

2. SPARC to Python

Consider the following SPARC code of the Fibonacci sequence, which is the series of numbers where each number is the sum of the two preceding numbers. For example, 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, 233, 377, 610 ...

```
foo x =  
    if x ≤ 1 then  
        x  
    else  
        let (ra,rb) = (foo (x - 1)) , (foo (x - 2)) in  
            ra + rb  
    end.
```

- 2a. (6 pts) Translate this to Python code – fill in the `def foo` method in `main.py`
- 2b. (6 pts) What does this function do, in your own words?

The function recursively implements the Fibonacci sequence.
The base case is when $x \leq 1$, as this should result in 1 being returned. The recursive case adds the previous two Fibonacci numbers in the sequence, represented by `ra` and `rb`, and the sum of these is returned by `ra+rb`, and `ra+rb` is the sequence's next term.
Running the function `foo(x)` will return the $x+1^{\text{th}}$ term in the Fibonacci sequence.

3. Parallelism and recursion

Consider the following function:

```
def longest_run(myarray, key)  
    """  
        Input:  
            `myarray`: a list of ints  
            `key`: an int  
        Return:  
            the longest continuous sequence of `key` in `myarray`  
    """
```

E.g., `longest_run([2,12,12,8,12,12,12,0,12,1], 12) == 3`

- 3a. (7 pts) First, implement an iterative, sequential version of `longest_run` in `main.py`.
- 3b. (4 pts) What is the Work and Span of this implementation?

- 3c. (7 pts) Next, implement a `longest_run_recursive`, a recursive, divide and conquer implementation. This is analogous to our implementation of `sum_list_recursive`. To do so, you will need to think about how to combine partial solutions from each recursive call. Make use of the provided class `Result`.
- 3d. (4 pts) What is the Work and Span of this sequential algorithm?
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- 3e. (4 pts) Assume that we parallelize in a similar way we did with `sum_list_recursive`. That is, each recursive call spawns a new thread. What is the Work and Span of this algorithm?
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