

Homework 8- Recursive Definitions

1) Define a set  $X$  of all binary strings with an even number of zeros as follows:

B<sub>1</sub>.  $\lambda$  is in  $X$

B<sub>2</sub>.  $1$  is in  $X$

R<sub>1</sub>. If  $x$  is in  $X$ , so is  $0x0$

R<sub>2</sub>. If  $x$  and  $y$  are in  $X$ , so is  $xy$

2)  $(2,4) \in f \Rightarrow (3,5) \in f$  and  $(1,5) \in f$

$(3,5) \in f \Rightarrow (4,6) \in f$  and  $(2,6) \in f$

$(1,5) \in f \Rightarrow (2,6) \in f$ , so up to now, we found

$(2,4), (1,5), (3,5), (2,6), (4,6) \in f$ . Continuing on it

$(2,6) \in f \Rightarrow (3,7)$  and  $(1,7)$  are in  $f$ . Similarly,

$(4,6) \in f \Rightarrow (5,7)$  and  $(3,7)$  are in  $f$ . Hence, we get

$(2,4), (1,5), (3,5), (2,6), (4,6), (1,7), (3,7), (5,7) \in f$

$(1,7) \in f \Rightarrow (2,8) \in f$

$(3,7) \in f \Rightarrow (4,8)$  and  $(2,8)$  are in  $f$

$(5,7) \in f \Rightarrow (6,8)$  and  $(4,8)$  are in  $f$ . From this,

$(2,4), (1,5), (3,5), (2,6), (4,6), (1,7), (3,7), (5,7), (2,8), (4,8), (6,8) \in f$

$(2,8) \in f \Rightarrow (3,8)$  and  $(1,8)$  are in  $f$

$(4,8) \in f \Rightarrow (5,8)$  and  $(3,8)$  are in  $f$

$(6,8) \in f \Rightarrow (7,8)$  and  $(5,8)$  are in  $f$

Therefore,  $(1,8), (3,8), (5,8), (7,8) \in f$ . Going on from this

$(1,8) \in f \Rightarrow (2,10)$  is in  $f$

$(3,8) \in f \Rightarrow (2,10)$  and  $(4,10)$  are in  $f$

$(5,8) \in f \Rightarrow (4,10)$  and  $(6,10)$  are in  $f$

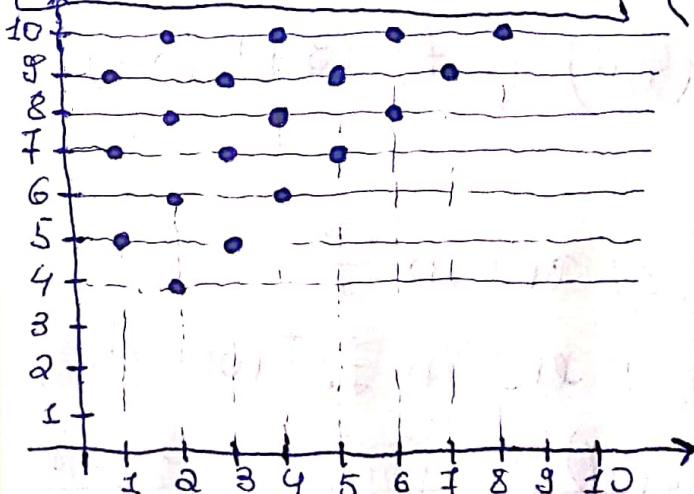
$(7,8) \in f \Rightarrow (6,10)$  and  $(8,10)$  are in  $f$ . Thus, we find

$(2,10), (4,10), (6,10), (8,10) \in f$ . Since we can't continue

from this case. We conclude that the set  $f$  is

$$f = \{ (2,4), (1,5), (3,5), (2,6), (4,6), (1,7), (3,7), (5,7), (2,8), (4,8), (6,8), (1,9), (3,9), (5,9), (7,9), (2,10), (4,10), (6,10), (8,10) \}$$

