

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

1. For  $n \geq 1$  let  $a_n$  count the number of binary strings of length  $n$ , where there are no consecutive 1's. For example 011 is a forbidden string of length 3. Find and solve the RR for  $a_n$ . Solve with RSolve. Plot with command DiscretePlot the first 10 values of  $a_n$ . Plot also the logarithm of  $a_n$ .

2. Plot in the logistic map for  $a = 4$  a periodic orbit of length 3. Is it stable? You can start with the rational number in base 2  $\beta = 0.101101\dots$ . What rational number is this? Do then one iteration in the logistic map for  $a = 4$  starting with  $x_0 = \sin^2 2\pi\beta$ . Since  $\beta$  is a real number between zero and one so is also  $x_0$ . Move then the decimal point in the base 2 expression for  $\beta$  one step to the right and take away an eventual integer part. Convert this new  $\beta$  in base 2 to base 10 and calculate  $\sin^2 2\pi\beta$  and compare with the iteration. Now you can find the orbit! Are there other period 3 orbits?

3. Starting with one black cell in a 1D CA and let it produce a straight line (black cells) downwards to the left. Find a rule which does the same thing but to the right. Can there be a rule that produce both? If you take a larger region?

4. Investigate the rule B368/S245. B denotes birth and S survival. Game of Life is B3/S23. What is the rule number for B368/S245? Try random seeds and seeds that are Still Life, Oscillators and Gliders in Game of Life (see Wikipedia article about Game of Life). **OP**