

1.

Assume $a(n)$ is a function stands for "at least n couple are sitting next to each other (means either adjacent or facing each other, this function will be overcounted)". We observe that $a(0) = (2n)!$, sample space S, A_i stands for i_{th} couple sitting next to each other. For instance, $a(2) = \sum_{j < k} A_j \cap A_k$. By inclusion-exclusion principle, this is a derangement problem, $|S - (A_0 \cup A_1 \dots \cup A_n)|$ is the answer to it. So $S = a(0) = 2n!$,

$$a(i) = C(n, i) * 2^i * ((2n - i)!) ,$$

,stands for "i couples in total, choose i from n couple, $C(n, i)$; each couple will have 2 permutation, 2^i ; then treat those together couple as a whole entity, there are $2n - i$ entity to arrange, so $(2n - i)!$.

The actual function for this derangement is: $\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i * a(i)$, because $S - |A_1| - |A_2| \dots - |A_n| + \sum_{|i_1, i_2|=2} |A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2}| - \dots$. Here S is $2n!$, all other elements can be represented by $(-1)^i * a(i)$.

By summarize above, plug $a(i)$ in, $2n!$ also satisfies the summation, $\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i * C(n, i) * ((2n - i)!) = 2n!$

2.

Since it is a linear recurrence relationship, there must be a function $f(n)$ for b_n . $f(n) = q^n, q \neq 0$. Plug it in,

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

$$q^{n-2} * (q^2 - 2q - 2) = 0$$

,since $q \neq 0, (q^2 - 2q - 2) = 0, q_+ = 1 + \sqrt{3}, q_- = 1 - \sqrt{3}$. Obviously, we need some constants attached to each term. Suppose there are c_+, c_- .

$$f(n) = c_+ * (1 + \sqrt{3})^n + c_- * (1 - \sqrt{3})^n$$

Now plug $b_0 = 0, b_1 = 1, c_+ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, c_- = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$. So

$$f(n) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} * (1 + \sqrt{3})^n + (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}) * (1 - \sqrt{3})^n$$

3.

By observation,

A) we could place a domino on first row, so there are a_{n-1} ways to tile the rest of the grid.

B) or we could place the domino horizontally on it, so we must place another domino horizontally below that and there are a_{n-2} ways to tile the rest of the grid.

$$\text{So, } a_0 = 1, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2, a_3 = 3, a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$$

4.

By observation,

A) we could place a 1×1 domino on first first row, there is only one spot left on first row, then if we choose to place another 1×1 domino, there is a_{n-1} ways

to place rest tiles, regardless of we switch the order of both 1×1 tile or not. But if we choose to place a 'L' domino on the first row, they make a 2×2 square, in this case, there are a_{n-2} ways. However, the place where to put first 1×1 matter in this case. Both cases gives out same ways, so it is $2 * a_{n-2}$ ways. The grand total of this situation is $a_{n-1} + 2 * a_{n-2}$

B) If we place a 'L' domino on first row and make it take over the whole first row. There are two ways to do that 'L' and upside-down 'L' on the board. No matter which case we can continue put one more 1×1 tile to make a 2×2 square with rest of a_{n-2} ways or we put another 'L' to make a 2×3 rectangle with composed with 2 'L's, which gives a_{n-3} ways. Since there are ways to start the first step, so the grand total of this situation is $2 * a_{n-2} + 2 * a_{n-3}$

By addition rule, the total is : $a_n = a_{n-1} + 4 * a_{n-2} + 2 * a_{n-3}$

We also find the base case: $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 4, a_3 = 10$, which satisfies the recurrence relation.