

Fibonnaci Sequence

Problem Statement

Implement a [Fibonnaci Sequence](#) in three different ways:

- Recursively
- Dynamically (Using Memoization to store results)
- Iteratively

Remember that a fibonacci sequence: 0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,... starts off with a base case checking to see if $n = 0$ or 1 , then it returns 1 .

Else it returns $\text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2)$.

Recursively

The recursive solution is exponential time Big-O , with $O(2^n)$. However, its a very simple and basic implementation to consider:

```
In [1]: def fib_rec(n):  
  
    # Base Case  
    if n == 0 or n == 1:  
        return n  
  
    # Recursion  
    else:  
        return fib_rec(n-1) + fib_rec(n-2)
```

```
In [2]: fib_rec(10)
```

```
Out[2]: 55
```

Dynamically

In the form it is implemented here, the cache is set beforehand and is based on the desired **n** number of the Fibonacci Sequence. Note how we check if the `cache[n] != None`, meaning we have a check to know whether or not to keep setting the cache (and more importantly keep cache of old results!)

```
In [3]: # Instantiate Cache information  
n = 10  
cache = [None] * (n + 1)  
  
def fib_dyn(n):  
  
    # Base Case  
    if n == 0 or n == 1:  
        return n
```

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    # Check cache
    if cache[n] != None:
        return cache[n]

    # Keep setting cache
    cache[n] = fib_dyn(n-1) + fib_dyn(n-2)

    return cache[n]

```

In [4]: fib_dyn(10)

Out[4]: 55

Iteratively

In this solution we can take advantage of Python's tuple unpacking!

In [5]: def fib_iter(n):

```

    # Set starting point
    a = 0
    b = 1

    # Follow algorithm
    for i in range(n):

        a, b = b, a + b

    return a

```

In [6]: fib_iter(23)

Out[6]: 28657

Test Your Solution

Run the cell below to test your solutions, simply uncomment the solution functions you wish to test!

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In [7]: """
UNCOMMENT THE CODE AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS CELL TO SELECT WHICH SOLUTIONS TO TEST.
THEN RUN THE CELL.
"""

from nose.tools import assert_equal

class TestFib(object):

    def test(self,solution):
        assert_equal(solution(10),55)
        assert_equal(solution(1),1)
        assert_equal(solution(23),28657)
        print('Passed all tests.')
# UNCOMMENT FOR CORRESPONDING FUNCTION
    t = TestFib()

    t.test(fib_rec)

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#t.test(fib_dyn) # Note, will need to reset cache size for each test!  
#t.test(fib_iter)
```

Passed all tests.

Conclusion

Hopefully this interview question served as a good exercise in exploring recursion, dynamic programming, and iterative solutions for a single problem! Its good to work through all three because in an interview a common question may just begin with requesting a recursive solution and then checking to se if you can implement the other forms!