

I have derived and implemented in Python an algorithm that executes in  $O(1)$  time.

Through the power of Markov chains, I simultaneously derived closed-form expressions for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  even Fibonacci number and the sum of the first  $n$  even Fibonacci numbers. The summation equation is evidently useful, but the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term equation on its own will not help to solve Problem 2. However, its inverse (which takes in a Fibonacci number and returns  $n$ ) can be used to determine how many even Fibonacci numbers there are below a certain upper bound (four million, per se). Altogether, these equations supply a fully algebraic solution to Problem 2 with a Pythonic implementation (as mentioned) in  $O(1)$  time.

My derivation includes some fairly involved linear algebra, so, because of length considerations, I will only hit the highlights in my post here. A full description of my method can be found on <https://github.com/shadypuck/SumEvenFibonacci/blob/master/SumEvenFibonacci.pdf>.

Proof inside!

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[b]Groundwork[/b]

Let's begin. The basis for my method lies in the oft-mentioned fact that every third Fibonacci number is an even Fibonacci number, and the even Fibonacci numbers can be defined recursively by  $E_n = 4E_{n-1} + E_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$  with initial conditions

$$\begin{aligned}$$

$E_0 = 2$

$E_1 = 8$

$$\end{aligned}$$

[b]Notation[/b]

Before beginning the main derivation, a note on notation: From here on out,  $e_n$  refers to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term in the even Fibonacci sequence, where 2 is the  $0^{\text{th}}$  term. Likewise,  $s_n$  refers to the sum of all terms through the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term in the even Fibonacci sequence. Additionally,  $E_n$  refers to a vector in the following form.

$$E_n =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_n \\ e_n \\ e_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_n$$

Lastly,  $M$  refers to the matrix that linearly maps  $E_{n-1}$  to  $E_n$ .

# [b]Formulas for the Even Fibonacci Numbers and Their Sum[/b]

My derivation solves the following Markov chain.

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$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} s_n \\ e_n \\ e_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}}_{E_n} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_E \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} s_{n-1} \\ e_{n-1} \\ e_{n-2} \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{n-1}}$$

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The initial conditions vector for this Markov chain is as follows.

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$E_1 =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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The absolute definition of the Markov chain is  $E_n = E^{n-1} E_1$ . To facilitate raising  $E$  to an arbitrarily high power, diagonalization will be used.  $E$  diagonalizes as follows.

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$$E = \frac{1}{32\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 11+5\sqrt{5} & 11-5\sqrt{5} \\ 0 & 8+4\sqrt{5} & 8-4\sqrt{5} \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0\\
0 & 2+\sqrt{5} & 0\\
0 & 0 & 2-\sqrt{5}\\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
32\sqrt{5} & -40\sqrt{5} & -8\sqrt{5}\\
0 & 4 & -8+4\sqrt{5}\\
0 & -4 & 8+4\sqrt{5}
\end{bmatrix}

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Compiling  $E_n = S \Lambda^{n-1} S^{-1} E_1$  leads to closed-form expressions for  $s_n$  and  $e_n$ .

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\begin{align}
\begin{bmatrix}
s_n\\
e_n\\
e_{n-1}
\end{bmatrix}
&= \frac{1}{32\sqrt{5}}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 11+5\sqrt{5} & 11-5\sqrt{5}\\
0 & 8+4\sqrt{5} & 8-4\sqrt{5}\\
0 & 4 & 4
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0\\
0 & 2+\sqrt{5} & 0\\
0 & 0 & 2-\sqrt{5}
\end{bmatrix}^{n-1}
\begin{bmatrix}
32\sqrt{5} & -40\sqrt{5} & -8\sqrt{5}\\
0 & 4 & -8+4\sqrt{5}\\
0 & -4 & 8+4\sqrt{5}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
10\\
8\\
2
\end{bmatrix}

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&=

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\begin{bmatrix}
\frac{(5-\sqrt{5})(2+\sqrt{5})^{n+2}+(5+\sqrt{5})(2-\sqrt{5})^{n+2}-10}{20}\backslash
\frac{(2+\sqrt{5})^{n+1}-(2-\sqrt{5})^{n+1}}{\sqrt{5}}\backslash
\frac{(2+\sqrt{5})^n-(2-\sqrt{5})^n}{\sqrt{5}}\backslash
\end{bmatrix}
\end{align}
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The uppermost value in  $E_n$  corresponds to an explicit formula for  $s_n$ , and the middle value in  $E_n$  corresponds to an explicit formula for  $e_n$ , as desired. The results are transcribed below for clarity.

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$$
s_n = \frac{1}{20}\left(\left(5-\sqrt{5}\right)\left(2+\sqrt{5}\right)^{n+2}+\left(5+\sqrt{5}\right)\right.
\left.\left(2-\sqrt{5}\right)^{n+2}-10\right)\tag{1}
$$
e_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\left(\left(2+\sqrt{5}\right)^{n+1}-\left(2-\sqrt{5}\right)^{n+1}\right)\tag{2}
$$

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[b]Inverting  $e_n$ [/b]

It is not algebraically possible to exactly invert Equation 2. However, a sort-of inverse can be found, the upper-bound function on which is shown below.

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$$
n = \log_{2+\sqrt{5}}\left(\frac{e_n\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{5e_n^2+4}}{2}\right)-1\tag{3}
$$
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[b]Solving Problem 2[/b]

[i]Mathematically[/i]

Employ Equation 3 to find an upper bound on the number of even Fibonacci numbers beneath four million.

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\begin{align}
n &= \log_{2+\sqrt{5}}\left(\frac{4000000\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{5(4000000)^2+4}}{2}\right)-1\backslash
&\approx 10.0876
\end{align}
$$

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Since the upper bound is a decimal between 10 and 11, the  $10^{\text{th}}$  even Fibonacci number is the greatest even Fibonacci number under four million.

Plug  $n=10$  into Equation 1 to find the sum of the even Fibonacci numbers beneath four million, solving Problem 2.

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\begin{align}

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$$s_{10} = \frac{1}{20} \left( (5 - \sqrt{5})(2 + \sqrt{5})^{10+2} + (5 + \sqrt{5})(2 - \sqrt{5})^{10+2} - 10 \right)$$

$$s_{10} = \boxed{4613732}$$

[i]Pythonically[/i]

The following is a simple implementation of the above in Python.

[code=Python]

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import math
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def sumEvenFibonacciBeneath(bound):
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    n = math.floor(math.log((bound*5**0.5+(5*bound**2+4)**0.5)/2,2+5**0.5)-1)
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    return int(1/20*((5-5**0.5)*(2+5**0.5)**(n+2)+(5+5**0.5)*(2-5**0.5)**(n+2)-10))
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print(sumEvenFibonacciBeneath(4*10**6))
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