

Exercise 1.19. There is a clever algorithm for computing the Fibonacci numbers in a logarithmic number of steps. Recall the transformation of the state variables a and b in the **fib-iter** process of section 1.2.2: $a \leftarrow a + b$ and $b \leftarrow a$. Call this transformation T , and observe that applying T over and over again n times, starting with 1 and 0, produces the pair $\text{Fib}(n+1)$ and $\text{Fib}(n)$. In other words, the Fibonacci numbers are produced by applying T^n , the n th power of the transformation T , starting with the pair $(1, 0)$. Now consider T to be the special case of $p=0$ and $q=1$ in a family of transformations T_{pq} , where T_{pq} transforms the pair (a, b) according to $a \leftarrow bq + aq + ap$ and $b \leftarrow bp + aq$. Show that if we apply such a transformation T_{pq} twice, the effect is the same as using a single transformation $T_{p'q'}$ of the same form, and compute p' and q' in terms of p and q . This gives us an explicit way to square these transformations, and thus we can compute T^n using successive squaring, as in the **fast-expt** procedure. Put this all together to complete the following procedure, which runs in a logarithmic number of steps:¹

```
(define (fib n)
  (fib-iter 1 0 0 1 n))
(define (fib-iter a b p q count)
  (cond ((= count 0) b)
        ((even? count)
         (fib-iter a
                   b
                   <??> ; compute p'
                   <??> ; compute q'
                   (/ count 2)))
        (else (fib-iter (+ (* b q) (* a q) (* a p))
                        (+ (* b p) (* a q))
                        p
                        q
                        (- count 1))))))
```

Answer. By reading the description above, we may easily conclude that the key point to solving this problem relies on how to represent p' and q' in terms of p and q . With observation, we may immediately draw out our basic strategy in a straightforwardly: apply the transformation T_{pq} to the pair (a, b) twice, then compare the consequence with that of the single transformation $T_{p'q'}$.

In order to present the intermediate result in a clear way, we first denote the original pair (a, b) by (a_0, b_0) , that is,

$$a_0 = a, b_0 = b$$

Well, Let's see how the pair (a, b) involves while being transformed by T_{pq} for the first time:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= b_0 q + a_0 q + a_0 p \\ &= b q + a q + a p \\ &= b q + a (p + q) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= b_0 p + a_0 q \\ &= b p + a q \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = b q + a (p + q) \\ b_1 = b p + a q \end{cases}$$

Continue in this way, the value of pair (a_2, b_2) can be obtained gradually as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= b_1 q + a_1 (p + q) \\ &= (b p + a q) q + (b q + a (p + q)) (p + q) \\ &= b p q + a q^2 + b p q + b q^2 + a (p^2 + 2 p q + q^2) \\ &= b (q^2 + 2 p q) + a (p^2 + q^2 + q^2 + 2 p q) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_2 &= b_1 p + a_1 q \\ &= (b p + a q) p + (b q + a (p + q)) q \\ &= b p^2 + a p q + b q^2 + a (p q + q^2) \\ &= b (p^2 + q^2) + a (q^2 + 2 p q) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_2 = b (q^2 + 2 p q) + a (p^2 + q^2 + q^2 + 2 p q) \\ b_2 = b (p^2 + q^2) + a (q^2 + 2 p q) \end{cases}$$

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1. This exercise was suggested to us by Joe Stoy, based on an example in Kaldewaij 1990.

By Comparing the expression of the pair (a_2, b_2) above with that of the single transformation $T_{p'q'}$ where

$$\begin{cases} a_2 = b q' + a (p' + q') \\ b_2 = b p' + a q' \end{cases}$$

we can find out the expression of p' and q' in terms of p and q intuitively:

$$\begin{cases} p' = p^2 + q^2 \\ q' = q^2 + 2 p q \end{cases}$$

Finally, we have to complete the `fib` procedure to bring an end to our solution:

```
(define (fib n)
  (fib-iter 1 0 0 1 n))
(define (fib-iter a b p q count)
  (cond ((= count 0) b)
        ((even? count)
         (fib-iter a
                   b
                   (sum-of-squares p q)      ; compute p'
                   (+ (square q) (* 2 p q)) ; compute q'
                   (/ count 2)))
        (else (fib-iter (+ (* b q) (* a q) (* a p))
                          (+ (* b p) (* a q))
                          p
                          q
                          (- count 1)))))
```