

**Exercise 1** (Exercise 3). Let  $c_n$  be the number of sequences of length  $n$  in which:

- ◇ Each number is one of 0, 1, 2, 3.
- ◇ No two 3's are consecutive.

For instance 0221030132 is a valid sequence but 033112333 is not.

- i) Find a recursion for  $c_n$  (this should be similar to the Fibonacci recurrence). Remember to include the initial conditions!
- ii) Use the recursion to find a closed form for the generating function of  $c_n$ .
- iii) Use the formula discussed in class for solving linear recurrences to find an explicit formula for  $c_n$  in terms of  $n$ .

Answer