

QUESTION 2A

a.

$(0, 1)$



$(0, 0)$

$$L_0 = (0, 1), (0, 0)$$

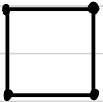
$$a_0 = |\phi|$$

$$= 1$$

$$b_0 = |\{(0, 0)\}|$$

$$= 1$$

$(0, 1)$ $(1, 1)$



$(0, 0)$ $(1, 0)$

$$L_1 = (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), (1, 0)$$

$$a_1 = |\phi, \{(0, 1)\}, \{(0, 0)\}|$$

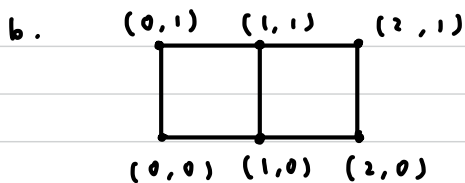
$$= 3$$

$$b_1 = |\{(1, 0)\}, \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}|$$

$$= 2$$

$$\therefore a_0 = 1, \quad b_0 = 1, \quad a_1 = 3, \quad b_1 = 2$$

QUESTION 2B



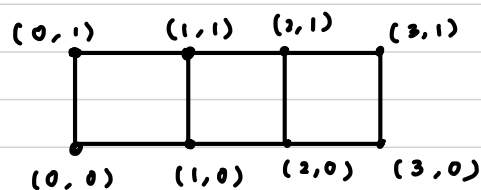
$$L_2 : (0,1), (0,0), (1,0), (1,1), (2,1), (2,0)$$

$$a_2 : \phi, \{(0,1)\}, \{(0,0)\}, \{(1,1)\}, \{(1,0)\}, \{(0,1), (1,0)\}, \{(0,0), (1,1)\}$$

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$$b_2 : \{(2,0)\}, \{(2,0), (1,1)\}, \{(2,0), (0,0)\}, \{(2,0), (0,1)\}, \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,0)\}$$

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$$L_3 : (0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1), (2,0), (2,1), (3,0), (3,1)$$

$$a_3 : \phi, \{(0,1)\}, \{(0,0)\}, \{(1,0)\}, \{(1,1)\}, \{(2,0)\}, \{(2,1)\}, \{(0,1), (1,0)\}, \{(0,1), (2,0)\},$$

$$\{(1,1), (0,0)\}, \{(1,1), (2,0)\}, \{(0,0), (2,1)\}, \{(1,0), (2,1)\}, \{(0,1), (1,0), (2,1)\},$$

$$\{(0,0), (1,1), (2,0)\}, \{(0,1), (2,1)\}, \{(0,0), (2,0)\}$$

$$: 17$$

$$b_3 : \{(3,0)\}, \{(3,0), (2,1)\}, \{(3,0), (1,1)\}, \{(3,0), (0,1)\}, \{(3,0), (1,0)\}, \{(3,0), (0,0)\},$$

$$\{(1,0), (2,1), (3,0)\}, \{(3,0), (1,0), (0,1)\}, \{(3,0), (1,0), (0,1)\}, \{(3,0), (1,1), (0,0)\},$$

$$\{(3,0), (2,1), (1,0), (0,1)\}, \{(3,0), (2,1), (0,0)\}$$

$$: 12$$

$$a_0 : 1$$

$$b_0 : 1$$

$$a_1 : 3$$

$$b_1 : 2$$

$$a_2 : 7$$

$$b_2 : 5$$

$$a_3 : 17$$

$$b_3 : 12$$

• The recurrence relation for a_{n+1} is $a_{n+1} = a_n + 2b_n$

We can do this by imagining that all a_n will be included to a_{n+1} . No changes are made since the independent set of a_n will always be within a_{n+1} . Since a new ladder step is created, b_n will also need to be included. Since b_n only counts $(n,0)$, it means that all the independent sets in b_n are not included in a_n (since a_n contains neither $(n,0)$ nor $(n,1)$). By adding b_n to a_n , we have included the independent sets containing $(n,0)$. But, all the independent sets in $(n,1)$ is not included yet. By intuition, all independent sets containing $(n,0)$ is equal to all independent sets contained in $(n,1)$. Combining these together, we can get $a_{n+1} = a_n + 2b_n$ for $n \geq 0$

. The recurrence relation of $b_{n+1} = a_n + b_n$. This can be thought by having all sets in a_n added with $(n+1, 0)$ to satisfy b_{n+1} . This will definitely gives independent sets since a_n does not contain any pairs with $(n, 0)$ nor $(n, 1)$. b_n comes from the independent sets that can include pairs from the n th order of ladder. Since $(n, 0)$ and $(n+1, 0)$ cannot be an independent set, we can think of for every b_{n+1} , the sets will include the pair $(n+1, 0)$ added to all sets in b_n but y -axis will alternate between 0 and 1 each time. Hence, still giving the count of $b_{n+1} = a_n + b_n$ for $n \geq 0$

QUESTION 2C

Let $P(n)$ be $a_n \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^n$ and $b_n \leq (\sqrt{2}+1)^n$

Base case : $n = 0$:

$$a_0 = 1 \text{ while } \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^0 = \sqrt{2} \text{ and}$$

$$b_0 = 1 \text{ while } (\sqrt{2}+1)^0 = 1,$$

so the inequality is true for $n = 0$

Inductive Step :

Induction Hypothesis :

Suppose that $a_k \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^k$ and $b_k \leq (\sqrt{2}+1)^k$ is true for a particular number n , where $k \geq 0$

Body of Induction using IH :

