

## Running time of recursive algorithm

The running time  $t_1(n)$  of this algorithm satisfies:

- ▶  $t_1(1) = C$
- ▶  $t_1(2) = C$
- ▶  $t_1(n) = t_1(n-1) + t_1(n-2) + C'$

for some positive integers  $C, C'$ .

It's immediately obvious that  $t_1(n) \geq F(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  (compare the recurrence relations).

This is a problem, because  $F(n)$  grows exponentially (look at <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/FibonacciNumber.html>), and so  $t_1(n)$  grows at least exponentially!