

How do we solve problems recursively?

Recursive Solutions: Fibonacci Numbers.

- Find the n^{th} Fibonacci number
- Each number is the sum of the previous 2 numbers, the first 2 are both 1)

1. Identify the base case:

What is it?: When $n = 0$ or $n = 1$, because there is no calculation to be made.

What can you return?: $\text{fib}(0)$ or $\text{fib}(1) = 1$

2. How to shrink?: $\text{fib}(n)$ relies on $\text{fib}(n-1)$ and $\text{fib}(n-2)$

3. How to get answer from smaller version?: This is essentially the definition of the fibonacci series: $\text{fib}(n) = \text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2)$

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Code:

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def fib(n):  
    if (n < 2):  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return fib(n-1) + fib(n -2)
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