$\left. \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{matrix} \right\}$ , all elements of  $f$  are present  
(we used  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  in each case)



It's important to note that we were always using  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  for each element in  $f$ , whenever possible. Due to inequality constraint, this is the final outcome of  $f$  ■

3) Define a set  $X$  of even integers (both positive and negative) as follows:

B.  $0 \in X$

R<sub>1</sub>. If  $x \in X$ , so is  $x+2$

R<sub>2</sub>. If  $x \in X$ , so is  $x-2$

4) a) From the base case,  $\emptyset \in S$ . Since we know  $\emptyset$  is an element of  $S$ , we get  $\{\emptyset\} \subseteq S$  and thus, according to recursive case,  $\{\emptyset\} \in S$ . As  $\emptyset$  and  $\{\emptyset\}$  are elements of  $S$ ,  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \subseteq S$ , and accordingly

due to recursive case,  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \in S$ . Therefore, the

three different elements of  $S$  are  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset\}, \emptyset$

b) Assume to the sake of contradiction, that  $S$  has finite many elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . This means  $S$  has n number of elements. Note that  $\{x_1\}, \{x_2\}, \dots, \{x_n\}, \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  are different ( $n+1$ ) subsets of  $S$ . These ( $n+1$ ) subsets then need to be elements in  $S$ , according to recursive case. Thus, it means  $S$  should contain at least ( $n+1$ ) elements.

But, we had that  $S$  containing exactly  $n$  elements, contradicting our previous finding. This then implies that our assumption was wrong, meaning that

$S$  has infinitely many elements ■

## Recursive Algorithms & Recurrence Relations

f) procedure iterative\_fibonacci( $n$ : non-negative integer)

if  $n=0$  then return 0

else

$x := 0$

$y := 1$

for  $i := 1$  to  $n-1$

$z := x + y$

$x := y$

$y := z$

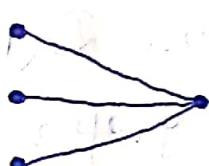
return  $y$

{output is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number} ■

This procedure initializes  $x$  as  $F(0)=0$  and  $y$  as  $F(1)=1$ . When the loop is traversed, the sum of  $x$  and  $y$  is assigned to the auxiliary variable  $z$ . Then  $x$  is assigned the value of  $y$  and  $y$  is assigned the value of the auxiliary variable  $z$ .

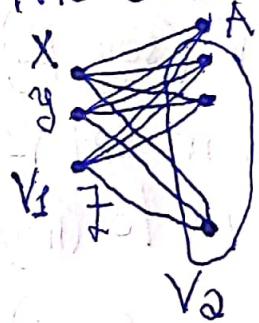
Therefore, after going through the loop the first time, it follows that  $x$  equals  $F(1)$  and  $y$  equals  $F(0) + F(1) = F(2)$ . Furthermore, after going through the loop  $(n-1)$  times,  $x$  equals  $F(n-1)$  and  $y$  equals  $F(n)$ . Only  $(n-1)$  additions have been used to find  $F(n)$  with this iterative approach where  $n \geq 1$ .

2) a)



Assume the number of edges in the graph is denoted by  $|K_{m,n}|$

Since we see from the above picture,  $|K_{3,1}| = 3$  is the base case for a recurrence relation



Assume we have the graph  $K_{3,n-1}$  with  $|V_1|=3$  and  $|V_2|=n-1$ . Similarly, number of edges will be equal to  $|K_{3,n-1}|$ .

