

Mathematica Problems on Recurrence Relations (RR) and Cellular Automata (CA)

1. In how many ways, a_n , can a sum of 1s and 2s sum up to n ? For $n = 3$ there are 3 ways. $3=1+1+1=2+1=1+2$. Find a RR for a_n and solve it on the computer. What is a_{20} ? Plot with command `DiscretePlot` the first 10 values of a_n and its logarithm.

2. Find and plot an unstable 2-cycle in the logistic map for $a = 4$. Iterate a couple of times to illustrate the instability. You can locate the 2-cycle by the fix points of $g(g(x))$.

3. Consider the CA called Majority Action. The majority of the 3 cells (left,middle and right) decides the state of the middle cell in next generation. So 2-3 black cells gives black and 0-1 black cells gives white. What is the rule number? Run it for a random seed a couple of times. What happens? Extend to 2 neighbors on each side. Then you have to modify the program somewhat. Read about the command `CellularAutomata`. What is the rule number for majority action this time? Run it also for random seeds. Any difference compared to 2 neighbors?**OP**

4. Run a seed with 3 black cells in a row in Game of Life. What happens? Investigate what happens if you make the initial state longer? That is, 4, 5 and 6 black cells in a row and even longer. Include an illustrative plot. Use `;;` when arrange the seed.