Extras 6 - Fibonacci - Part II

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Week 6

If you find the worksheet easy, or finish quickly, you might like to try these:

- 1. By observing that the standard Fibonacci series can be naturally continued to the left $(\ldots, -3, 2, -1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, \ldots)$ write a function int d(int n) that returns the *n*'th Fibonacci number for all *n* (both positive and negative).
- 2. Prove (using the matrix characterisation of Fibonacci numbers given last week) that the following holds for all n > 1:

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 2f(\frac{n}{2})f(\frac{n}{2}+1) - f^2(\frac{n}{2}) & \text{if} \quad n \text{ is } even \\ f^2(\frac{n-1}{2}) + f^2(\frac{n-1}{2}+1) & \text{if} \quad n \text{ is } odd \end{cases}$$

Hint: use the fact that $M^{2m} = M^m M^m$ for any square matrix M.