Now, we have graph  $K_{3,n}$  with  $|V_1|=3$ ,  $|V_2|=n$ , and # of edges =  $|K_{3,n}|$ . This implies there's an additional vertex in  $V_2$ , and hence, there'll be 3 more edges connecting that vertex in  $V_2$  with all 3 vertices in  $V_1 \Rightarrow |K_{3,n}| = |K_{3,n-1}| + 3$  for  $n \geq 1$

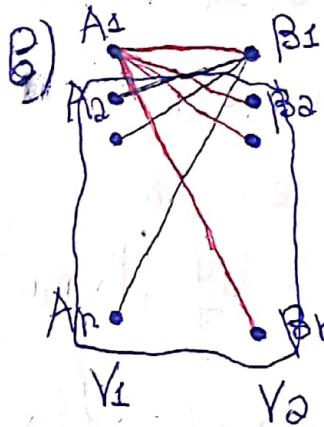
$$|K_{3,n}| = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } n=1 \\ |K_{3,n-1}| + 3, & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

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(vertex A will have an edge with  $x, y, z$ , all vertices in  $V_2$ )

More formally, if  $L(n)$  denotes the number of edges in the graph  $K_{3,n}$ , then we found that

$$L(n) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } n=1 \\ L(n-1) + 3, & \text{if } n>1 \end{cases}$$



Let  $D(n)$  denote the number of edges in the graph  $K_{n,n}$ , where  $|V_1| = |V_2| = n$  in the given picture. Since  $D(n-1)$  is the # of edges on the graph  $K_{n-1,n-1}$  we get that for the graph  $K_{n-1,n}$

$(n-1)$  more edges should be added to  $|K_{n-1,n-1}|$ . Because new vertex appeared on the set  $V_2$  (say  $B_1$ ) and it should be connected to all vertices in set  $V_1$  (say  $A_1, \dots, A_n$ ) where  $|V_1|$  was initially equal to  $(n-1)$  so,  $|K_{n-1,n}| = |K_{n-1,n-1}| + (n-1) = D(n-1) + (n-1)$   $|K_{n-1,n}| = D(n-1) + (n-1)$ . Now, for the graph  $K_{n,n}$   $|V_1| = |V_2| = n$ , and there's an additional vertex in set  $V_1$  (say  $A_1$ ). It should be connected with all vertices in set  $V_2$  (say  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$ ) where  $|V_2| = n$ . Hence,  $|K_{n,n}| = D(n) = |K_{n-1,n}| + n$ . Combining the results,  $D(n) = |K_{n-1,n}| + n = D(n-1) + (n-1) + n = D(n-1) + 2n - 1$

So, for  $n > 1 \Rightarrow D(n) = D(n-1) + 2n-1$ . It is crucial to point out that  $n \geq 1$  condition was very important in constructing this formula, especially for the existence of  $D(n-1)$  and  $K_{n-1, n-1}$ . For the base case,  $A_1 \xrightarrow{B_1} |K_{1,1}| = D(1) = 1$ . In conclusion,

$$D(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n=1 \\ D(n-1) + 2n-1, & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Since  $|V_1| = |V_0| = 1$  for the case  $n=1$ , we got  $|K_{1,1}| = 1$ , as shown above

3) q) from the definition of recurrence relation,

$$G(0) = 1 \quad G(1) = G(0) + 2-1 = G(0) + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$G(1) = 2 \quad G(2) = G(1) + 4-1 = 2 + 3 = 5 \Rightarrow G(2) = 5.$$

$$G(3) = G(2) + 6-1 = 5 + 5 = 10, \quad G(3) = 10 \quad \text{for } n=4 \Rightarrow$$

