

CS499 Homework 2 (First Draft)

Interstellar

1 Fibonacci Numbers and Other Recurrences

1.1 Identities among the Fibonacci Numbers

Exercise 2.1

Proof 1. We use induction on n .

(1) Basic step. $n = 1$, $F_1 = F_3 - 1$. It is obviously true.

(2) Induction hypothesis. Assume $n = k$ satisfy the following formula for integer $k \geq 1$. Then we have

$$F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + \cdots + F_k = F_{k+2} - 1$$

(3) Proof of induction step. Now let us prove that based on the induction hypothesis of $n = k$, we can get the same formula for $n = k + 1$.

$$F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + \cdots + F_k + F_{k+1} = F_{k+2} - 1 + F_{k+1} = F_{k+3} - 1 = F_{(k+1)+2} - 1$$

Proof 2. We use a combinatorial argument involving the sets A_i .

Since $F_n = |A_{n+2}|$, where $A_n = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^n \mid x \text{ does not contain } 11\}$. We consider A_n .

Each element in A_n is a n -bit 01 string and each bit is 0 or 1. Thus, we have

$$A_n = 0A_{n-1} \cup 1B_{n-1}$$

where $B_{n-1} = 0A_{n-2}$. Obviously, $0A_{n-1} \cap 10A_{n-2} = \emptyset$ for every integer $n \geq 2$.

Then we find a way to partition A_n like this.

$$A_n = 0A_{n-1} \cup 1B_{n-1}$$

$$A_n = 00A_{n-2} \cup 010A_{n-3} \cup 10A_{n-2}$$

$$A_n = 000A_{n-3} \cup 0010A_{n-4} \cup 010A_{n-3} \cup 10A_{n-2}$$

$$A_n = 0000A_{n-4} \cup 00010A_{n-5} \cup 0010A_{n-4} \cup 010A_{n-3} \cup 10A_{n-2}$$

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$$A_n = \{\underbrace{000 \cdots 00}_n, \underbrace{000 \cdots 01}_{n-1}, \underbrace{000 \cdots 010}_{n-2}\} \cup \underbrace{000 \cdots 010}_{n-1} A_1 \cup \cdots \cup 00010A_{n-5} \cup 00010A_{n-4} \cup 010A_{n-3} \cup 10A_{n-2}$$

The intersection of any two sets on the right side of the equation is an empty set.

So we have

$$|A_n| = 3 + |A_1| + \cdots + |A_{n-4}| + |A_{n-3}| + |A_{n-2}|$$

Since $F_{n+2} = |A_n|$ for every integer $n \geq 1$ and $F_1 = 1$, we have

$$F_{n+2} - 1 = \sum_{i=3}^n F_i + F_1 + F_2$$

So we have

$$F_{n+2} - 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n F_i$$

Exercise 2.2

Proof 1. We use induction on n .

(1) Basic step. $n = 1$, $F_1 + F_3 = 1 + 2 = 3 = F_4$. It is obviously true.

(2) Induction hypothesis. Assume $n = k$ satisfy the following formula for integer $k \geq 1$. Then we have

$$F_1 + F_3 + F_5 + \cdots + F_{2k+1} = F_{2k+2}$$

(3) Proof of induction step. Now let us prove that based on the induction hypothesis of $n = k$, we can get the same formula for $n = k + 1$.

$$F_1 + F_3 + F_5 + \cdots + F_{2k+1} + F_{2(k+1)+1} = F_{2k+2} + F_{2k+3} = F_{2(k+1)+2}$$

Proof 2. We use a combinatorial argument involving the sets A_i .

Since $F_{2n+2} = |A_{2n}|$, where $A_{2n} = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^{2n} \mid x \text{ does not contain } 11\}$. We consider A_{2n} .

Each element in A_{2n} is a $2n$ -bit 01 string and each bit is 0 or 1. Thus, we have

$$A_{2n} = 0A_{2n-1} \cup 1B_{2n-1}$$

where $B_{2n-1} = 0A_{2n-2}$. Obviously, $0A_{2n-1} \cap 10A_{2n-2} = \emptyset$ for every integer $n \geq 1$.

