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## Homework 1

We found that only Algorithm F0 works and Algorithms F1, F2, and F3 do not work.

Since we are using 3 variables  $i, j, k$  to represent consecutive Fibonacci numbers,  $m$  must be decremented by 3 as is done in Algorithm F0. However, F1 decrements  $m$  by 2 instead. For an input of  $n=3$  in F1, an output of 2 is expected while the actual output is 3. Algorithm F2 will return an output of 1 ( $k=i+j$ ) because the values of  $i$  and  $j$  are always  $i=0$  and  $j=1$ . Thus, for an input of  $n=3$ , F2 returns an output of 1 instead of 2. Algorithm F3 does not have a reliable loop condition ( $\text{while } m \neq 3$ ) because for any input  $n$  that is not divisible by 3 or for input  $n = 3$ , the program will enter an infinite loop. For an input of  $n=2$ , the program does not terminate.

As stated earlier, Algorithm F0 is valid. So, we will provide a program correctness proof on the following page.

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## Algorithm F0 Program Correctness

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1 procedure F0(n)
2    $i \leftarrow 0, j \leftarrow 1, k \leftarrow 1, m \leftarrow n$ 
3   while ( $m \geq 3$ ) do
4      $m \leftarrow m - 3$ 
5      $i \leftarrow j + k$ 
6      $j \leftarrow i + k$ 
7      $k \leftarrow i + j$ 
8   if  $m = 0$  then
9     return  $i$ 
10  else
11    if  $m = 1$  then
12      return  $j$ 
13    else
14      return  $k$ 

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The expected input  $n$  is an integer that is greater than or equal to 2. The expected output is  $F_n$ , which is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number.  
Our proposed loop invariants are:

- 1)  $m \geq 0$  and is an integer
- 2)  $i = F_{n-m}$
- 3)  $j = F_{n-m+1}$
- 4)  $k = i + j$

Proof by induction:

Let  $m_t, i_t, j_t, k_t$  be the values of  $m, i, j, k$  right before line 3 (the while test) is executed for  $t^{\text{th}}$  iteration. We prove this by induction on  $t$ .

Base case:  $t = 1$

On line 2,  $i_1 = 0, j_1 = 1, k_1 = 1$ , and  $m_1 = n$ . Since the  $n \geq 2$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we conclude that  $m_1 \geq 0$  and is an integer.

$i_1 = 0 = F_{n-m} = F_{n-n} = F_0$  which holds.

$j_1 = 1 = F_{n-m+1} = F_{n-n+1} = F_1$  which holds.

$k_1 = i_1 + j_1 = 0 + 1 = 1$  which holds.



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Inductive step:

Inductive hypothesis: Assume for  $t \geq 1$ ,

- 1)  $m_t \geq 0$  and is an integer
- 2)  $i_t = F_n - m_t$
- 3)  $j_t = F_n - m_{t+1}$
- 4)  $K_t = i_t + j_t$

Consider the  $(t+1)^{st}$  test of the while condition.

We need to show:

- 1)  $m_{t+1} \geq 0$  and is an integer
- 2)  $i_{t+1} = F_n - m_{t+1}$
- 3)  $j_{t+1} = F_n - m_{t+1} + 1$
- 4)  $K_{t+1} = i_{t+1} + j_{t+1}$

Since line 3 is about to be executed for the  $(t+1)^{st}$  time, its condition was true during the  $t^{th}$  execution. We know  $m_t \geq 3$  and on line 4,  $m_{t+1} = m_t - 3$  which can be rearranged as  $m_{t+1} + 3 = m_t$ . Substituting that for  $m_t$ , we have  $m_{t+1} + 3 \geq 3$  which is  $m_{t+1} \geq 0$ . From our IH, we know that  $m_t$  is an integer and thus  $m_{t+1} = m_t - 3$  is also an integer by closure.  $\therefore$  loop invariant 1 holds.