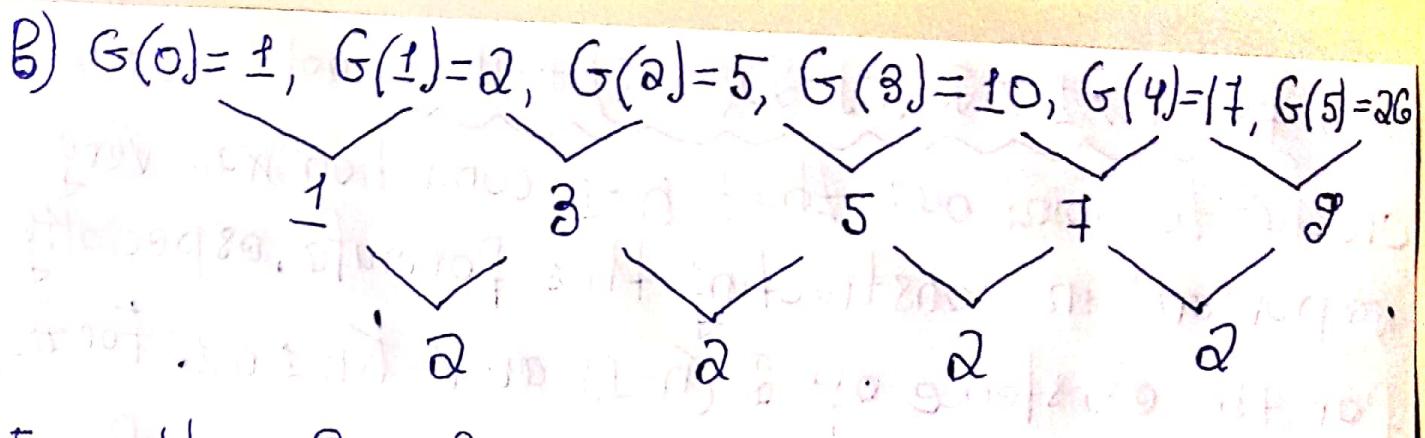
$$G(4) = G(3) + 8-1 = 10 + 7 = 17, \quad G(4) = 17 \quad \text{Plugging } n=5$$

$$G(5) = G(4) + 10-1 = 17 + 9 = 26, \quad G(5) = 26 \quad \text{Henceforth}$$

plugging  $n=0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  to given recurrence relation and using previous values for  $G(n)$ , we obtained that

$$G(0) = 1, G(1) = 2, G(2) = 5, G(3) = 10, G(4) = 17,$$

$$\text{and } G(5) = 26 \quad \text{These are the values we found by using the recurrence relation}$$



From the above diagram, we first determined the difference of any pair of consecutive terms, obtaining the values 1, 3, 5, 7, 9. Since the differences were not constant, we again evaluated the second sequence of differences, finding 2, 2, 2, 2.

As the second differences are constant, this suggests that sequence has a  $2^{\text{nd}}$ -degree polynomial as closed-form

$$G(n) = An^2 + Bn + C$$

$$G(0) = C = 1, \quad G(1) = A + B + C = A + B + 1$$

$$+ 1 = 2 \Rightarrow A + B = 1$$

$$G(2) = 4A + 2B + C = 4A + 2B + 1 = 5, \quad 4A + 2B = 4 \Rightarrow 2A + B = 2$$

We find  $A = 1$  and  $B = 0 \Rightarrow G(n) = n^2 + 1$  Checking

this for each value,  $G(0) = 1, G(1) = 2, G(2) = 5, G(3) = 10, G(4) = 17, G(5) = 26$ , as seen from this, APP're correct

Hence, closed-form solution is  $G(n) = n^2 + 1$ .

c) To prove " $G(n) = n^2 + 1$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ", we'll use the mathematical induction on  $n$ . With base case  $n=0$

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement " $G(n) = n^2 + 1$ "

Basis step:  $n=0 \Rightarrow G(0) = 1$ , which is true from the definition, thus  $P(0)$  is true

Inductive step: Let  $P(k-1)$  be true for some  $k > 0 \Rightarrow$

$$G(k-1) = (k-1)^2 + 1 = k^2 - 2k + 1 + 1 = k^2 - 2k + 2 \Rightarrow G(k-1) = k^2 - 2k + 2$$

We have to prove that  $P(k)$  is true. From the definition of recurrence relation,  $k > 0 \Rightarrow G(k) = G(k-1) + 2k - 1$ , and using inductive hypothesis,  $G(k-1) + 2k - 1 = k^2 - 2k + 2 + 2k - 1 = k^2 + 1$  is true, or  $P(k)$  is true

