

CS222 - Algorithm Design

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Assignment – 2 : Fibonacci series using recursion

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Problem Statement

1. : Recall the Fibonacci series:

$$\begin{aligned}F_0 &= 0, \\F_1 &= 1, \\F_n &= F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, \quad \forall n \geq 2.\end{aligned}$$

Implement a recursive function that computes the n th Fibonacci number F_n .

In a line graph, map

1. $n, \log(F_n)$ and
2. $n, \log(T(n))$, where $T(n)$ is the time taken to compute F_n .

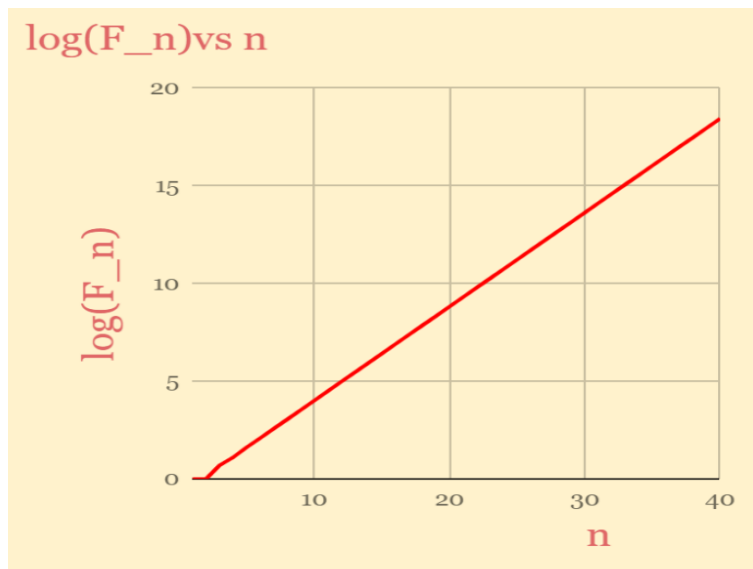
Conclude that the Fibonacci series and the time taken grows exponentially. What are the slopes of the two lines? Make a guess about F_n as a function of n . Make a guess about $T(n)$ as a function of n .

The values of $n, \log(F_n), \log(T(n))$ obtained using our code are as follows:

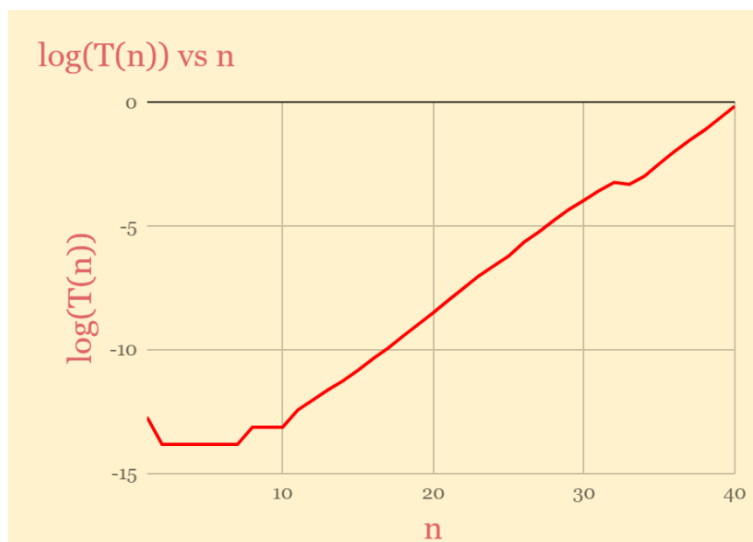
n	$\log(F_n)$	$\log(T(n))$
1	0	-12.7169
2	0	-13.8155
3	0.693147	-13.8155
4	1.098612	-13.8155
5	1.609438	-13.8155
6	2.079442	-13.8155
7	2.564949	-13.8155
8	3.044522	-13.1224
9	3.526361	-13.1224
10	4.007333	-13.1224
11	4.488636	-12.4292
12	4.969813	-12.0238
13	5.451038	-11.6183
14	5.932245	-11.2506
15	6.413459	-10.8198
16	6.89467	-10.3498
17	7.375882	-9.92369
18	7.857094	-9.43348
19	8.338306	-8.96348
20	8.819518	-8.48763

21	9.300729	-7.98657
22	9.781941	-7.50015
23	10.26315	-7.01201
24	10.74437	-6.60469
25	11.22558	-6.20317
26	11.70679	-5.64731
27	12.188	-5.22432
28	12.66921	-4.75367
29	13.15042	-4.31527
30	13.63164	-3.9446
31	14.11285	-3.55501
32	14.59406	-3.21953
33	15.07527	-3.30101
34	15.55648	-2.97434
35	16.0377	-2.46199
36	16.51891	-1.96811
37	17.00012	-1.51752
38	17.48133	-1.10221
39	17.96254	-0.62338
40	18.44375	-0.14186

Line graph of n vs $\log(F_n)$:



Line graph of n vs $\log(T(n))$:



The slopes of both the above graphs are almost **constant** i.e., **logarithms** of $T(n)$ and F_n are constant which implies that they are **exponential** in nature.

So, we can conclude that the Fibonacci series and the time taken grows exponentially.

The slopes of the two lines are as follows:

> n vs $\log(F_n)$ has a slope of 0.4804468921

> n vs $\log(T(n))$ has a slope of 0.3846896294

Let us guess/compute the F_n and $T(n)$ as a function of n using above values:

Since we observed that slopes are constant,

$$d(\log(F_n))/dn = \text{constant} \quad (\text{Here it is } 0.4804468921)$$

$$\int d(\log(F_n)) = \int 0.4804468921 dn$$

$$\log(F_n) = 0.4804468921n + k \quad (\text{Integration constant})$$

$$F_n = e^{(0.4804468921n+k)}$$

$$F_n = A \cdot (e^{(0.4804468921n)}) \quad (A \text{ is constant})$$

In the similar way, the function for $T(n)$ will be of the form:

$$T(n) = B \cdot (e^{(0.3846896294 n)}) \quad (B \text{ is constant})$$

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