CSE 548: Analysis of Algorithms

Lecture 7 (Generating Functions)

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An Impossible Counting Problem

Suppose you went to a grocery store to buy some fruits. There are some constraints though:

- A. The store has only two **apples** left: one red and one green. So you cannot take more than 2 apples.
- B. All but 3 bananas are rotten. You do not like rotten bananas.
- F. Figs are sold 6 per pack. You can take as many packs as you want.
- M. **Mangoes** are sold in pairs. But you must not take more than a pair of pairs.
- P. They sell 4 **peaches** per pack. Take as many packs as you want.

Now the question is: in how many ways can you buy n fruits from the store?

Generating Functions

Generating functions represent sequences by coding the terms of a sequence as coefficients of powers of a variable in a formal power series.

For example, one can represent a sequence s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots as:

$$S(z) = s_0 + s_1 z + s_2 z^2 + s_3 z^3 + \dots + s_n z^n + \dots$$

So s_n is the coefficient of z^n in S(z).

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A. The store has only two **apples** left: one red and one green. So you cannot take more than 2 apples.

$$A(z) = 1 + 2z + z^2 = (1 + z)^2$$

B. All but 3 bananas are rotten. You do not like rotten bananas.

$$B(z) = 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 = \frac{1 - z^4}{1 - z}$$

F. Figs are sold 6 per pack. You can take as many packs as you want.

$$F(z) = 1 + z^6 + z^{12} + z^{18} + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - z^6}$$

M. **Mangoes** are sold in pairs. But you must not take more than a pair of pairs. $1-z^6$

$$M(z) = 1 + z^2 + z^4 = \frac{1 - z^6}{1 - z^2}$$

P. They sell 4 **peaches** per pack. Take as many packs as you want.

$$P(z) = 1 + z^4 + z^8 + z^{12} + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - z^4}$$



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Suppose you can choose n fruits in s_n different ways.

Then the generating function for s_n is:

$$S(z) = A(z)B(z)F(z)M(z)P(z) = (1+z)^{2} \times \frac{1-z^{4}}{1-z} \times \frac{1}{1-z^{6}} \times \frac{1-z^{6}}{1-z^{2}} \times \frac{1}{1-z^{4}}$$

$$= \frac{1+z}{(1-z)^{2}}$$

$$= (1+z)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)z^{n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1)z^{n}$$

Equating the coefficients of z^n from both sides:

$$s_n = 2n + 1$$

Fibonacci Numbers

Recurrence for Fibonacci numbers:

$$f_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} + [n = 1]$$

Generating function: $F(z) = f_0 + f_1 z + f_2 z^2 + f_3 z^3 + ...$

$$F(z) = \sum_{n} f_{n} z^{n} = \sum_{n} f_{n-1} z^{n} + \sum_{n} f_{n-2} z^{n} + \sum_{n} [n = 1] z^{n}$$
$$= \sum_{n} f_{n} z^{n+1} + \sum_{n} f_{n} z^{n+2} + z$$
$$= zF(z) + z^{2}F(z) + z$$

Fibonacci Numbers

$$F(z) = zF(z) + z^{2}F(z) + z$$

$$\Rightarrow F(z) = \frac{z}{1 - z - z^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{z}{(1 - \varphi z)(1 - \hat{\varphi}z)}, \text{ where } \varphi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \& \hat{\varphi} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \varphi z} - \frac{1}{1 - \hat{\varphi}z}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sum_{n} (\phi^{n} - \hat{\phi}^{n}) z^{n}$$

Equating the coefficients of z^n from both sides:

$$f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (\phi^n - \hat{\phi}^n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

Average Case Analysis of Quicksort

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Quicksort

Input: An array A[1:n] of n distinct numbers.

Output: Numbers of A[1:n] rearranged in increasing order of value.

Steps:

- 1. **Pivot Selection:** Select pivot x = A[1].
- 2. **Partition**: Use a stable partitioning algorithm to rearrange the numbers of A[1:n] such that A[k] = x for some $k \in [1,n]$, each number in A[1:k-1] is smaller than x, and each in A[k+1:n] is larger than x.
- 3. **Recursion:** Recursively sort A[1:k-1] and A[k+1:n].
- 4. **Output:** Output A[1:n].

Stable Partitioning: If two numbers p and q end up in the same partition and p appears before q in the input, then p must also appear before q in the resulting partition.

Average Number of Comparisons by Quicksort

We will average the number of comparisons performed by *Quicksort* on all possible arrangements of the numbers in the input array.

Let t_n = average #comparisons performed by *Quicksort* on n numbers.

Then

$$t_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < 1, \\ n - 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (t_{k-1} + t_{n-k}) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The recurrence can be rewritten as follows.

$$t_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < 1, \\ n - 1 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} t_k & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Average Number of Comparisons by Quicksort

The recurrence: $t_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < 1, \\ n-1+\frac{2}{n}\sum_{k=0}^{n-1}t_k & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$

Let T(z) be an ordinary generating function for t_n 's:

$$T(z) = t_0 + t_1 z + t_2 z^2 + \dots + t_n z^n + \dots$$

$$= t_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n z^n$$

$$= t_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(n - 1 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} t_k \right) z^n$$

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We have: $T(z) = t_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(n - 1 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} t_k \right) z^n$

Differentiating:

$$T'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(n(n-1) + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} t_k \right) z^{n-1}$$

$$= z \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) z^{n-2} + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} t_k \right) z^n$$

$$= z \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left(\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \right) - 1 - z \right) + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(t_n z^n \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k \right) \right)$$

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$$T'(z) = z \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left(\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \right) - 1 - z \right) + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(t_n z^n \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k \right) \right)$$

$$= z \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left((1-z)^{-1} - 1 - z \right) + 2(1-z)^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n z^n$$

$$= \frac{2z}{(1-z)^3} + \frac{2}{1-z} T(z)$$

Rearranging:
$$(1-z)^2 T'(z) - 2(1-z)T(z) = \frac{2z}{1-z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dz} ((1-z)^2 T(z)) = \frac{d}{dz} (-2\ln(1-z) - 2z)$$

Integrating: $(1-z)^2T(z) = -2\ln(1-z) - 2z + c$ (c is a constant)

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We have, $(1-z)^2T(z) = -2\ln(1-z) - 2z + c$ (c is a constant)

Putting z=0, $T(0)=c\Rightarrow t_0=c\Rightarrow c=0$

Hence,
$$(1-z)^2T(z) = -2\ln(1-z) - 2z$$

$$\Rightarrow T(z) = 2(-\ln(1-z) - z)(1-z)^{-2}$$
$$= 2\left(\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{j}\right) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)z^k\right)$$

Equating coefficients of z^n from both sides,

$$t_n = 2\left(\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{n+1-k}{k}\right) = 2(n+1)\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - 4n = 2(n+1)H_n - 4n,$$

where $H_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$ is the n^{th} harmonic number.

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But we know, $H_n = \ln n + O(1)$ (prove it)

Hence, $t_n = 2(n+1)(\ln n + O(1)) - 4n = \Theta(n \log n)$.

