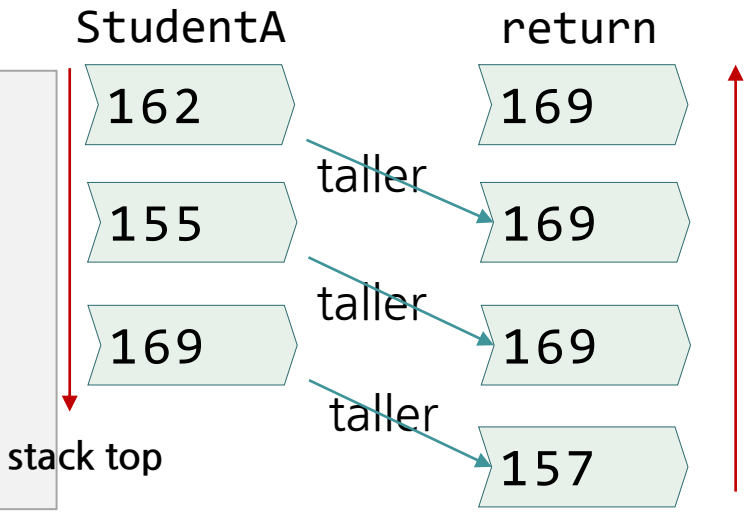


Recursion and Stack

- Example: Find the tallest person in a group of N > 0 students

```
def find_tallest(students):
    if len(students) == 1:
        return students[0]

    a = students[0]
    b = find_tallest(students[1:])
    return a if a > b else b
```

