# COMP 2804 Assignment 2

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## Question 1.

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## Question 2.

The area of a rectangle is defined as  $l \times w$  which in this case is  $20 \times 30 = 600$ . So the area of R is  $600m^2$ . We can divide R into  $600 \ 1m \times 1m$  boxes and call the number of boxes n, so n = 600. The set S contains 601 points, p = 601, to be divided into the n boxes.

$$\left\lceil \frac{p}{n} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{601}{600} \right\rceil = 2$$

Therefore, by the pigeon hole principle there is at least one box that contains at least 2 points. To achieve maximum spacing between these 2 points in the same box you would want to place them in corners diagonally across from one another. Call the distance between these 2 points d, d can be calculated using Pythagorean's theorem as follows:

$$d = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{2}$$

Since  $d = \sqrt{2}$ m and  $\sqrt{2} < 2$  these 2 points will be less than 2m apart. Therefore, there will be at least 2 covidiots in the set S.

#### Question 3.

i) Define the set of pigeons as  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_7$ , so p = 7. The interval  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$  has a total length of  $\pi$ . This interval can be divided into 6 equal disjoint parts of length  $\pi/6$ , this defines our number of holes, n = 6. The points  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_7$  are all contained in the interval  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$  so each point will fall into one of the 6 sections.

$$\left\lceil \frac{p}{n} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{7}{6} \right\rceil = 2$$

Therefore, by the pigeon hole principle there is at least one interval of length  $\pi/6$  that contains at least 2 points, say  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$ . Since  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$  are contained within the same section of length  $\pi/6$ , the distance between them must be between 0 and  $\pi/6$ . Assuming, without loss of generality, that  $\alpha_i$  is greater than  $\alpha_j$ , then  $0 \le \alpha_i - \alpha_j \le \pi/6$ .

ii) For each  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., 7\}$ , let  $p_i$  be the point with coordinates  $(1, a_i)$ . Call the angle between the vector from the origin to  $p_i$  and the x-axis  $b_i$ .

$$tan(b_i) = \frac{a_i}{1} = a_i \tag{1}$$

Because the x coordinate of each point  $p_i$  is positive, we know that each angle  $b_i$  is within the interval  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ . By part i, we know that there exists 2 indices, i, j such that  $0 \le b_i - b_j \le \pi/6$ . Now, tan(0) = 0

and  $tan(\pi/6) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ , so  $0 \le tan(b_i - b_j) \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

$$tan(b_i - b_j) = \frac{tan(b_i) - tan(b_j)}{1 + tan(b_i)tan(b_j)}$$
$$= \frac{a_i - a_j}{1 + a_i a_j} \qquad \text{(by (1))}$$

Therefore,  $0 \le \frac{a_i - a_j}{1 + a_i a_j} \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

# Question 4.

Base case: n = 0

Sub n = 0 into the equation  $f(n) = 7 \times 5^n - 3n^2$ :

$$f(0) = 7 \times 5^{0} - 3(0)^{2}$$
$$= 7 \times 1 - 0$$
$$= 7$$

This is the defined value of f(0).

Inductive hypothesis: Assume  $f(k) = 7 \times 5^k - 3k^2$  for all  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ . Inductive case:

Sub inductive hypothesis into  $f(n) = 5 \times f(n-1) + 12n^2 - 30n + 15$ 

$$\begin{split} f(n) &= 5 \times (7 \times 5^{n-1} - 3(n-1)^2) + 12n^2 - 30n + 15 \\ &= 7 \times 5^n - 15(n-1)^2 + 12n^2 - 30n + 15 \\ &= 7 \times 5^n - 15(n^2 - 2n + 1) + 12n^2 - 30n + 15 \\ &= 7 \times 5^n - 15n^2 + 30n - 15 + 12n^2 - 30n + 15 \\ &= 7 \times 5^n - 3n^2 \end{split}$$

Therefore, QED.

