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Introduction to Cryptography
Fibonacci Numbers

- (1) Fibonacci Numbers are the sequence defined recursively by

$$F_0 = 1$$

$$F_1 = 1$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \text{ where } n \geq 2$$

- (a) Write a function in Python that accepts an integer n as an input and returns the value of F_n .
(b) Using your Fibonacci number generator, demonstrate that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_n}{F_{n-1}} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Note: $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ is also called the Golden Ratio.

- (c) Write a program to make a list of all prime Fibonacci numbers less than one million.
(d) Write a function in Python that returns the number of digits in an integer n . Use your function to find the smallest Fibonacci number with 1000 digits.
(e) Compute $\gcd(F_3, F_2)$, $\gcd(F_4, F_3)$, $\gcd(F_5, F_4)$, and $\gcd(F_6, F_5)$. Make a conjecture for the value of $\gcd(F_{n+1}, F_n)$.