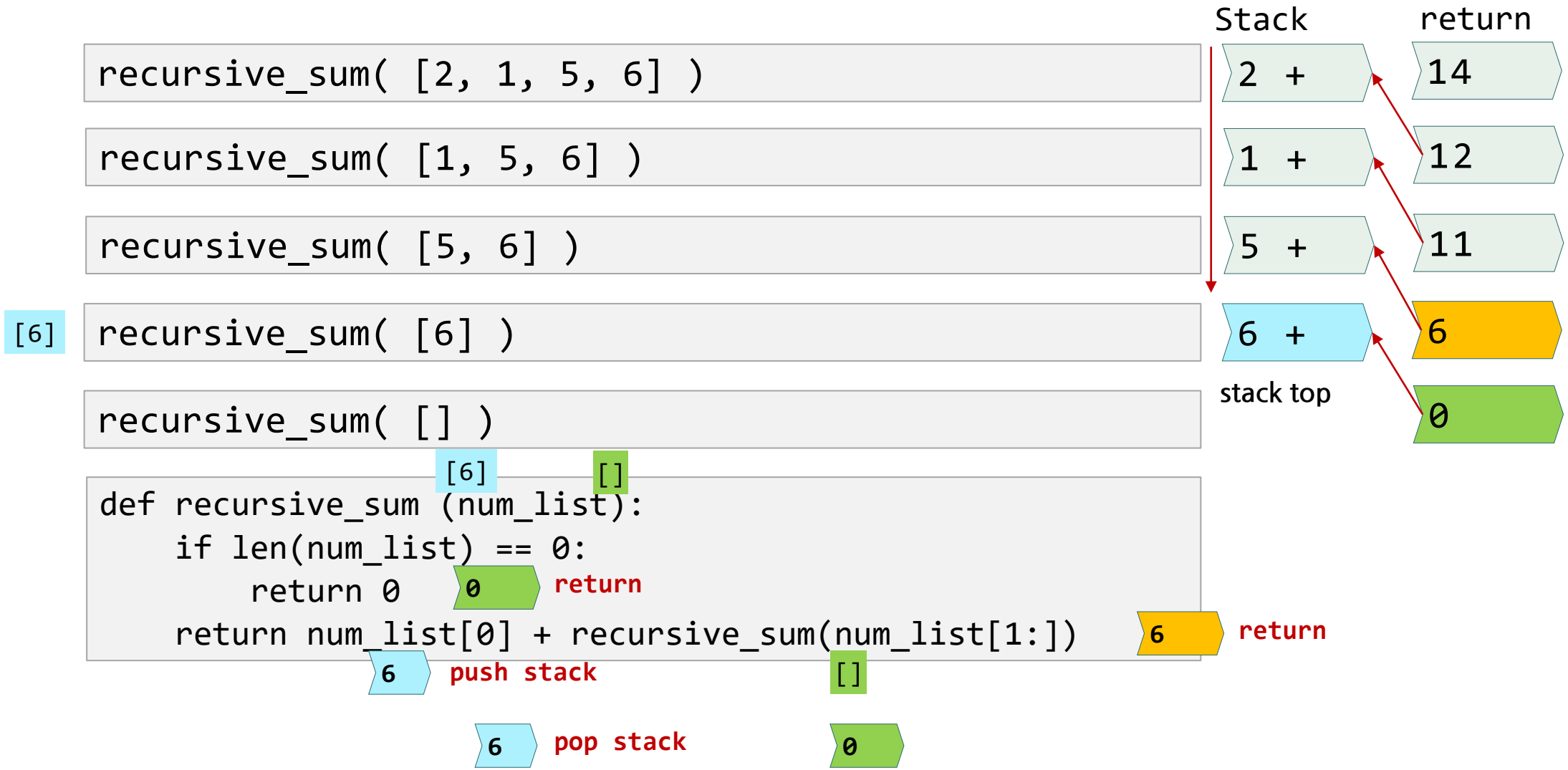


pop from the system stack

```
def find_tallest(Group of students)
    If only one student in group
        return this student
    else
        StudentA = Take one student from group
        StudentB = find_tallest(Remaining Group)
    return the taller person of StudentA and StudentB
```

Exercise: Recursion and Stack

- Get the recursive sum by taking the first number + the sum of the rest of the list.

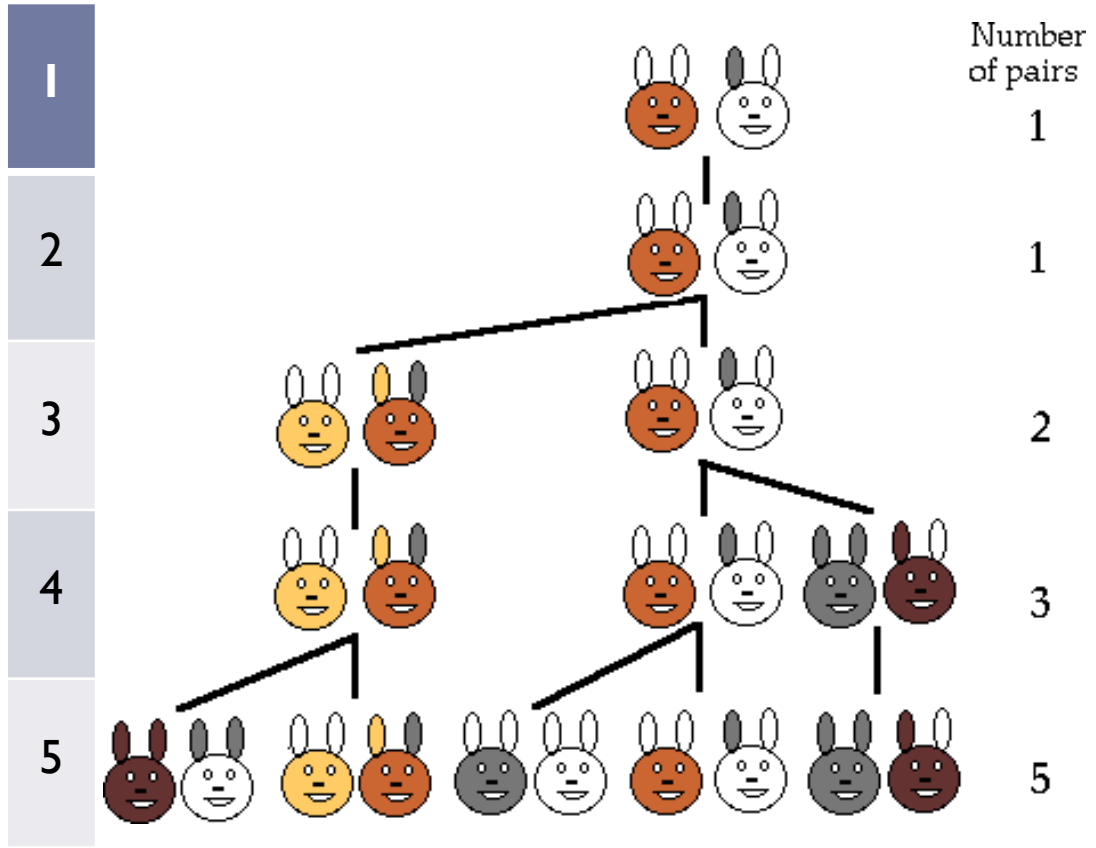


The Fibonacci Sequence

- Describes the growth of an idealized (biologically unrealistic) rabbit population, assuming that:
  - Rabbits never die.
  - A rabbit reaches sexual maturity exactly two months after birth, that is, at the beginning of its third month of life.
  - Rabbits are always born in male-female pairs.
  - At the **beginning** of every month, each sexually mature male- female pair gives **birth** to exactly one male-female pair.

