

FIBONACCI NUMBERS

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, ...

notation: $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_2 = 1, F_3 = 2, \dots$

recursive definition: $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, \underbrace{F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}}_{\text{recursive}}$ for $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{34} &= F_{33} + F_{32} \\
 &= F_{32} + F_{31} + F_{31} + F_{30} \\
 &= F_{31} + F_{30} + F_{30} + F_{29} + F_{30} + F_{29} + F_{29} + F_{28} \\
 &\vdots \\
 &= F_1 + F_0 + F_1 + F_0 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

iterative approach: use a loop with two accumulators to store two Fibonacci numbers

	step 1	step 2	step 3	step 4	step 5
accumulators					
a:	0	1	1	2	3
b:	1	1	2	3	5
next:	1	2	3	5	8