Hence, by the principle of Mathematical Induction,

$P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 0 \Rightarrow G(n) = n^2 + 1, \forall n \geq 0$  ■

4) Take the equation  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ , where solutions are found as  $x_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(-1)}}{2}$  and  $x_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(-1)}}{2}$

$$x_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} = \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} = \beta$$

This implies  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots of the equation  $x^2 = x + 1$

or just  $\alpha^2 = \alpha + 1, \beta^2 = \beta + 1$ . Then, we proceed by induction strong on n

Base Case: If  $n=1$  or  $n=2$ , the recurrence relation says that  $L(1) = 1$  and  $L(2) = 3$ . Using the values  $\alpha, \beta \Rightarrow$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} + \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 1, \text{ or } L(1) = 1 = \alpha + \beta$$

We find  $L(1) = \alpha^1 + \beta^1$  and  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + 1) + (\beta + 1)$ , from

previous page  $\Rightarrow$  since we also found  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ , we can get  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = \alpha + \beta + 2 = 1 + 2 = 3$ ,  $L(2) = 3 \Rightarrow$

$L(2) = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$  So, if the closed-form solution  $L(n) = \alpha^n + \beta^n$  is correct for  $n=1$  and  $n=2$  ✓

Inductive Step: Using the recurrence relation,

$$L(k) = L(k-1) + L(k-2) = (\alpha^{k-1} + \beta^{k-1}) + (\alpha^{k-2} + \beta^{k-2}),$$

By inductive hypothesis where it's as follows:

Inductive Hypothesis: Let  $k > 2$ , suppose as inductive hypothesis that  $L(i) = \alpha^i + \beta^i$  for all  $i$  such that  $1 \leq i < k$

Inductive Step:  $k > 2 \Rightarrow k \geq 3$  or  $1 \leq k-2 < k-1 < k$ , then

using recurrence relation and inductive hypothesis,

$$L(k) = L(k-1) + L(k-2) = \alpha^{k-1} + \beta^{k-1} + \alpha^{k-2} + \beta^{k-2}, \text{ since } k > 2$$

$$\text{As } \alpha^0 = \alpha + 1, \beta^0 = \beta + 1 \Rightarrow \alpha^{k-1} + \alpha^{k-2} = \alpha^{k-2}(\alpha + 1) = \alpha^{k-2} \cdot \alpha^2 = \alpha^k$$

$$\text{and } \beta^{k-1} + \beta^{k-2} = \beta^{k-2}(\beta + 1) = \beta^{k-2} \cdot \beta^2 = \beta^k, L(k) = (\alpha^{k-1} + \alpha^{k-2}) + (\beta^{k-1} + \beta^{k-2}) = \alpha^k + \beta^k \Rightarrow L(k) = \alpha^k + \beta^k \text{ becomes true}$$

Hence, applying strong induction we found  $L(n) = \alpha^n + \beta^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

5) We proceed by strong induction on  $n$

Base case: If  $n=1$  or  $n=2$ , the recurrence relation says that  $a_1=10$  and  $a_2=5 \Rightarrow$  since  $5|10, 5|5$ , we get  $5|a_1$  and  $5|a_2$ . Thus,  $5|a_n$  is true for  $n=1$  and  $n=2$ .

Inductive Hypothesis: Let  $k \geq 2$ , suppose as inductive hypothesis that  $5|a_i$  for all  $i$ , such that  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

Inductive Step: Using the recurrence relation, since  $k \geq 2 \Rightarrow k \geq 3$  and  $a_k = 2a_{k-1} + 3a_{k-2}$ . As  $5|a_{k-1}$  and  $5|a_{k-2}$  because of  $1 \leq k-2 < k-1 < k$  and inductive hypothesis, we know that  $5|a_{k-2}, 5|a_{k-1}$ . Obviously  $5|a_{k-2} + a_{k-1} + a_{k-2} = 3a_{k-2}$  since  $a_{k-2} = 5q$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $3a_{k-2} = 5 \cdot (3q)$  or  $5|3a_{k-2}$ . Similarly,  $a_{k-1} = 5b$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$   $2a_{k-1} = 5 \cdot (2b)$  or  $5|2a_{k-1}$  with  $5|a_{k-1} + a_{k-2} = 3a_{k-2}$ .

