

# Recursive Fibonacci number calculation

Recall that recursive calculation of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number:

- ▶ We store the two base cases,  $F(1) = F(2) = 1$ , in an array  $Fib[1\dots n]$  (i.e.,  $Fib[1] = 1, Fib[2] = 1$ ).
- ▶ For  $i = 3$  up to  $n$ , we compute  $Fib[i]$  using the rule:
  - ▶  $Fib[i] = Fib[i - 1] + Fib[i - 2]$
- ▶ Return  $Fib[n]$

The running time here is easy to analyze: there are  $n$  entries, and each one uses at most  $C$  operations for some constant  $C$ . Hence the total time is at most  $Cn$  time.