

Test 2: Friday, in-class, similar format to last time

Chs.

3: 3.1-ish, 3.2, 3.3

5: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3

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H.W. today

More: details and problems found on 11/2 on calendar.

Recursive definitions

1. \mathcal{E} = extended binary trees

Base step: let the empty tree $\lambda \in \mathcal{E}$

Recursion: For input trees $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{E}$, obtain $T_1 \cdot T_2$
by attaching a new node to the roots of T_1, T_2 .

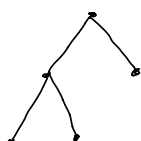
Added to \mathcal{E} after

base step: λ

1st recursion:

2nd recursion:

3rd recursion:



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\mathcal{E}'

A

λ

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2. Base: Let λ be an empty string in A .

Recursion: For each $x \in A$, $\underline{10x1} \in A$.

Friday 8.1 - modeling using recurrences

Did 5 examples

6. Come up w/ a recurrence relation for no. of ways to feed a vending machine $\$n$ using

- \$1 coins (C)
- \$1 bills (O)
- \$5 bills (F)

Here $a_n = \#$ of ways, order mattering, to feed $\$n$ into machine.

$$\begin{aligned}a_0 &= 1 \\a_1 &= 2 \\a_2 &= 2^2 \\a_3 &= 2^3 \\a_4 &= 2^4\end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + a_{n-5}$$

counts ways to feed $\$(n-1)$

counts ways to feed $\$(n-5)$

5 degree recurrence requires 5 ICs.

$$a_5 = 2a_4 + a_0 = 2 \cdot 2^4 + 1 = 33$$

$$a_6 = 2a_5 + a_1 = 2(33) + 2 = \underline{\underline{68}}$$

$$2^6 = \underline{64} \text{ using only } \underline{C, 0s}$$

2^6

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F	C
F	O
O	F
C	F

These additional four use F's.

8.2 Solving recurrences

Solve the recurrence

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \quad w/ \text{ ICs. } f_0 = 0$$

$$f_1 = 1$$

Key idea:

Assume $f_n = r^n$ for some number r .

Insert that formula into recurrence

$$r^n = r^{n-1} + r^{n-2}$$

Subtract and factor

$$r^{n-2}(r^2 - r - 1) = 0$$

Either $r^{n-2} = 0$ (not very interesting)

or $r^2 - r - 1 = 0$ (characteristic equation)

Quadratic formula: zeros of $ax^2 + bx + c$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

In our char. eqn. $a = 1, b = -1, c = -1$

$$\Rightarrow \text{roots } r = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Two roots $r_1 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, r_2 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$.

At outset, we assumed $f_n = r^n$.

What is true:

$$r_1^0, r_1^1, r_1^2, r_1^3, \dots$$

is a sequence which
solves our recurrence

and

$$r_2^0, r_2^1, r_2^2, r_2^3, \dots$$

but they do not satisfy the ICs.

However, there is a way to mix them and get what we want

$$f_n = \alpha_1 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$