

8. (a) Prove that $F_{m+n} = F_m F_n + F_{m-1} F_{n-1}$ for $m, n \geq 0$ (with the convention that $F_{-1} = 0$).

(b) Use this to derive an algorithm for calculating F_n using only $c \log n$ arithmetic operations. [HINT: see Russian peasant multiplication (Exercise 12 of Chapter 2).]

(c) Given that multiplication is slower than addition, is this algorithm really better than one involving $n - 1$ additions?

12 How many ways are there to put the numbers $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$ into a $2 \times n$ array so that rows and columns are in increasing order from left to right and from top to bottom? For example, one solution when $n = 5$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 9 & 10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

38 Find a closed form for the double generating function

$$M(w, z) = \sum_{m, n \geq 0} \min(m, n) w^m z^n.$$

42 A space probe has discovered that organic material on Mars has DNA composed of five symbols, denoted by (a, b, c, d, e) , instead of the four components in earthling DNA. The four pairs cd , ce , ed , and ee never occur consecutively in a string of Martian DNA, but any string without forbidden pairs is possible. (Thus $bbcdca$ is forbidden but $bbdca$ is OK.) How many Martian DNA strings of length n are possible? (When $n = 2$ the answer is 21, because the left and right ends of a string are distinguishable.)

49 This is a problem about powers and parity.

a Consider the sequence $\langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots \rangle = \langle 2, 2, 6, \dots \rangle$ defined by the formula

$$a_n = (1 + \sqrt{2})^n + (1 - \sqrt{2})^n.$$

Find a simple recurrence relation that is satisfied by this sequence.

b Prove that $\lceil (1 + \sqrt{2})^n \rceil \equiv n \pmod{2}$ for all integers $n > 0$.

c Find a number α of the form $(p + \sqrt{q})/2$, where p and q are positive integers, such that $\lfloor \alpha^n \rfloor \equiv n \pmod{2}$ for all integers $n > 0$.

- 27 A $2 \times n$ domino tiling can also be regarded as a way to draw n disjoint lines in a $2 \times n$ array of points:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} | & \text{---} & \text{---} & | & \text{---} & | & | \\ | & & & | & & | & | \end{array}$$

If we superimpose two such patterns, we get a set of cycles, since every point is touched by two lines. For example, if the lines above are combined with the lines

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} | & | & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \\ | & & & & & & \end{array},$$

the result is

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} | & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & | \\ | & & & & & & \end{array}.$$

The same set of cycles is also obtained by combining

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} | & | & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & | & | \\ | & & & & & & \end{array} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} | & \text{---} & \text{---} & | & \text{---} & \text{---} & \\ | & & & | & & & \end{array}.$$

But we get a unique way to reconstruct the original patterns from the superimposed ones if we assign orientations to the vertical lines by using arrows that go alternately up/down/up/down/... in the first pattern and alternately down/up/down/up/... in the second. For example,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} | & \text{---} & \text{---} & | & \text{---} & | & | \\ | & & & | & & | & | \end{array} + \begin{array}{ccccccc} | & | & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \\ | & & & & & & \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccccccc} | & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & | \\ | & & & & & & \end{array}.$$

The number of such oriented cycle patterns must therefore be $T_n^2 = F_{n+1}^2$, and we should be able to prove this via algebra. Let Q_n be the number of oriented $2 \times n$ cycle patterns. Find a recurrence for Q_n , solve it with generating functions, and deduce algebraically that $Q_n = F_{n+1}^2$.