

Theorem 2.3.9. The running time of $\text{EUCLID}(a, b)$ is $O(\lg b)$.

Proof: We may assume $a > b \geq 1$

To determine ~~#~~ upper bound on number of rec calls, need to find smallest k s.t. $b < F_{k+1}$

$$\text{Use } F_{k+1} \approx \frac{\phi^{k+1}}{\sqrt{5}} \quad \phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$(\text{H/W: } F_n = \frac{\phi^n + \bar{\phi}^n}{\sqrt{5}})$$

Want to find k s.t.

$$b < \frac{\phi^{k+1}}{\sqrt{5}} \quad \text{solve for } k:$$

$$\sqrt{5}b < \phi^{k+1}$$

$$\log_{\phi} \sqrt{5}b > k+1$$

$$k = \log_{\phi} \sqrt{5}b - 1 = \log_{\phi} b + \text{const.}$$

of rec calls is bounded above by $\approx \log_{\phi} b + \text{const.}$

Since everything else in algorithm takes constant time, running time

$$i) \quad O(\# \text{ rec calls}) \quad \text{so}$$

$$\text{running time } T(b) = O(\log_{\phi} b) = O(\lg b)$$