

Problem 2

Same number of "1"s and "-1"s means that sum of all elements in B_n should be zero.

Let's denote such sums with S_n and $|A_n|$ with F_n (they are fibonacci numbers, too).

$$S_n = \sum_{i=0}^{n/2} A_{n,2i} - A_{n,2i+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} A_{n,i} \cdot (-1)^i$$

Now we can obtain a recurrence for S_n :

$$S_n = \begin{cases} S_{n-1} + S_{n-2}, & \text{if } F_{n-1} \text{ is even} \\ S_{n-1} - S_{n-2}, & \text{if } F_{n-1} \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (\text{because } S_n, F_{n-1} \text{ must have } -1 \text{ as it's coefficient})$$

$$F_n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \Leftrightarrow n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

Base: $n = 1 \dots 3$

Step: if $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

$F_{n-1}, F_{n-2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ by induction

$$F_n \equiv 1+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

if $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

$F_{n-1} \equiv 0, F_{n-2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ by induction

$$F_n \equiv 0+1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

and if $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

$$\text{similarly } F_n \equiv 1+0 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$\text{Then } S_n = \begin{cases} S_{n-1} + S_{n-2}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ S_{n-1} - S_{n-2}, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Let's look at first few values of S_n :

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
S_n	0	1	1	2	1	-1	0	1	1 ...

Seems like there is a cycle of length 6, let's prove it.

$$S_n = S_{n \bmod 6} \quad (\text{assume } S_0 = -1 \text{ for convinience})$$

Base: $0 \leq n < 6$

Step: if $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

$$S_n = S_{n-1} + S_{n-2} = S_{(n-1) \bmod 6} + S_{(n-2) \bmod 6} = S_{n \bmod 6}, \text{ because } n \bmod 6 \equiv n \pmod{3}$$

$$\text{else } S_n = S_{n-1} - S_{n-2} = S_{n \bmod 6}, \text{ for the same reason}$$

$$\text{So, } S_n = 0 \text{ for } n = 6k+1, k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$