The Fibonacci Sequence

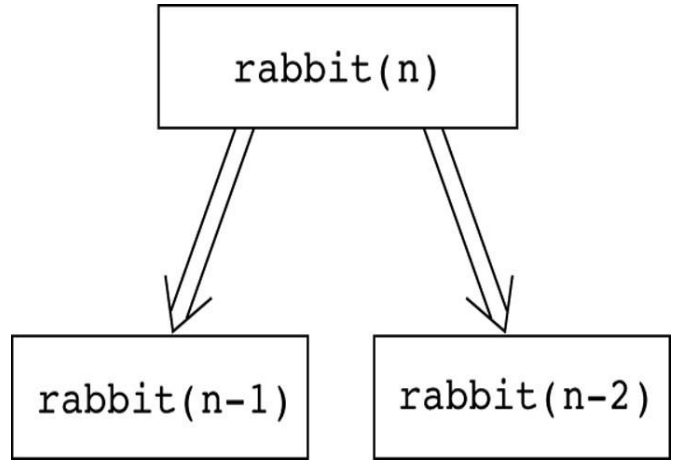
- Problem:
  - How many pairs of rabbits are alive in month n?
- Example:
  - rabbit(5) = 5



- Recurrence relation
  - rabbit(n) = rabbit(n-1) + rabbit(n-2)

The Fibonacci Sequence - Recursive Definition

- Base cases
  - rabbit(2), rabbit(1)
- Recursive case
  - rabbit(n) = $\begin{cases} 1 \text{ if n is 1 or 2} \\ \text{rabbit(n-1) + rabbit(n-2) if n} > 2 \end{cases}$



- Fibonacci sequence
  - The series of numbers fibo(1), fibo(2), fibo(3), and so on
  - The sequence of numbers fibo(n) for all n is called **Fibonacci Sequence** or **Fibonacci numbers.**

```
def fibo(n):
    """Assume n >= 0 """
    if n < 2:
        return 1
    return fibo(n-1) + fibo(n-2)
```

