

Thus  $f_n = 0$ ,  $f_n = \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$  and  $f_n = \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$

are 3 different sequences that satisfy the

homogeneous linear recurrence relation:  $f_n - f_{n-1} - f_{n-2} = 0$ .

Hence  $f_n = c_1 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + c_2 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$  also satisfies the

homogeneous linear recurrence relation:  $f_n - f_{n-1} - f_{n-2} = 0$ .

Suppose the initial conditions are  $f_0 = a$  and  $f_1 = b$

(note for fibonacci sequence,  $a = 0$  and  $b = 1$ ).

Then for  $n = 0$ :  $f_0 = c_1 + c_2 = a$

And for  $n = 1$ :  $f_1 = c_1 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) + c_2 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) = b$

Or in matrix form: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{-2\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{-2\sqrt{5}}a + \frac{b}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}}a - \frac{b}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $a = 0$  and  $b = 1$ , then  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$

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$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-n}{k} (-x)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{k} x^k, |x| < 1$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{x^{n+1}-1}{x-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n$$

### 7.2: Generating Functions

$g(x) = h_0 + h_1x + h_2x^2 + \dots$  is the **generating function** for the sequence  $h_0, h_1, h_2, \dots$

Ex: The generating fn for the sequence 2, 3, 4, 0, 0, 0, ... is

$$g(x) = 2 + 3x + 4x^2$$

Ex: The generating function for the sequence 1, 1, 1, ... is

$$g(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x} \quad |x| < 1$$

**geometric series**

Ex: The generating function for the sequence

0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ... is

$$g(x) = x^4 + x^7 + x^{10} + \dots = x^4(1 + x^3 + x^6 + \dots) = \frac{x^4}{1-x^3}$$

**geometric series**

Ex: The generating function for the sequence

$$\binom{m}{0}, \binom{m}{1}, \binom{m}{2}, \dots, \binom{m}{m} \text{ is } |x| < 1$$

$$g(x) = \binom{m}{0} + \binom{m}{1}x + \binom{m}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{m}{m}x^m = (1+x)^m$$

Ex: Suppose  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . The generating function for the sequence

$$\binom{\alpha}{0}, \binom{\alpha}{1}, \binom{\alpha}{2}, \dots \text{ is } |x| < 1$$

$$g(x) = \binom{\alpha}{0} + \binom{\alpha}{1}x + \binom{\alpha}{2}x^2 + \dots = (1+x)^\alpha$$

Ex: Let  $h_n$  = number of nonnegative solutions to

$$e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_k = n$$

$$\text{Thus } h_n = \binom{n+k-1}{n} \quad |x| < 1$$

$$\text{Thus } g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{n} x^n = \frac{1}{(1-x)^k}$$

switched  $k$  &  $n$  in formula  
on preceding page

7.2

$$\{\infty \cdot x, \infty \cdot y\}$$

Suppose a multiset of size  $k$  must contain the following:

- between two to four (inclusive)  $x$ 's;
- zero, one, two or five  $y$ 's.

Find the number of multisets of size  $k$ .

**"Long" method:** list all possibilities

between two to four (inclusive)  $x$ 's:  $x^2 + x^3 + x^4$

zero, one, two or five  $y$ 's:  $y^0 + y^1 + y^2 + y^5$

Both:  $(x^2 + x^3 + x^4)(y^0 + y^1 + y^2 + y^5)$

$$= x^2y^0 + x^3y^0 + x^4y^0 + x^2y^1 + x^3y^1 + x^4y^1 + x^2y^2 + x^3y^2 + x^4y^2 + x^2y^5 + x^3y^5 + x^4y^5$$

$$= x^2y^0 + (x^2y^1 + x^3y^0) + (x^2y^2 + x^3y^1 + x^4y^0) + (x^3y^2 + x^4y^1) + x^4y^2 + x^2y^5 + x^3y^5 + x^4y^5$$

Let  $h_k$  = number of multisets of size  $k$ .

$$h_0 = 0, h_1 = 0, h_2 = 1, h_3 = 2, h_4 = 3, h_5 = 5, h_6 = 1, h_7 = 1, h_8 = 1, h_9 = 1, h_k = 0 \quad k > 9$$

**"Shorter" method:**

between two to four (inclusive)  $x$ 's:  $x^2 + x^3 + x^4$

zero, one, two or five  $y$ 's:  $x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + x^5$

Both:  $g(x) = (x^2 + x^3 + x^4)(x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + x^5)$

$$= x^2x^0 + (x^2x^1 + x^3x^0) + (x^2x^2 + x^3x^1 + x^4x^0)$$

$$+ (x^3x^2 + x^4x^1) + x^4x^2 + x^2x^5 + x^3x^5 + x^4x^5$$

$$= x^2 + 2x^3 + 3x^4 + 2x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^8 + x^9$$

$$h_0 = h_1 = 0, h_2 = 1, h_3 = 2, h_4 = 3, h_5 = 5, h_6 = 1, h_7 = 1, h_8 = 1, h_9 = 1, h_k = 0 \quad k > 9$$

List of all possible sets containing elements satisfying

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