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1

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 $n-2$

$b \leftarrow fib$

1

$fib \leftarrow a + fib$

2

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1

return fib

1

Running time

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2, & n \leq 1 \\ 4(n-2) + 3, & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

i.e. $T(n) = 4n - 5, n > 1$

$\therefore T(n)$ is $O(n)$. Here, the recursive version of fibo calculation had time complexity of $O(2^n)$ whereas the iterative version has $O(n)$. It can be made $O(\log n)$ by using matrix multiplication, as well.

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Proof of correctness

We verify this algorithm using the principle of mathematical induction with the loop invariant 'fib0'.

Base case:

After the iteration $i = 1$ completes,
 $\text{fib0} = 1$

Induction step:

We assume iterativeFibonacci(k) holds true, & show iterativeFibonacci($k+1$) also holds.

At the end of $i = k$ pass,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fib0}_k &= \text{fib0}_{k-1} + a_{k-1} \Rightarrow a_{k-1} \\ &= \text{fib0}_k - \text{fib0}_{k-1} \\ &= \text{fib0}_{k-2} \end{aligned}$$

then at $i = k+1$, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fib0}_{k+1} &= \text{fib0}_k + a_k \\ &= \text{fib0}_k + \text{fib0}_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

which is correct as per the defn of fibonacci sequence.

\therefore The algorithm correctly computes the fibo sequence for $1 \leq k \leq n$.

Proved.