## Question 5.

Mystery function:

$$f(1) = 1$$
  
 $f(n) = n + (n/2)$  (when  $n \ge 2$ )

Claim: f(n) = 2n - 1

Base case:

Sub n = 1 into f(n) = 2n - 1

$$f(1) = 2(1) - 1$$
  
= 2 - 1  
= 1

This is the defined value of f(1).

Inductive hypothesis: Assume that f(k) = 2k - 1 for each  $k \in \{1, 2, 4, \dots, n/2\}$  Inductive case:

Sub inductive hypothesis into f(n) = n + (n/2)

$$f(n) = n + \left(2\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) - 1\right)$$
$$= n + n - 1$$
$$= 2n - 1$$

Therefore, QED.

#### Question 6.

i) B is a set of (x, y) where both x and y are 00-free bitstrings of length n - 1. The number of 00-free bitstrings of length n - 1 is  $f_{n-1+2} = f_{n+1}$ . The number of combinations of (x, y) is equal to the number of ways get x times the number of ways to get y. So by the product rule  $|B| = f_{n+1} \times f_{n+1} = f_{n+1}^2$ .

ii) Since x and y are both bitstrings of length n-1 the concatenation of them is of length 2n-2. Each different element (x,y) of B will generate a different bitstring of length 2n-2, so there exists a bijection between bitstrings of length 2n-2 and elements (x,y) of B. Therefore, the number of elements (x,y) of B where the concatenation xy is 00-free is equal to the number of 00-free bitstrings of length 2n-2 which is  $f_{2n-2+2} = f_{2n}$ .

iii) For the concatenation xy to not be 00-free the last bit of x must be 0 and the first bit of y must also be 0.

- For x to be a 00-free bitstring of length n-1 that ends with 0 the string must start with a 00-free bitstring of length n-3 followed by the 2 bits 10. The number of ways to generate a string x is  $f_{n-3+2} = f_{n-1}$ .
- For y to be a 00-free bitstring of length n-1 that starts with 0 the string must start with the 2 bits 01 followed by a 00-free bitstring of length n-3. The number of ways to generate a string y is  $f_{n-3+2} = f_{n-1}$ .

Therefore, by the product rule the number of non 00-free concatenations of elements (x, y) of B is  $f_{n-1} \times f_{n-1} = f_{n-1}^2$ 

iv) B is the set of all elements (x, y) where both x and y are 00-free bitstrings of length n - 1. Let S be the set of 00-free concatenations xy of elements (x, y) of B.

So  $B \setminus S$  is the set non 00-free concatenations xy of elements (x, y) of B.

By part i, we know  $|B| = f_{n+1}^2$ . From part ii, we know that  $|S| = f_{2n}$  and from part iii, we know that  $|B \setminus S| = f_{n-1}^2$ .

So by the complement rule

$$|S| = |B| - |B \setminus S|$$
  
 $f_{2n} = f_{n+1}^2 - f_{n-1}^2$ 

## Question 7.

i) Base case: n = 0

The bitstring  $s_0$  is defined as 1 so it is 00-free.

General case: n > 0

In order to obtain  $s_n$  you must use  $s_{n-1}$  and replace each 1 with 10 and each 0 with 1. There is no possible sequence of bits in  $s_{n-1}$  that will generate a 00 in  $s_n$ . The sequence 11 will become 1010, the sequence 10

will become 101 and the sequence 01 will become 110. Even the sequence 00, which is impossible in  $s_{n-1}$ , would generate 11. Therefore, for every value of  $n \ge 0$   $s_n$  will be 00-free.

ii)
$$L_0 = 1$$

$$O_0 = 1$$

$$L_1 = 2$$

$$O_1 = 1$$

- iii) The bitstring  $s_n$  is generated using  $s_{n-1}$  and every bit of  $s_{n-1}$  generates a sequence of bits in  $s_n$  that contains exactly one 1. So the number of 1's in  $s_n$ , or  $O_n$ , is equal to the length of  $s_{n-1}$ , or  $L_{n-1}$ .
- iv) As  $s_n$  is made from using each bit of  $s_{n-1}$  to generate some sequence of  $s_n$ , the length of  $s_n$  must be at least the length of  $s_{n-1}$ , or  $L_{n-1}$ . Each bit equal to 1 in  $s_{n-1}$  will generate one extra bit in  $s_n$ , this will make  $s_n$  longer than  $s_{n-1}$ . To account for these extra bits in  $s_n$  we can simply add the number of 1's in  $s_{n-1}$  to its length, since each 1 generates one extra bit. The number of 1's in  $s_{n-1}$  is  $O_{n-1}$ , so  $O_{n-1}$ , so  $O_{n-1}$  is  $O_{n-1}$ .
- v) Determining  $L_n$ :