The Fibonacci Sequence - Coding Exercise

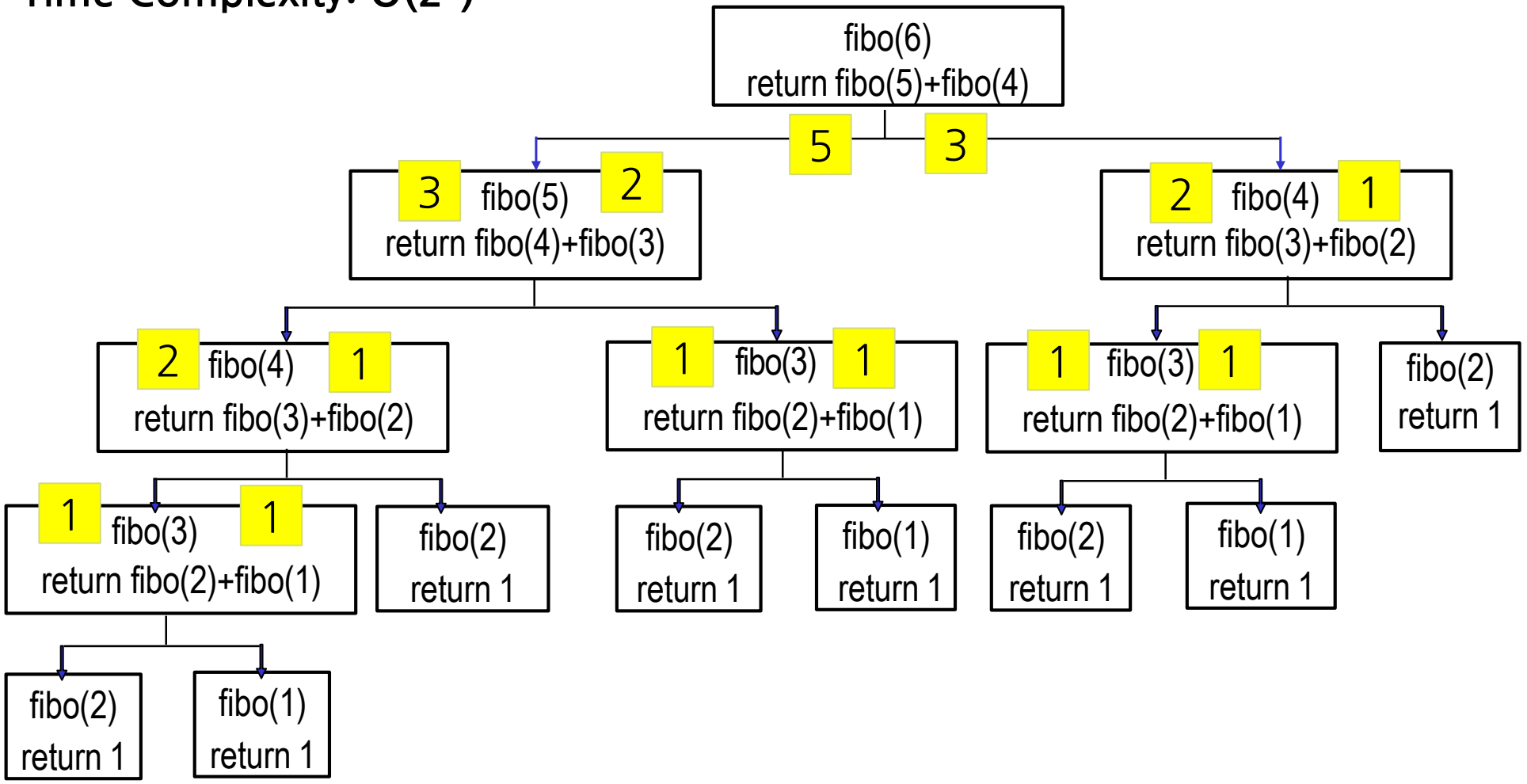
- Rewrite the fibo() using a ternary operator to replace 'None'.

```
def fibo(n):
    """Assume n >= 0 """
    return None
```

```
def fibo(n):
    """Assume n >= 0 """
    if n < 2:
        return 1
    return fibo(n-1) + fibo(n-2)
```

