

# Math 239 Lec 10

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How many compositions of  $n$  are there where each part is odd? (any number of parts)

Define  $N_{\text{odd}} = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$

Let  $S = N_{\text{odd}} \cup N_{\text{odd}} \cup \dots = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} N_{\text{odd}}^k$

Define the weight function of a composition to be the sum of its parts

$$\Phi_{N_{\text{odd}}}(x) = x + x^3 + x^5 + \dots = \frac{x}{1 - x^2}$$

$$\Phi_{N_{\text{odd}}^k}(x) = (\Phi_{N_{\text{odd}}}(x))^k = \left(\frac{x}{1 - x^2}\right)^k$$

by product lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_S(x) &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \Phi_{N_{\text{odd}}^k}(x) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \left(\frac{x}{1 - x^2}\right)^k \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x}{1 - x^2}} = \frac{1 - x^2}{1 - x - x^2} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n = \frac{1 - x^2}{1 - x - x^2}$

$[a_n - a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} = 0] n \geq 3$

$a_0 = 1 \ a_1 = 1 \ a_2 = 1$

$\iff a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 3$  Fibonacci recurrence

1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34...  $a_0, a_1, a_2$

Let  $S_n$  be the set of all compositions of  $n$  where each part is odd. The recurrence implies that  $|S_n| = |S_{n-1}| + |S_{n-2}|$  for  $n \geq 3$

Find a bijection between  $S_n$  and  $S_{n-1} \cup S_{n-2}$

Define  $f: S_n \rightarrow S_{n-1} \cup S_{n-2}$  where for each  $(a_1, \dots, a_k) \in S_n$

$f(a_0, \dots, a_k) =$

$(a_1, \dots, a_k - 1)$  if  $a_k = 1$

$(a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}, a_k - 2)$  if  $a_k \geq 3 \leftarrow$  in  $S_{n-2}$

The inverse  $f^{-1}: S_{n-1} \cup S_{n-2} \rightarrow S_n$  where for each  $(b_1, \dots, b_l) \in S_{n-1} \cup S_{n-2}$

$f^{-1}(b_1, \dots, b_l)^{-1} =$

$(b_1, \dots, b_l, 1)$  if  $b_1 + \dots + b_l = n - 1$

$(b_1, \dots, b_{l-1}, b_l + 2)$  if  $b_1 + \dots + b_l = n - 2$

$\implies$   $f$  is a bijection

Recursively build  $S_n$  based on  $S_{n-1}$  and  $S_{n-2}$

Add 1 part of 1 to any  $S_{n-1}$

Add 2 to the last part of any  $S_{n-2}$

$S_6 = \{(5,1), (1,1,3,1), (1,3,1,1), (3,1,1,1), (1,1,1,1,1,1), (3,3), (1,5), (1,1,1,3)\}$   
from  $S_4$

## Binary Strings

A binary string is a sequence of 0's and 1's

Terminology:

- The length of a string is the total number of 0's and 1's in the string
- There is one string of length 0 and that is the empty (null string) " $\epsilon$ "
- The concatenation of  $a$  and  $b$  is  $ab$ ,  $a = 001$ ,  $b = 10$ ,  $ab = 00110$
- $b$  is a substring of  $S$  if  $s = abc$  for some strings  $a, c$  (and possibly  $\epsilon$ )
- A block is a maximal non-empty substring of all 0's or all 1's