

Characteristic Equation

$$\begin{cases} F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \\ F_1 = 1 \\ F_0 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Assume $F_n = r^n$ for some $r \neq 0$

$$F_0 = r^0 \quad F_1 = r^1 = 1 \neq 0$$

$$\textcircled{F_n} = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$

$$r^n = r^{n-1} + r^{n-2}$$

Factor out r^{n-2} we get $r^2 = r + 1$

$$r^2 - r - 1 = 0 \quad r = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{r_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}} \quad r_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \quad r_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

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Observe that if r satisfies the recurrence relation

$$r^n = r^{n-1} + r^{n-2},$$

then Cr^n also satisfies the recursion for some constant $C \neq 0$

$$\underbrace{Cr^n}_{F_n} = \underbrace{Cr^{n-1}}_{F_{n-1}} + \underbrace{Cr^{n-2}}_{F_{n-2}}$$

The solutions of the recursion is of the form

$$F_n = C_1 r_1^n + C_2 r_2^n$$

$$= C_1 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + C_2 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

$$F_1 = 1 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_1 \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} + C_2 \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$F_0 = 1 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_1 + C_2 = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_2 = -\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$C_1 + C_2 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} + \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \right) = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5} - 1 + \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$C_1 \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} + C_2 \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} + \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(1 + \sqrt{5})^2 - (1 - \sqrt{5})^2}{4\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{(\cancel{1} + 2\sqrt{5} + \cancel{5}) - (\cancel{1} - 2\sqrt{5} + \cancel{5})}{4\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= 1$$

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$$\begin{cases} a_n = 3a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} \\ a_1 = 1 \\ a_0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution,

Use characteristic equation method

Assume $a_n = r^n$ for $r \neq 0$

$$r^n = 3r^{n-1} - 2r^{n-2}$$

For r^{n-2} , we get $r^2 = 3r - 2$

$$r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{characteristic equation}$$

$$(r-1)(r-2) = 0$$

$$r_1 = 1 \quad r_2 = 2$$

The solution is of the form ~~Eq~~

$$a_n = \underline{c_1} 1^n + \underline{c_2} 2^n$$

$$c_1 + 2c_2 = 1$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 = -1 \\ c_2 = +1 \end{cases}$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 2$$

$$a_n - a_{n-1} = 2$$

$$\frac{a_n - a_{n-1}}{n - (n-1)} = 2$$

$$\frac{da}{dx} = 2$$

$$\begin{cases} a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} \\ a_1 = 4 \\ a_0 = 2 \end{cases}$$

Solution. characteristic equation:

$$r^2 = 2r - 1$$

$$r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0 \quad (r-1)^2 = 0$$

$$r_{1,2} = 1$$

Assume the solution is of the form ~~$C_1 r^n + C_2 r^n$~~

Assume the solution is of the form $C_1 + nC_2$

Example

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$$\begin{cases} a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1 \\ a_0 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Observation :

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1 \quad \text{①}$$

$$a_{n-1} = 2a_{n-2} + 1 \quad \text{②}$$

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$$a_n - a_{n-1} = 2a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_n = 3a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} \\ a_1 = 2a_0 + 1 = 3 \\ a_0 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Generating Functions.

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$$\begin{cases} a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1 \\ a_0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

The generating function for the sequence a_n is defined as

$$G(x) = a_0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + \dots +$$

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$$G(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 + (2a_0 + 1)x + (2a_1 + 1)x^2 + (2a_2 + 1)x^3 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 +$$

$$\frac{2a_0 x + 2a_1 x^2 + 2a_2 x^3 + \dots}{x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots}$$

$$= a_0 +$$

$$+ 2x(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

$$+ x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$= \cancel{a_0} +$$

$$+ 2xG$$

$$+ x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$G = 2xG + (x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots)$$

$$G = 2xG + \frac{x}{1-x}$$

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$$(1-2x)G = \frac{x}{1-x}$$

$$G = \left(\frac{1}{1-2x} \cdot \frac{x}{1-x} \right)$$

To get the a_n , we do the Taylor expansion of G .

Taylor Expansion.