Then we find a way to partition A_{2n} like this.

$$A_{2n} = 0A_{2n-1} \cup 1B_{2n-1}$$

$$A_{2n} = 0A_{2n-1} \cup 100A_{2n-3} \cup 101B_{2n-3}$$

$$A_{2n} = 0A_{2n-1} \cup 100A_{2n-3} \cup 10100A_{2n-5} \cup 10101B_{2n-5}$$

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$$A_{2n} = 0A_{2n-1} \cup 100A_{2n-3} \cup 10100A_{2n-5} \cup 1010100A_{2n-7} \cup \cdots \cup \underbrace{1010 \cdots 10}_{2n-2} 0A_1 \cup \underbrace{1010 \cdots 1010}_{2n}$$

Since $F_{n+2} = |A_n|$ for every integer $n \geq 1$ and $F_1 = 1$, we have

$$F_{2n+2} = F_{2n+1} + F_{2n-1} + F_{2n-3} + \cdots + F_3 + F_1$$

1.2 General Linear Recurrences

Exercise 2.3

solution 1:

For each eigenvalue of A , we have $|\lambda I - A| = 0$, which is

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - a_1 & -a_2 & -a_3 & \cdots & -a_{k-1} & -a_k \\ -1 & \lambda & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & \lambda & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

Let

$$column_{k-1} + \frac{1}{\lambda} column_k \rightarrow column_{k-1}$$

$$column_{k-2} + \frac{1}{\lambda} column_{k-1} \rightarrow column_{k-2}$$

\vdots

$$column_1 + \frac{1}{\lambda} column_2 \rightarrow column_1$$

We get

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - a_1 - \frac{a_2}{\lambda} - \dots - \frac{a_k}{\lambda^{k-1}} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - a_1 - \frac{a_2}{\lambda} - \dots - \frac{a_k}{\lambda^{k-1}}) \lambda^{k-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^k = a_1 \lambda^{k-1} + a_2 \lambda^{k-2} + \dots + a_{k-1} \lambda + a_k$$

solution 2:

We suppose that for each eigenvalue λ , the eigenvector is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{k-1} \\ \lambda^{k-2} \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$A\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \lambda^{k-1} + a_2 \lambda^{k-2} + \dots + a_k \\ \lambda^{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^k \\ \lambda^{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

According to the definition of eigenvalue, $A\alpha = \lambda\alpha$. So, if $\lambda^k = a_1 \lambda^{k-1} + a_2 \lambda^{k-2} + \dots +$

$a_{k-1} \lambda + a_k$ (**1**), λ is an eigenvalue of A, and $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{k-1} \\ \lambda^{k-2} \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is its corresponding eigenvector.

Also, n-dimension matrix has n eigenvalues, and equation (**1**) has n roots. So, λ is an eigenvalue of A if and only if equation (**1**) is satisfied.

Exercise 2.4

Proof

when λ is bigger than 0, We can rewrite the formula as follows

$$\frac{a_1}{\lambda} + \frac{a_2}{\lambda^2} + \dots + \frac{a_{k-2}}{\lambda^{k-2}} + \frac{a_{k-1}}{\lambda^{k-1}} + \frac{a_k}{\lambda^k} - 1 = 0, a_i \geq 0$$

let $f(\lambda) = \frac{a_1}{\lambda} + \frac{a_2}{\lambda^2} + \dots + \frac{a_{k-2}}{\lambda^{k-2}} + \frac{a_{k-1}}{\lambda^{k-1}} + \frac{a_k}{\lambda^k} - 1$

notice that in the area $(0, \inf)$, f is a monotone decreasing continuous function of λ (when $\lambda > 0$), and we have

$$f(1) = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k - 1 > 0$$

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$$f(\infty) \rightarrow -1 < 0$$

according to the existence theorem of zero point of continuous function, there exists a $\lambda \in (1, \infty)$ such that $f(\lambda) = 0$
according to the monotonicity of the function, there exists exactly one such λ

2 Question

2.1

When we read the notes on discrete probability, we think about Exercise 3.1: when does the first 11/10 appear? We simulate the proof 3 and get the answer that averagely it takes 6 digits when first 11 appears and for 10 the answer is 4. Then we think further about when does the k^{th} 11/10 appear? For 10, obviously, each appearance of 10 is independent, so the answer should be $4k$. But for 11, the continuous appearance may not be independent. For example, in 1111, 11 appears 3 times. So we want to know when the k^{th} 11 appears averagely?

2.2

In the previous lectures, we find that many proofs are based on visualized or concretized approach. Do we have some general thinking or method for discrete mathematics?