As we had  $a_k = 2a_{k-1} + 3a_{k-2}$  where  $5|2a_{k-1}$  and  $5|3a_{k-2} \Rightarrow 5|2a_{k-1} + 3a_{k-2} = a_k$ , finding  $5|a_k$ .

Hence, from the principle of strong induction on  $n$ , we obtained  $5|a_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $\blacksquare = 5(a+b)$ , or  $5|x+y$ )

Note: If  $5|x$  and  $5|y$ , then  $5|x+y$  (Let  $x=5a, y=5b, x+y=5(a+b)$ )

## Structural Induction

Proof By  
Induction

1) a) Let  $P(n)$  be the statement "A Pine map with  $n$  distinct Pines has at least  $(n+1)$  regions"

Base step:  $n=0 \Rightarrow$



A Pine map with 0 distinct Pines is a Blank rectangle, so it has

exactly 1 region where  $\lceil n+1 \rceil = 0+1=1$ . Hence,  $P(0)$  is true ✓

Inductive step: Assume for some  $k > 0$ ,  $P(k-1)$  is true

A Pine map with  $(k-1)$  distinct Pines has at least  $(k-1)+1=k$  regions ✓

We need to prove that  $P(k)$  is true. Let's consider a Pine map with  $k$  distinct Pines. When ignoring one of the Pines  $q$ , then we know that there are at least  $k$  regions in the Pine map. When the Pine  $q$  is added to the Pine map, with  $(k-1)$  distinct Pines, then this Pine will divide at least one of the regions in two (since the Pine is distinct from all other Pines) and thus at least 1 additional region is added, which results in at least  $k+1$  regions in the Pine map.

Thus,  $P(k)$  is true. ✓

Hence, in conclusion, from the principle of mathematical induction of  $\mathbb{N}$ , we found  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

or, meaning [A Pine map with  $n$  distinct Pines has at least  $(n+1)$  regions]

B) Proof by Induction: Let  $P(n)$  be the statement "A Pine map with  $n$  distinct Pines has at most  $2^n$  regions".

Basis step:  $n=0 \Rightarrow$  A Pine map with 0 distinct Pines is a blank rectangle, and thus, it has exactly 1 region, where 1 is at most  $2^0 = 2^0 = 1 \Rightarrow P(0)$  is true ✓

Inductive step: Let  $P(k-1)$  be true  $\Rightarrow$  A Pine map with  $(k-1)$  distinct Pines has at most  $2^{k-1}$  regions. We need to prove that  $P(k)$  is true. Let's consider

a Pine map with  $k$  distinct Pines. When ignoring one of the Pines  $q$ ; then we know that there are at most  $2^{k-1}$  regions in the Pine map. When the Pine  $q$  is added to the Pine map with  $(k-1)$  distinct Pines, then this Pine will pass through at most  $k$  regions (one region between each pair of consecutive distinct Pines ( $k-1$  regions) and the  $q$  regions on either sides of all Pines).

This Pine  $\varphi$  then divides at most  $K$  regions in two (as the Pine is distinct from all other Pines) and thus, at most  $K$  additional regions are added, which results in at most  $2^{K-1} + K$  regions in the Pine map.

However,  $2^{K-1} + K \leq 2^K$  and thus the Pine map has at most  $2^K$  regions. Hence,  $P(K)$  is true ✓

Therefore, in conclusion, from the principle of mathematical induction, (on  $n$ ),  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 0$ .

