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# Fibonacci, recursively

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## test cases and their answers

### *smallest case*

0<sup>th</sup>: 0

### *next-to-smallest case*

1<sup>st</sup> : 1

2<sup>nd</sup> : 1

### *larger case(s)*

3<sup>rd</sup> : 2

4<sup>th</sup> : 3

5<sup>th</sup> : 5

6<sup>th</sup> : 8

## the request that will start the processing

I am asked to calculate the  $n^{\text{th}}$  element of the Fibonacci sequence:  $F_n$

## base case processing

0 and 1

## decision rule

if  $n = 0$

if  $n < 3$

## recursive case processing, in three sub-parts

### *recursive abstraction*

When I am asked to calculate the  $n^{\text{th}}$  element of the Fibonacci sequence  $F_n$ , the recursive abstraction can calculate  $F_{n-1}$  and  $F_{n-2}$

### *the leftover piece*

The sum of  $F_{n-1}$  and  $F_{n-2}$

*all the processing for a recursive case*

When I am asked to calculate the  $n^{\text{th}}$  element of the Fibonacci sequence  $F_n$  and the recursive abstraction has provided  $F_{n-1}$  and  $F_{n-2}$ , then the remaining part of processing recursive cases requires the addition of  $F_{n-1}$  and  $F_{n-2}$