

# Fibonacci numbers

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**Abstract**—This document depicts a way to setup a matrix equation to find the fibonacci sequence.

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<https://github.com/Zeesan-IITH/IITH-EE5609/new/master/codes>

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## 1 PROBLEM

Given a  $k \times k$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , find the powers of  $\mathbf{A}^n$  within  $O(\log n)$  time.

## 2 CONSTRUCTION

For the sake of simplicity we will be calculating the powers given  $n = 2^m$ , where  $n$  is much larger than  $k$ . The required result will be of the form  $\mathbf{A}^1, \mathbf{A}^2, \mathbf{A}^4, \mathbf{A}^8, \mathbf{A}^{16}..$

The first matrix multiplication will be

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A} \quad (2.0.1)$$

Instead of using repeated multiplication by  $\mathbf{A}$ , we can use the previous result and square it to be closer to the result using less computations

$$\mathbf{A}^4 = \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{A}^2 \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^8 = \mathbf{A}^4\mathbf{A}^4 \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{16} = \mathbf{A}^8\mathbf{A}^8 \quad (2.0.4)$$

So  $\mathbf{A}^{2^m}$  need only  $m$  products of the resultant matrix from the previous computation. Since  $m = \log_2(n)$ , the result can be computed in  $O(\log_2 n)$  time.

As a more general case any number  $n$  can be represented as a sum of powers of 2, just like binary numbers are represented with the radix 2 i.e when we represent  $n$  in binary form we get

$$n = b_k b_{k-1} b_{k-2} \dots b_0 \quad (2.0.5)$$

where

$$k = \log_2 n$$

because we require that many number of bits to represent  $n$ .

Now to calculate

$\mathbf{A}^n$

we can use

$$\mathbf{A}^n = b_k \mathbf{A}^{2^k} + b_{k-1} \mathbf{A}^{2^{k-1}} + b_{k-2} \mathbf{A}^{2^{k-2}} \dots + b_2 \mathbf{A}^4 + b_1 \mathbf{A}^2 + b_0 \mathbf{A} \quad (2.0.6)$$

Now each of the  $\mathbf{A}^{2^k}$  can be calculated by squaring the previous  $\mathbf{A}^{2^{k-1}}$ . Neglecting matrix addition as it only takes  $m^2$  time to compute when compared to  $m^3$  time of each multiplication, where  $m$  is the order of the square matrix, we can say that since  $\mathbf{A}^{2^k}$  calculation takes  $O(\log_2 n)$  time, the whole computation  $\mathbf{A}^n$  takes  $O(\log_2 n)$ .

## 3 FIBONACCI

Consider the special matrix which begins with fibonacci numbers in it

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.1)$$

This matrix has the fibonacci numbers as its elements

$$\mathbf{F}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.2)$$

$$\mathbf{F}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.3)$$

Therefore the  $n^{th}$  fibonacci number  $F_n$  is the element in the first row, first column of  $\mathbf{F}^{n-1}$ , where  $n \geq 2$ . The general form will be

$$\mathbf{F}^{n-1} = \begin{pmatrix} F_n & F_{n-1} \\ F_{n-2} & F_{n-3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.4)$$