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What's a fast algorithm to find the remainder of the division of a huge Fibonacci number by some big integer?



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Each recurrence similar to Fibonacci numbers can be expressed in terms of matrix multiplication as follows:

In order to compute the next Fibonacci number F_{n+2} , we need two previous ones: (F_n, F_{n+1}) . The transformation that changes (F_n, F_{n+1}) to (F_{n+1}, F_{n+2}) is linear, and therefore we can find a matrix that performs it:

$$\forall a, b : (a, b) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (b, a + b).$$

Let's call the above matrix A . Obviously, for any n we have:

$$(F_n, F_{n+1}) \cdot A = (F_{n+1}, F_n + F_{n+1})$$

which is precisely (F_{n+1}, F_{n+2}) .

We can use A multiple times. For example:

$$\left(\left((F_0, F_1) \cdot A \right) \cdot A \right) \cdot A = (F_3, F_4)$$



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$$(F_0, F_1) \cdot A^3 = (F_3, F_4)$$

And, in general:

$$(0, 1) \cdot A^n = (F_n, F_{n+1})$$

The above equation is valid in integers, therefore it is valid modulo any m .

Computing modulo m , we can use [Exponentiation by squaring](#) to compute A^n using $O(\log n)$ operations on numbers smaller than m^2 .

In terms of a practical implementation: as long as m fits into a 32-bit integer variable, all intermediate values will fit into 64-bit variables, and you can use the above formula to compute $F_n \bmod m$ even for $n = 10^{1000}$.

(Or use a language with arbitrary precision integers if you need larger values of m . For example, $n = m = 10^{1000}$ is still perfectly feasible.)

Sample implementation: <http://ideone.com/fP8krp>

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