Maple Class 5

1 Lecture

1. Recursive sequences!

- (a) Factorial; $a_n := na_{n-1}$ where $a_0 = 1$.
- (b) Fibonacci numbers; $F_n := F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ where $F_0 = 1$ and $F_1 = 1$.
- (c) Number of Walk on the line with backward (-1) and forward (+1) steps from the origin after n steps.
- (d) Returning walk: Number of walks with forward and backward steps from the origin and back to the origin after n steps.

2. Two-dimensional recursive sequences!

(a) **Binomial**, $\binom{n}{k}$, $n \ge 0$: using definition

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

where
$$\binom{n}{0} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(b) Lattice walk

W(m,n) be the number of ways to walk from (0,0) to (m,n) where each step is up or right.

(c) Lower-triangle walk (Catalan numbers)

C(m,n) be the number of ways to walk from (0,0) to (m,n) where each step is up or right and for each step $(x,y), x \geq y$.

3. The Coupon Collector

Children buy photos of soccer stars for their albums, but they buy them in little non-transparent envelops, so they don't know which photo they will get.

If there are n different photos, what is the expected number of pictures a kid has to buy until he or she gets every motif at least once?

Program

Name of procedure: Coupon

Input: Number of motif, n.

Output: The number of pictures to buy to complete their album.

Example: Input: Coupon(5); Output: 7

2 Homework: Turn in both your maple-code and mapleworksheet

1. Lucas numbers

Write the program to compute Lucas number which defines as follows

$$L_n := L_{n-1} + L_{n-2}$$

where $L_0 = 2$ and $L_1 = 1$.

Name of procedure: Lucas

Input: The non-negative number n

Output: L(n)

Example: Input: Lucas(35); Output: 20633239

2. Non-negative Walk:

Let PW(n) be the number of walks with forward and backward step from the origin after n steps such that always stay in the non-negative axis.

Find PW(n) for $n = 1 \dots 15$.

3. The Coupon Collector

Let T(n) be the average number of pictures to buy to complete the album of n motif.

a) Observe the rate of growth of T(n).

Predict the ratio $\frac{T(n)}{nH(n)}$ as $n \to \infty$ where the harmonic series, $H(n) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$.

b) The rate of growth of H(n):

$$H(n) \sim \log(n) + C$$
 as $n \to \infty$.

Use Maple to predict the constant C.

c) Write the program to simulate U(n) the number of pictures to buy to complete **TWO** Album with n motif each.

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