

$$a_n = c_{n-1}a_{n-1} + c_{n-2}a_{n-2} + \dots + c_0a_0 + F(n)$$

CS F222: Discrete Structures for Computer Science

Tutorial - 8 (Recurrence relations)

- Find a recurrence relation for the number of ways to climb n stairs if the person climbing the stairs can take one stair or two stairs at a time. What are the initial conditions?
- Messages are transmitted over a communications channel using two signals. The transmittal of one signal requires 1 microsecond, and the transmittal of the other signal requires 2 microseconds. Find a recurrence relation for the number of different messages consisting of sequences of these two signals, where each signal in the message is immediately followed by the next signal, that can be sent in n microseconds. What are the initial conditions?
- Find a recurrence relation for C_n , the number of ways to parenthesize the product of $n+1$ numbers, $x_0 \times x_1 \times x_2 \times \dots \times x_n$ to specify the order of multiplication. What are the initial conditions?
- Solve the recurrence relations using iterative method.
 - $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2n + 3$ with $a_0 = 4$
 - $f(n) = 5f(n/2) + 3$ with $f(1) = 7$
- Solve the following recurrence relation
 - $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3^n$ for all $n \geq 2$ with $a_1 = 5$.
 - $a_n = 7a_{n-1} - 16a_{n-2} + 12a_{n-3} + n4^n$ for all $n \geq 3$ with $a_0 = -2, a_1 = 0$, and $a_2 = 5$
 - $a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} + 2^n + 3n$ for all $n \geq 2$ with $a_0 = 1$ and $a_1 = 0$.

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 2n + 3, \quad a_0 = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= (a_{n-2} + 2(n-1) + 3) + 2n + 3 \\ &= a_{n-2} + 2((n-1) + n) + 2 \cdot 3 \\ &= a_{n-3} + 2((n-2) + (n-1) + n) + 2 \cdot 3 \\ &= a_{n-3} + 2((n-2) + (n-1) + n) + 3 \cdot 3 \end{aligned}$$

(a)

Q4. Find a recurrence relation for the number of binary strings of length n that do not contain two consecutive 0's or two consecutive 1's.

(b) what are the initial conditions?

(c) how many binary strings of length n do not contain two consecutive 0's or two consecutive 1's?

Symbols: 0, 1, 2

$a_n \rightarrow$ # of those strings of length n

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$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} \\ &\quad + 2a_{n-3} + 2a_{n-4} \\ &\quad + \dots + 2a_0 + 2 \quad \text{--- (1)} \\ a_{n-1} &= a_{n-2} + 2a_{n-3} + 2a_{n-4} + \dots + 2a_0 + 2 \quad \text{--- (2)} \\ \text{--- (1) - (2)} \end{aligned}$$

Q1. Let a_n be the number of steps needed to climb n stairs.

$$a_{n-1}, \quad a_{n-2}$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}, \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_1 = 1$$

Q2. $T_n \rightarrow$ # of different messages that can be sent in n microseconds

$$T_0 = 1$$

$$T_1 = 1$$

$$T_n = T_{n-1} + T_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

Q3. $C_n \rightarrow$ the number of ways of parenthesizing the product

$$x_0 \times x_1 \times x_2 \times \dots \times x_n$$

$$x_0 \times x_1 \times x_2 \times x_3$$

$$C_3 = 5$$

$$((x_0 \cdot x_1) \cdot x_2) \cdot x_3$$

$$(x_0 \cdot (x_1 \cdot x_2)) \cdot x_3$$

$$(x_0 \cdot x_1) \cdot (x_2 \cdot x_3) \quad \checkmark$$

$$x_0 \cdot ((x_1 \cdot x_2) \cdot x_3)$$

$$x_0 \cdot (x_1 \cdot (x_2 \cdot x_3))$$

$$C_0 = C_1 = 1$$

Let that dot be lying b/w x_k and x_{k+1}

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \\ x_0 \quad x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \dots \quad x_k \cdot x_{k+1} \quad \dots \quad x_n \end{array}$$

$$C_n = C_0 \cdot C_{n-1} + C_1 \cdot C_{n-2} + \dots + C_{n-1} \cdot C_0$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} C_i \cdot C_{n-i-1}$$

$$C_n = \frac{\binom{2n}{n}}{(n+1)}$$

102
0102
1012
...

① - ②

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

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

$$\forall n \geq 2$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$C_n = \frac{\binom{2n}{n}}{(n+1)}$$

Q5. (a) Find a recurrence relation for the number of binary strings of length n that do not contain consecutive symbols that are the same.

⑥ what are the initial conditions?

$a_n \rightarrow \#$ those strings

$\frac{a_n}{3}$ of those must start with each of the symbols 0, 1 and 2

0101...
n-1

we append 0, 1 or 2 to only $\frac{2}{3} a_{n-1}$ strings

$$a_n = 3 \cdot \frac{2}{3} a_{n-1}$$

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} \quad \text{for every } n \geq 2$$

$$a_1 = 3, \quad a_0 = 1$$

$$(c) \quad a_2 = a_1 + 2a_0 + 2 = 3 + 2 \cdot 1 + 2 = 7$$

$$a_3 = a_2 + 2a_1 + 2a_0 + 2 = 7 + 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 1 + 2 = 17$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_6 &= a_5 + 2a_4 + 2a_3 + 2a_2 + 2a_1 + 2a_0 + 2 \\ &= 99 + 2 \cdot 41 + 2 \cdot 17 + 2 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 1 + 2 \\ &= 239 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 2n + 3, \quad a_0 = 4$$

$$a_n = (\quad) + 2n + 3$$

$$= (a_{n-2} + 2(n-1) + 3) + 2n + 3$$

$$= a_{n-2} + 2((n-1) + n) + 2 \cdot 3$$

$$= a_{n-3} + 2(n-2) + 3 + 2((n-1) + n) + 2 \cdot 3$$

$$= a_{n-3} + 2((n-2) + (n-1) + n) + 3 \cdot 3$$

$$= a_{n-i} + 2((n-i+1) + (n-i) + \dots + n) + i \cdot 3$$

let $n=i$

$$= a_0 + 2(1 + 2 + \dots + n) + n \cdot 3$$

$$= n^2 + 4n + 4$$