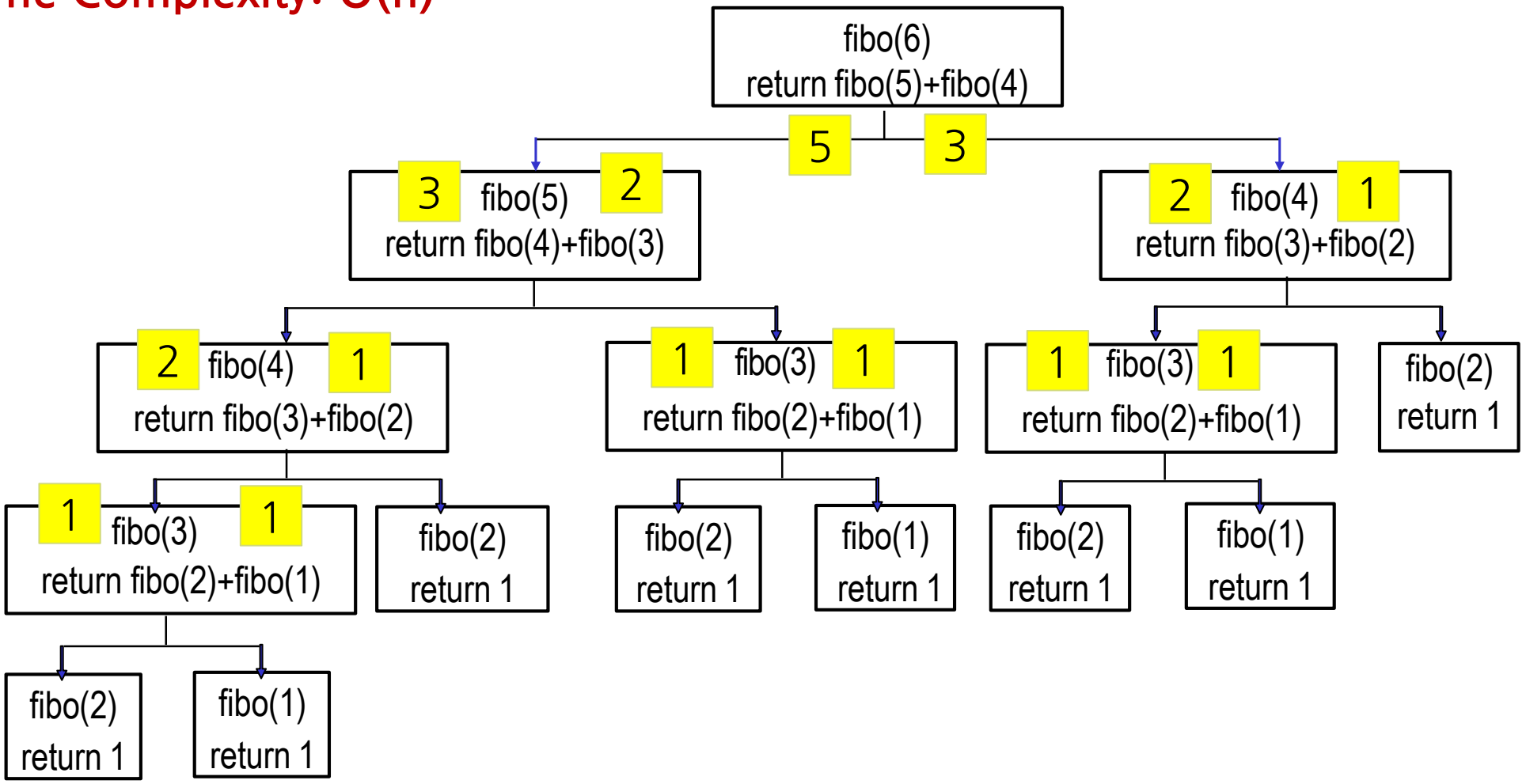
The Fibonacci Sequence - Examples

- fibo(6) = 8
  - How many times were fibo(2) and fibo(3) called to compute fibo(6), respectively?
  - **Time Complexity: $O(2^n)$**