Let's look at what happens at $k+1$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{k+1} &= a_k + 2b_k && \text{(to express it in terms of recursion)} \\ &\leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^k + 2(\sqrt{2}+1)^k && \text{(by the Inductive Hypothesis, i.e., } a_k \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^k \\ &&& \text{and } b_k \leq (\sqrt{2}+1)^k) \\ &= (\sqrt{2}+2)(\sqrt{2}+1)^k && \text{(a slight rearrangement)} \\ &= \sqrt{2}(1+\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{2}+1)^k && \text{(more arrangement)} \\ &= \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} b_{k+1} &= a_k + b_k && \text{(to express it in terms of recursion)} \\ &\leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^k + (\sqrt{2}+1)^k && \text{(by the Inductive Hypothesis, i.e., } a_k \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^k \\ &= (\sqrt{2}+1)(\sqrt{2}+1)^k && \text{and } b_k \leq (\sqrt{2}+1)^k) \\ &= (\sqrt{2}+1)^{k+1} && \text{(a slight rearrangement)} \end{aligned}$$

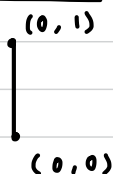
\therefore This is just the equation for the theorem $n = k+1$ instead of k

So the inductive step is now complete

Conclusion :

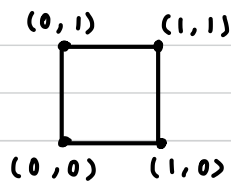
Therefore, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, the equation $a_n \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^n$ and $b_n \leq (\sqrt{2}+1)^n$ holds for all $n \geq 0$

QUESTION 2D



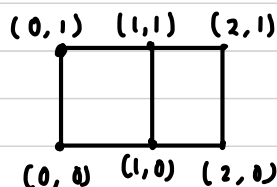
$$C_0 = \{(0, 0)\}, \{(0, 1)\}, \emptyset$$

$$= 3$$



$$C_1 = \emptyset, \{(0, 1)\}, \{(1, 1)\}, \{(0, 0)\}, \{(1, 0)\}, \{(1, 1), (0, 0)\}, \{(0, 1), (1, 0)\}$$

$$= 7$$



$$C_2 = \emptyset, \{(0, 1)\}, \{(1, 1)\}, \{(2, 1)\}, \{(0, 0)\}, \{(1, 0)\}, \{(2, 0)\}, \{(0, 1), (1, 0)\}, \{(0, 1), (2, 0)\}, \{(0, 1), (2, 1)\}, \{(0, 0), (1, 1)\}, \{(0, 0), (2, 0)\}, \{(0, 0), (2, 1)\}, \{(1, 1), (2, 0)\}, \{(1, 0), (2, 1)\}, \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0)\}, \{(0, 1), (1, 0), (2, 1)\}$$

$$= 17$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$b_0 = 1$$

$$C_0 = 3$$

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$b_1 = 2$$

$$C_1 = 7$$

$$a_2 = 7$$

$$b_2 = 5$$

$$C_2 = 17$$

$$a_3 = 17$$

Based on the pattern, we can see that $C_n = a_{n+1}$. This is because a_{n+1} miss the last edge of the ladder, whereas C_n includes them.

We can think of C_n using multiple equation

$$\bullet C_n = a_{n+1}$$

this leads to

$$C_n \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^{n+1}$$

a_{n+1} can also be written as:

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

$$a_{n+1} \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^n + 2(\sqrt{2}+1)^n$$

$$\therefore C_n \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^n + 2\sqrt{2}$$

This leads to the same answer, which has been previously proven in 2c.

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To check a closed-form upper bound of C_n , we can compare both the equation given and the previously computed equation

$$C_n \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^{n+1}$$

When $(n=0)$

$$C_0 \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^{0+1}$$

$$C_0 \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^1$$

$$3 \leq 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$C_n \leq 3^{n+1}$$

When $(n=0)$

$$C_0 \leq 3^{0+1}$$

$$C_0 \leq 3^1$$

$$3 \leq 3$$

When $(n=1)$

$$C_1 \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^{1+1}$$

$$C_1 \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^2$$

$$C_1 \leq \sqrt{2}(2+2\sqrt{2}+1)$$

$$C_1 \leq 2\sqrt{2} + 4 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$7 \leq 3\sqrt{2} + 4$$

When $(n=1)$

$$C_1 \leq 3^{1+1}$$

$$C_1 \leq 3^2$$

$$7 \leq 9$$

When $(n=2)$

$$C_2 \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^{2+1}$$

$$C_2 \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^3$$

$$C_2 \leq \sqrt{2}(2\sqrt{2}+6+3\sqrt{2}+1)$$

$$C_2 \leq 4 + 6\sqrt{2} + 6 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$17 \leq 10 + 7\sqrt{2}$$

When $(n=2)$

$$C_2 \leq 3^{2+1}$$

$$C_2 \leq 3^3$$

$$17 \leq 27$$

For C_0 , 3^{n+1} gives 3 whereas $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^{n+1}$ gives $2+\sqrt{2}$ which is a tad larger. But for C_n where $n \geq 1$, the value that $2(\sqrt{2}+1)^{n+1}$ grows way slower than 3^{n+1} (as shown from $C_1 \leq 3\sqrt{2} + 4 \leq 9$ and $C_2 \leq 10 + 7\sqrt{2} \leq 27$).

This shows that a better closed-form upper bound for C_n is $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^{n+1}$

$$C_n \leq \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)^{n+1} \leq 3^{n+1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$