Hence, a Pine map with  $n$  distinct Pines has at most  $2^n$  regions ★

Note:  $2^{K-1} + K \leq 2^K$  is true for all  $K \geq 1$

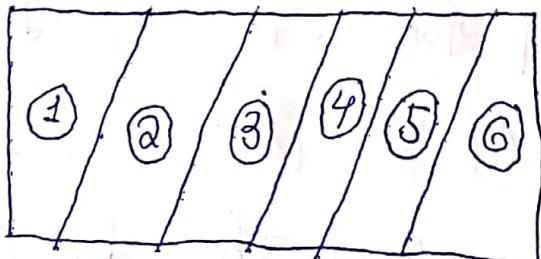
$K=1 \Rightarrow 2^0+1=2 \leq 2^1$  ✓ Assume  $2^{K-1} + K \leq 2^K$  is true for some  $K=t \geq 1$ , then  $2^{t-1} + t \leq 2^t = 2^{t-1} + 2^{t-1}$ , or  $t \leq 2^{t-1}$ . For  $K=t+1$ , we find that  $2 \cdot 2^{t-1} \geq 2 \cdot t$

from inductive hypothesis, or just  $2^t \geq 2t \geq t$  from  $t \geq 1 \Rightarrow 2^t \geq t$ , or  $2^t + 2^t = 2^{t+1} \geq 2^t + t \Rightarrow 2^t + t \leq 2^{t+1}$

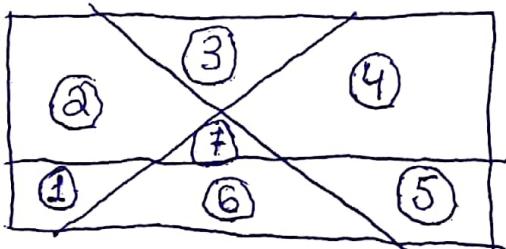
$2^t \geq 2t \geq t+1$  since  $t \geq 1$ , and  $2^t + 2^t = 2^{t+1} \geq 2^t + (t+1)$

Hence,  $2^{t+1-1} + (t+1) = 2^t + (t+1) \leq 2^{t+1}$  becomes true.  $K=t+1$  becomes true, and induction on  $K$  proves this property.

c) We will obtain such a Pine map when the 5 Pines are (approximately) parallel or when none of the Pines intersect



d) It is not possible to draw such a map, because we obtain the most regions when all three Pines intersect each other without falling together and we note that we then get 7 regions instead of 8 regions (remember that  $2^{3-1} + 3 = 2^2 + 3 = 7 < 8 = 2^3$  inequality holds from part b), but with strict symbol)



It's impossible to obtain 8 regions, maximum is 7 as outlined in the proof for b)  
(and also,  $2^{3-1} + 3 < 2^3$  is true)

2) Proof By Structural Induction: Base Case B:

Let  $x$  be a real number  $\Rightarrow \langle x, 4-x \rangle$  is then a Q-sequence by the base case B, whose sum is  $x + (4-x) = 4$ . Thus, all Q-sequences generated by the base case have a sum of 4 ✓

Recursive Case R: Let  $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i \rangle$  and  $\langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k \rangle$  be Q-sequences whose sum is 4 each  $\Rightarrow$

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_j = 4, \quad y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_k = 4$$

The recursive step then states that  $\langle x_{1-1}, x_2, \dots, x_j; y_1 \rangle$  is a Q-sequence, where sum of elements is  $y_2, \dots, y_{k-3}$

$(x_{1-1}) + x_2 + \dots + x_j + y_1 + y_2 + \dots + (y_{k-3}) = (x_1 + \dots + x_j) - 1 + + (y_1 + \dots + y_k) - 3 = 4 - 1 + 4 - 3 = 8 - 4 = 4$ . Thus, the Q-sequence  $\langle x_{1-1}, \dots, x_j, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-3} \rangle$  then also has a sum of 4, which implies that all Q-sequences introduced by the recursive step also have a sum of 4.

Henceforth, By the principle of structural induction;

APP+Q-sequences have a sum of 4  $\blacksquare$