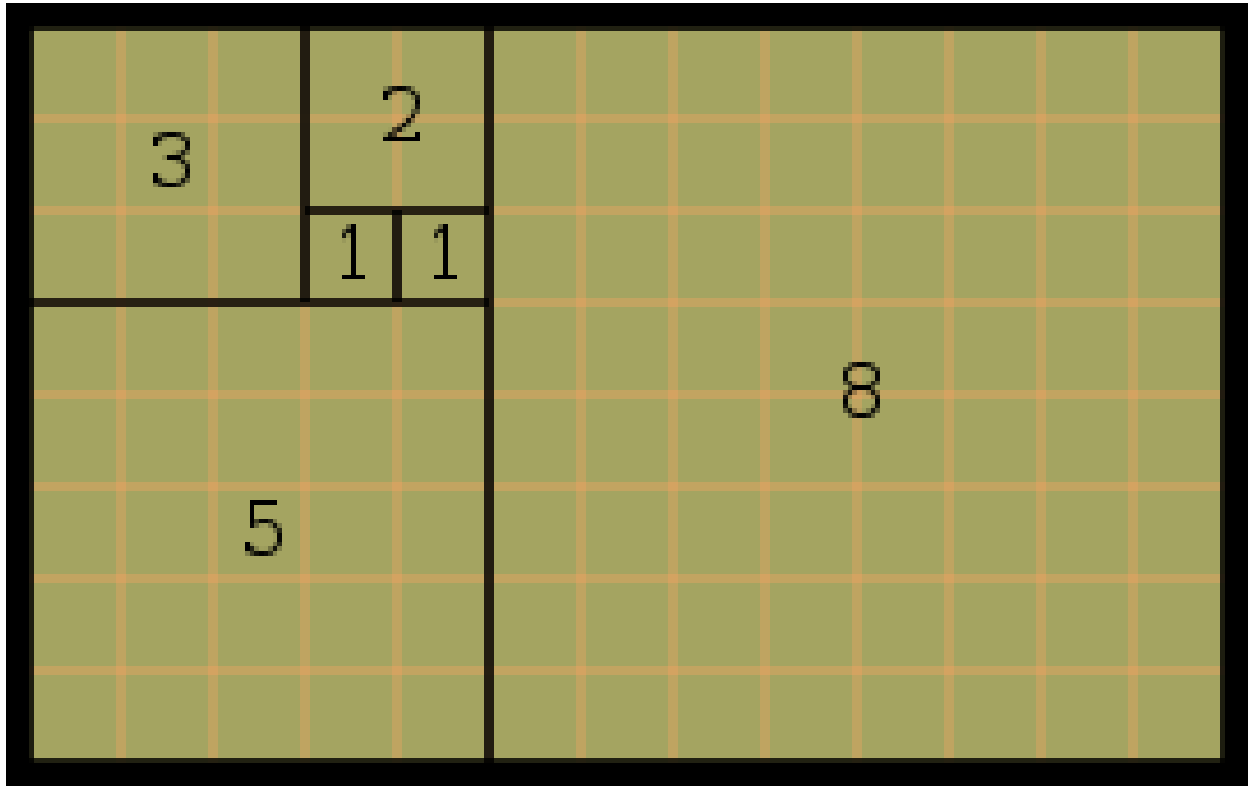
The Fibonacci Sequence - Examples

- Rather computing the same terms repeatedly, just save them in a set and reuse them whenever necessary. This technique is called **memoization, not memorization**.
- **Time Complexity: O(n)**