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$$f(x) \approx f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = (1-x)^{-1}$$

$$(x^a)' = ax^{a-1}$$

$$f'(x) = -1 (1-x)^{-2} (-1) = (1-x)^{-2}$$

$$f''(x) = (-2) (1-x)^{-3} (-1) = 2! (1-x)^{-3}$$

$$f'''(x) = (f''(x))' = (-3) (2! (1-x)^{-3}) (-1) = 3! (1-x)^{-4}$$

\vdots

$$f^{(n)}(x) = n! (1-x)^{-n-1}$$

$$f(x) \approx 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots = x (1 + x + x^2 + \dots) = \frac{x}{1-x}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-2x}$$

$$\text{Let } y = 2x$$

$$\frac{1}{1-2x} = \frac{1}{1-y} = 1 + y + y^2 + y^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + (2x) + (2x)^2 + (2x)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 2x + 2^2 x^2 + 2^3 x^3 + \dots$$

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$$(1x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4)(4x + 3x^2 + 2x^3 + 1x^4)$$

What's the coefficient for x^6

$$2x^2 \cdot 1x^4 + 3x^3 \cdot 2x^3 + 4x^4 \cdot 3x^2$$

$$= (2 + 6 + 12)x^6 = 20x^6$$

Back to $G(x)$

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$$G(x) = \left(\frac{1}{1-2x} \right) \cdot \frac{x}{1-x}$$

$$= (1 + 2x + 2^2x^2 + 2^3x^3 + \dots) \cdot$$

$$(x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots)$$

$$= \underbrace{0}_{a_0}x^0 + \underbrace{2}_{a_1}x^1 + \underbrace{2}_{a_2}x^2 + \dots + \underbrace{2}_{a_n}x^n + \dots$$

$$a_n = 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 + \dots + 2^{n-1} \cdot 1$$

$$= 2^n - 1$$

$$\begin{cases} a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1 \\ a_0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

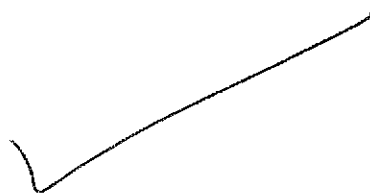
From Generating Function, we found $a_n = 2^n - 1$

Prove that this is correct for all n .

Proof by Induction.

Basis $n=0$

$$a_0 = 2^0 - 1 = 0$$



I.S.

Assume for $n=k$, $a_k = 2^k - 1$

Need to show $a_{k+1} = 2^{k+1} - 1$ using the
induction hypothesis

$$a_{k+1} = 2a_k + 1 = 2(2^k - 1) + 1$$

$$= 2 \cdot 2^k - 2 + 1$$

$$= 2^{k+1} - 1$$

$$\begin{cases} F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \\ F_1 = 1 \\ F_0 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Solution

$$G(x) = F_0 x^0 + F_1 x^1 + F_2 x^2 + F_3 x^3 + F_4 x^4 + \dots$$

~~$F_0 x^0$~~

$$= F_0 + F_1 x + (F_1 + F_0) x^2 + (F_2 + F_1) x^3 + (F_3 + F_2) x^4 + \dots$$

$$= F_0 + F_1 x$$

$$+ (F_1 x^2 + F_2 x^3 + F_3 x^4 + \dots)$$

$$- (F_0 x^2 + F_1 x^3 + F_2 x^4 + \dots)$$

$$= F_0 + F_1 x$$

$$+ x^2 (F_1 + F_2 x + F_3 x^2 + \dots)$$

$$+ x^2 (F_0 + F_1 x + F_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

$$G(x) = F_0 + F_1 x +$$

$$x^2 (F_1 + F_2 x + F_3 x^2 + \dots)$$

$$+ x^2 G$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{F_0 + x G}$$

$$+ x (\cancel{F_1 + F_2 x + F_3 x^2 + \dots})$$

$$= F_0 + F_1 x + x^2 G$$

$$+ x (F_1 x + F_2 x^2 + F_3 x^3 + \dots)$$

$$= F_0 + F_1 x + x^2 G$$

$$+ x (G - F_0)$$

$$G = F_0 + F_1 x + x^2 G + x (G - F_0)$$

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