

Euler 0002

The Problem:

Each new term in the Fibonacci sequence is generated by adding the previous two terms. By starting with 1 and 2, the first terms will be: 1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55,89

By considering the terms in the Fibonacci sequence whose values do not exceed four million, find the sum of the even-valued terms.

What we know:

- We need to generate the Fibonacci sequence up to 4,000,000.
- We only need to keep every other number in the sequence.

Considerations:

Time-space considerations and decisions to be made:

- We could choose to store 0 numbers and recursively generate all numbers up to 4,000,000.
 - This spends both a lot of time although it doesn't use a large permanent space.
- We could generate all of the Fib. numbers up to 4,000,000 and store them in a list, good for referencing later, and will reduce redundancy.
- We could keep only the last 2 Fib. numbers and keep dropping the last one when we get a new one.

The Code:

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fib_1 = 1
fib_2 = 2
limit = 4000000

#running total set to 2 because it is odd
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running_total = 2

#keep going until fib_1 and fib_2 totaled > limit
while fib_1 + fib_2 < limit:
    fib = fib_1 + fib_2
    fib_1 = fib_2
    fib_2 = fib

    #add to the running total if it is even.
    if fib % 2 == 0:
        running_total += fib
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