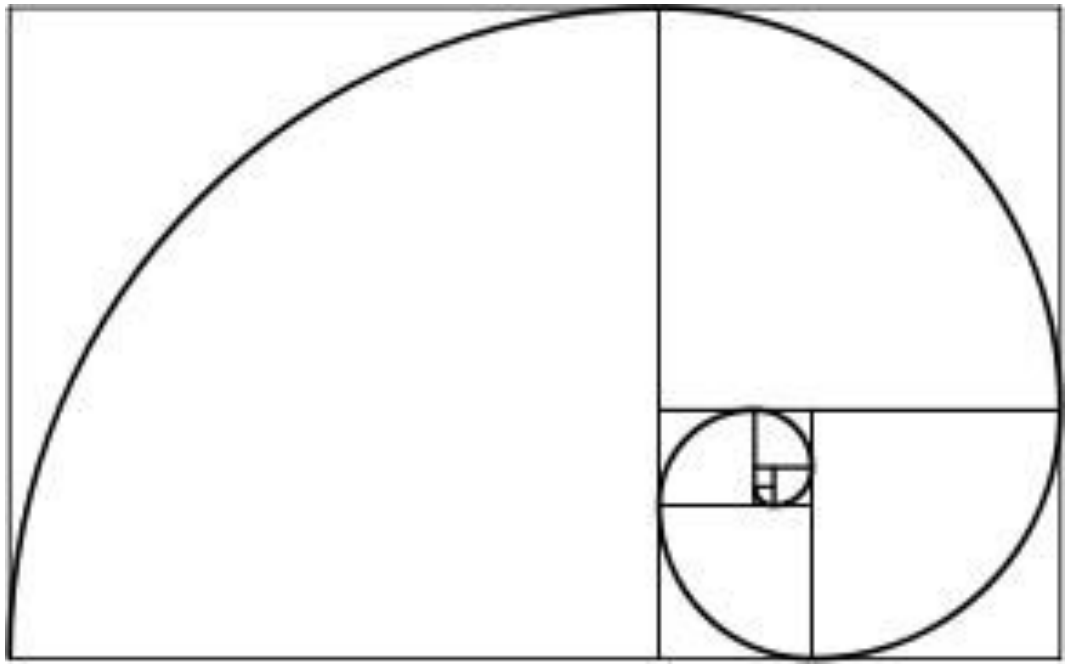
The Fibonacci Sequence - Examples

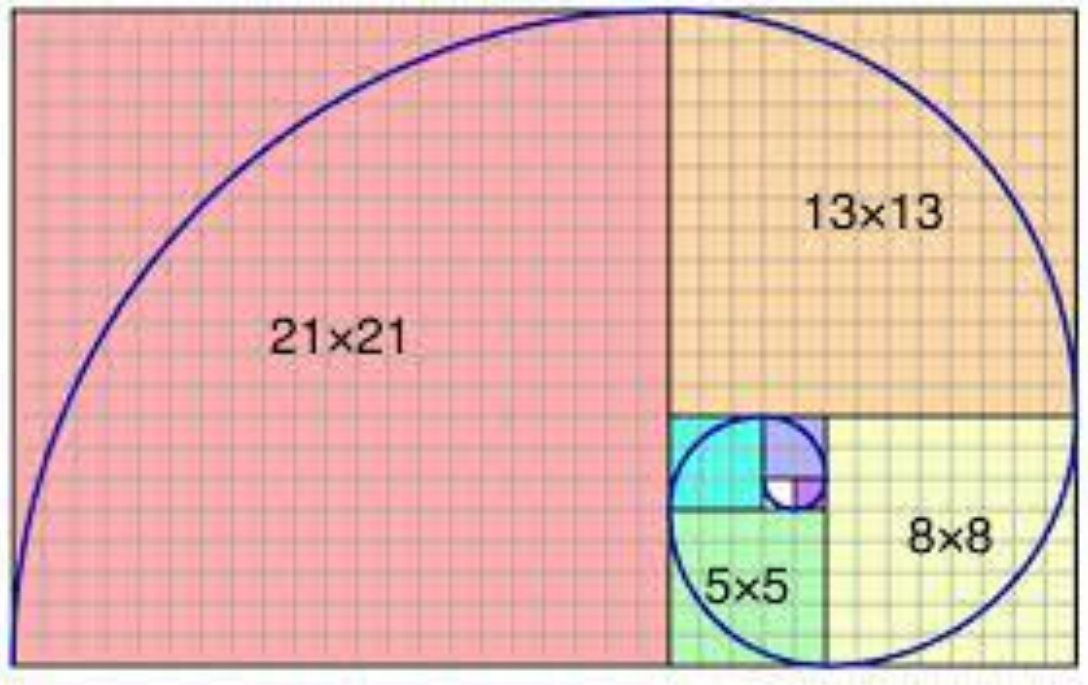
- Fibonacci Tiling



The Fibonacci Sequence - Examples

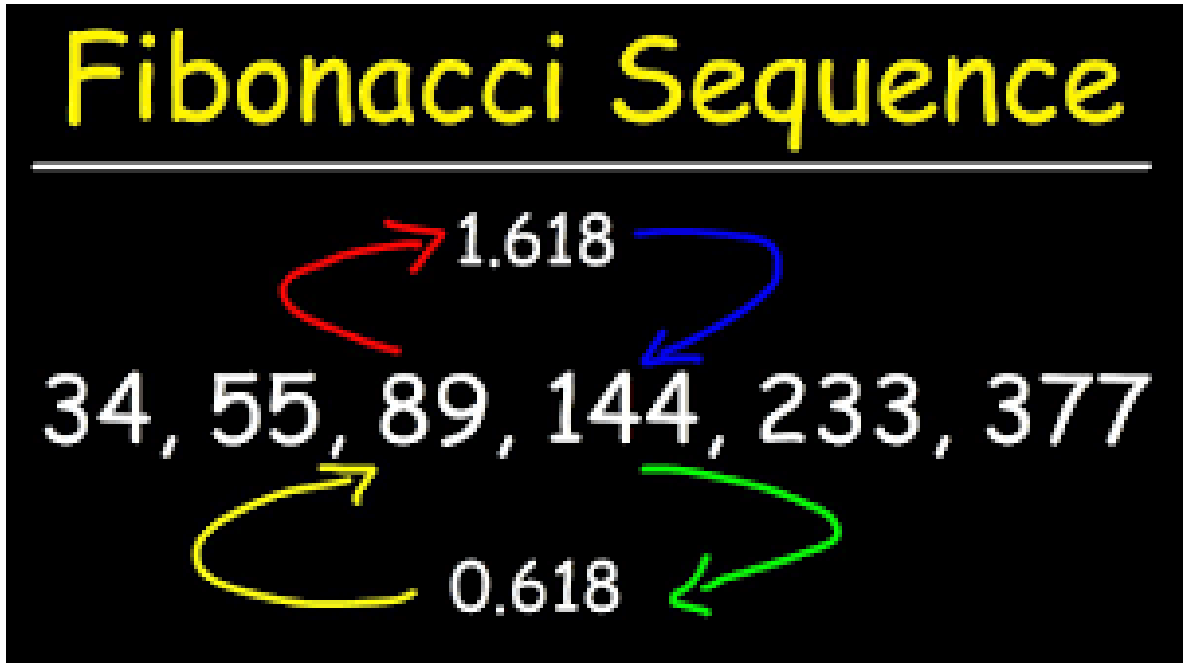
- Fibonacci Spiral

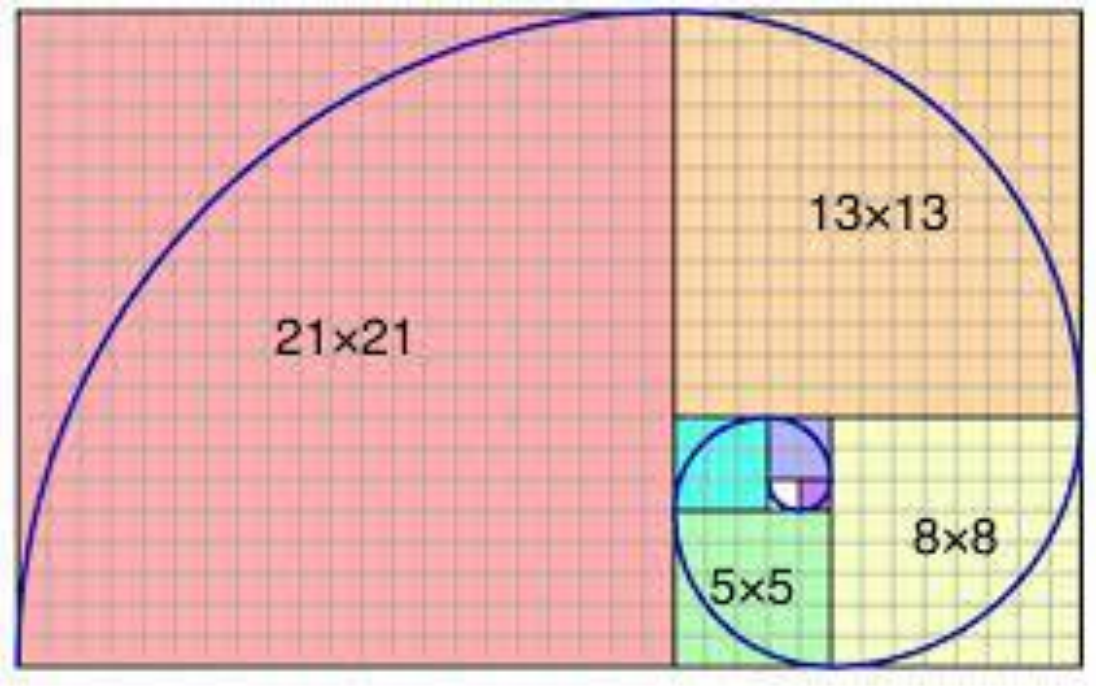




The Fibonacci Sequence - Examples

- Fibonacci and the Golden Ratio - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVO2dcuR7P0





The Fibonacci Sequence - Coding Exercise

- Use **math module** in Python to compute fibo(n) and print the output as shown. Print n and numbers are right-justified and fibo(n) results are left-justified.
- Refer to here for the fibo(n) formular.

```
  n fibo(n)
  0 0
 10 55
 20 6765
 30 832040
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180 18547707689472097530613662299140915200
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```

```
import math

def fibo(n):
    return None

if __name__=='__main__':
    print(None)
    for n in range(0, 201, 10):
        fibo(n)
        print(None)
```

The Fibonacci Sequence - Coding Exercise

- **Idea:** Rather computing the same terms repeatedly, save them in a in a dictionary and reuse them whenever necessary. This technique is called **memoization**
  - For example, fibo_memo has the following elements when n = 0 ~ 11.
    `{ 0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 1, 3: 2, 4: 3, 5: 5, 6: 8, 7: 13, 8: 21, 9: 34, 10: 55 }`
- Rewrite fibo() using a memoization and a ternary operator to replace 'None'.

```
fibo_memo = {}
def fibo(n):
    if n not in fibo_memo:
        None
    return None
```

```
def fibo(n):
    """Assume n >= 0 """
    if n < 2:
        return 1
    return fibo(n-1) + fibo(n-2)
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The Fibonacci Sequence - Coding Exercise

- Make the following code complete by replacing the 'None' to reproduce the output shown. Notice that n and numbers are right-justified and fibo(n) results are left-justified.

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```
fibo_memo = {}
def fibo(n):
    if n not in fibo_memo:
        None
    return fibo_memo[n]

if __name__=='__main__':
    print(None)
    for n in range(0, 201, 10):
        fibo(n)
        print(None)
```

The Fibonacci Sequence - Coding Exercise

- Modify the following code such that it does not use the global variable fibo_memo.

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fibo_memo = {}
def fibo(n):
    if n not in fibo_memo:
        None
    return fibo_memo[n]

if __name__=='__main__':
    print(None)
    for n in range(0, 201, 10):
        fibo(n, fibo_memo)
        print(None)
```

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Summary

- Recursion uses the system stack.
- We may use the memoization to speed up the recursive calls in some cases.