

**Maintenance:** Let the loop invariant hold just before the iteration.

when  $i=1$ ,  $k=n$ .  $\therefore f_i = F(1-2)$  and  $f_j = F(1-1)$ .

On line 12, we have  $f_k = F(1-2) + F(1-1) = F(1)$ , the 1th Fibonacci no.

On line 13, we initialize  $f_i$  to  $F(1-1)$  and  $f_j$  to  $F(1)$ . in line 14.

Now, the loop index  $i$  gets updated to  $i+1$ . The loop invariant holds

$\therefore f_j = F(i+1-1) = F(i)$  and  $f_i = F(1-1) = F((i+1)-2) = F(i-2)$

**Termination:** The loop terminates when  $i=n+1$ . Using the maintenance condn,  $f_i = F(n+1-2) = F(n-1)$ ,  $f_j = F(n+1-1) = F(n) = f_k$ , which is the  $n$ th Fibonacci no.  $\square$

9) Write an iterative function to compute a binomial coefficient, then transform it into an equivalent recursive function.

Binomial coefficient:  $nC_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)! k!}$   $n \geq k$

Recursive formulation:  
 $nC_k = n-1C_k + n-1C_{k-1}$

long. iterative binomial coefficient (int n, int K)  
 { return iterative\_factorial(n) / (iterative\_factorial(n-k) \* iterative\_factorial(k));  
 }

**Proof Sketch:** Since we have already verified the correctness of the iterative factorial function, and since the binomial coefficient is defined as  $nC_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)! k!}$  the iterative function correctly computes the value of  $nC_k$  for all  $0 \leq k \leq n$ . Hence the function is correct (provided factorial results are computed correctly)

1. long recursive binomial coefficient (int n, int K)  
 2. if (K==0) return 1;  
 3. else if (n==K) return 1;  
 4. else return recursive\_binomial\_coefficient(n-1, K) + recursive\_binomial\_coefficient(n-1, K-1);  
 5. }