On line 5,  $i_{t+1} = j_t + K_t$  and from IH, we can substitute into this expression  $j_t = F_n - m_{t+1}$  and  $K_t = i_t + j_t$ .  $\therefore$   $i_{t+1} = F_n - m_{t+1} + i_t + j_t$ . Again, through substitution from IH,  $i_t = F_n - m_t$  and  $j_t = F_n - m_{t+1}$ . From line 4, we know  $m_{t+1} = m_t - 3$  which is  $m_{t+1} + 3 = m_t$ .

$$i_{t+1} = F_n - m_{t+1} + F_n - m_t + F_n - m_{t+1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 i_{t+1} &= F_{n-(m_{t+1}+3)+1} + F_{n-(m_{t+1}+3)} + F_{n-(m_{t+1}+3)+1} \text{ by substitution} \\
 i_{t+1} &= F_{n-m_{t+1}-3+1} + F_{n-m_{t+1}-3} + F_{n-m_{t+1}-3+1} \text{ simplification} \\
 i_{t+1} &= \underline{F_{n-m_{t+1}-2} + F_{n-m_{t+1}-3} + F_{n-m_{t+1}-2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$i_{t+1} = F_{n-m_{t+1}-1} + F_{n-m_{t+1}-2} \text{ by definition of Fibonacci}$$

$$i_{t+1} = F_{n-m_{t+1}} \text{ by definition of Fibonacci}$$

∴, invariant 2 holds.

On line 6,  $j_{t+1} = i_{t+1} + K_t$ . Based on the IH and the proven loop invariant  $i_{t+1} = F_{n-m_{t+1}}$ , we can substitute for  $i_{t+1}$  and  $K_t$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 j_{t+1} &= F_{n-m_{t+1}} + i_t + j_t \\
 j_{t+1} &= F_{n-m_{t+1}} + F_{n-m_t} + F_{n-m_{t+1}} \text{ from IH} \\
 j_{t+1} &= F_{n-m_{t+1}} + F_{n-(m_{t+1}+3)} + F_{n-(m_{t+1}+3)+1} \text{ from } m_{t+1}+3 = m_t \\
 j_{t+1} &= F_{n-m_{t+1}} + \underline{F_{n-m_{t+1}-3} + F_{n-m_{t+1}-2}} \text{ simplify} \\
 j_{t+1} &= F_{n-m_{t+1}} + F_{n-m_{t+1}-1} \text{ def. of Fibonacci} \\
 j_{t+1} &= F_{n-m_{t+1}+1} \text{ def. of Fibonacci}
 \end{aligned}$$

∴, invariant 3 holds.

On line 5,  $i_{t+1} = j_t + K_t$ . On line 6,  $j_{t+1} = i_{t+1} + K_t$ . Finally, on line 7,  $K_{t+1} = i_{t+1} + j_{t+1}$ . Thus, invariant 4 holds. Therefore, all 4 loop invariant hold  $\square$

### Soundness:

If and when the loop terminates, based on invariant 1, we know  $m \geq 0$  and is an integer. Furthermore, based on the loop condition, exiting the loop requires that  $m < 3$ . ∴,  $m = 0$ ,  $m = 1$ , or  $m = 2$ .



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#### Case $m=0$ :

When  $m=0$  on line 8, on line 9, we return  $i$ .

$i = F_{n-m}$  from invariant 2. Thus, substituting  $m=0$ ,  
 $i = F_{n-0} = F_n$  which is the correct return value.

#### Case $m=1$ :

The condition on line 8 is false, so we continue to line 11 which leads to returning  $j$  on line 12.

$j = F_{n-m+1}$  from invariant 3. Thus, substituting  $m=1$ ,  
 $j = F_{n-1+1} = F_n$  which is the correct return value.

#### Case $m=2$ :

Since the conditions on line 8 and 11 are false, the algorithm returns  $k$  on line 14.  $k = i + j$  from invariant 4. By substituting invariants 2 and 3 into this expression,  $k = F_{n-m} + F_{n-m+1}$ . By definition of Fibonacci, and  $m=2$ :

$$k = F_{n-2} + F_{n-2+1} = F_{n-2} + F_{n-1}$$

$k = F_n$  which is the correct return value.  $\square$

#### Termination

On line 4,  $m$  is always decremented with each iteration of the loop. Meaning, the loop must exit once  $m < 3$ . Then, based on the proven loop invariant 1, we know  $m$  can be one of 3 values:  $m=0$ ,  $m=1$ , or  $m=2$ . As shown in the soundness argument, the algorithm will terminate for each of the 3 possible values of  $m$ .  $\blacksquare$