

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

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 Plot the first 10 values of  $a_n$ . **OP**

2. Try to estimate a value of the Feigenbaum constant from your observations of the  $a$  values of the first 3 period doublings (fix point  $\rightarrow$  2-cycle  $\rightarrow$  4-cycle  $\rightarrow$  8-cycle). Compare with exact value.

3. Starting with one black cell in a 1D CA and let it move in a straight line downwards to the left. Give the rule number and run it. Show a figure of it in your text. No other black cells should be produced in this process.

4. Consider the following 2D CA: Birth in center cell (white  $\rightarrow$  black) if either 3 or 5 of its 8 neighbours were black (alive) on the step before. Otherwise same color as before. What is the rule number? Run it for 400 times for a seed of 7 black cells in a row in a 400 times 400 grid. Is there some activity in the interior? You can investigate this by plotting the difference between two consecutive iterations. CellularAutomaton produces lists and they can be added and subtracted as we do with numbers. 0 gives white, 1 gives grey and 2 gives black color. No activity means 0 to 0 or 1 to 1 could be shown by grey color.