$$L_n = L_{n-1} + O_{n-1}$$
 (by part iv)  
=  $L_{n-1} + L_{n-2}$  (by part iii)

Define the function  $f: \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \to L_n$  as:

$$f(0) = 1$$
  
 $f(1) = 2$   
 $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$  (when  $n > 2$ )

We have seen in class that the Fibonacci sequence is defined  $f: \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \to \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$fib(0) = 0$$
  

$$fib(1) = 1$$
  

$$fib(n) = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)$$
 (when  $n \ge 2$ )

We can see that for  $n \ge 2$  f(n) and fib(n) have the same recursive definition. However, function f starts 2 iterations ahead of fib. So f(n) = fib(n+2) for every value of n, and since every value of  $f(n) = L_n$  therefore,

$$L_n = fib(n+2) \tag{2}$$

Determining  $O_n$ :

$$O_n = L_{n-1}$$
 (by part iii)  

$$= L_{n-2} + O_{n-2}$$
 (by part iv)  

$$= L_{n-2} + L_{n-3}$$
 (by part iii)  

$$= fib(n-2+2) + fib(n-3+2)$$
 (by (2))  

$$= fib(n) + fib(n-1)$$
  

$$= fib(n+1)$$

Therefore,  $O_n = fib(n+1)$ .

vi) Each 1 in  $s_{n-1}$  generates exactly one 0 in  $s_n$ . So the number of 0's in  $s_n$  is equal to the number of 1's in  $s_{n-1}$ . So  $Z_n = O_{n-1}$ .

By part v we know that  $O_n = fib(n+1)$ , since  $Z_n = O_{n-1}$ ,  $Z_n$  must be equal to fib(n). Therefore,  $Z_n = fib(n)$ .

## Question 8.

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i)  A_2 = 2 \; (\{00,11\}) \\ A_3 = 4 \; (\{000,011,110,111\}) \\ A_4 = 7 \; (\{0000,0011,0110,0111,1100,1110,1111\}) \\ A_5 = 12 \; (\{00000,00011,00110,00111,01100,01111,01100,1111,11000,11011,11100,11111,11111)
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- ii) A string counted by  $A_n$  must either
  - start with 0 followed by any string counted by  $A_{n-1}$ ; OR
  - start with 11 followed by some sequence of n-2 bits such that the resulting string is happy, this is the definition of  $B_n$

Therefore,  $A_n = A_{n-1} + B_n$ .

- iii) If  $n \ge 4$  then  $n 1 \ge 3$ . So by part ii,  $A_{n-1} = A_{n-2} + B_{n-1}$ .
- iv) A string counted by  $B_n$  must either
  - start with 110 followed by any string counted by  $A_{n-3}$ ; OR
  - start with 111 followed by some sequence of n-3 bits such that the resulting string is happy. If we only consider bits 2 though n then this is a happy bitstring of length n-1 that starts with 11, this is the definition of  $B_{n-1}$ .

Therefore,  $B_n = A_{n-3} + B_{n-1}$ .

 $\mathbf{v})$ 

$$\begin{split} A_n &= 2A_{n-1} - A_{n-2} + A_{n-3} \\ &= 2(A_{n-2} + B_{n-1}) - A_{n-2} + A_{n-3} \\ &= 2A_{n-2} - A_{n-2} + 2B_{n-1} + A_{n-3} \\ &= A_{n-2} + B_{n-1} + B_n \\ &= A_{n-1} + B_n \\ &= A_n \end{split} \qquad \text{(by part iii)}$$