

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ a) } F_n^2 - F_{n+1}F_{n-1} = (-1)^n \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

We will prove by induction on  $n$ .

$$1) \text{ Base case } p(1): F_1^2 - F_2F_0 = (-1)^1$$

$$F(0) = 1 \quad F(1) = 1 \quad F(2) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$1^2 - 2 \cdot 1 = -1 = (-1)^1 = -1$$

$$2) \text{ Let } p(k): F_k^2 - F_{k+1}F_{k-1} = (-1)^k \text{ holds for } k > 1.$$

3) We need to show

$$p(k+1): F_{k+1}^2 - F_{k+2} \cdot F_k = (-1)^{k+1}$$

$$F_{k+2} \cdot F_k = (F_k + F_{k+1})F_k = F_k^2 + F_k F_{k+1} =$$

$$= (F_{k+1} \cdot F_{k-1} + (-1)^k) + F_k F_{k+1} =$$

$$= F_{k+1} \cdot (F_k + F_{k-1}) + (-1)^k =$$

$$= F_{k+1} \cdot F_{k+1} + (-1)^k =$$

$$= F_{k+1}^2 - (-1)^{k+1}$$

$$6) \sum_{i=0}^n F_i = F_{n+2} - 1$$

We show by induction on  $n$ .

1) Base case  $n=0$

We know that  $F_0 = F_1 = 1$ ,  $F_2 = 2$ .

$$F_0 = F_2 - 1 \Leftrightarrow 1 = 2 - 1 \Leftrightarrow 1 = 1$$

2) Let  $\sum_{i=0}^k F_i = F_{k+2} - 1$  for  $k \geq 1$

$$3) \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} F_i = \sum_{i=0}^k F_i + F_{k+1} \stackrel{\text{induction 2)}}{=} (F_{k+2} - 1) + F_{k+1} =$$

$$= (F_{k+1} + F_{k+2}) - 1 = F_{k+3} - 1$$

$$c) F_{n-1}^2 + F_n^2 = F_{2n}$$

$$F_{n-1} F_n + F_n F_{n+1} = F_{2n+1}$$

We prove by induction on  $n$

1) For  $n=1$  we have

$$F_0^2 + F_1^2 = F_2$$

$$F_0 F_1 + F_1 F_2 = F_3$$

$$F_0 = F_1 = 1, F_2 = 2, F_3 = 3$$

$$F_0^2 + F_1^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 = 2 = F_2$$

$$F_0 F_1 + F_1 F_2 = 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 = 3 = F_3.$$

2) For  $k > 1$  we suppose that

$$F_{k-1}^2 + F_k^2 = F_{2k}$$

$$F_{k-1}F_k + F_kF_{k+1} = F_{2k+1}$$

$$3) F_{2k+2} = F_{2k+1} + F_{2k} =$$

$$= F_{k-1}F_k + F_kF_{k+1} + F_{k-1}^2 + F_k^2 =$$

$$= F_{k-1}(F_k + F_{k-1}) + F_kF_{k+1} + F_k^2 =$$

$$= F_{k-1} \cdot F_{k+1} + F_kF_{k+1} + F_k^2 =$$

$$= F_{k+1}(F_{k-1} + F_k) + F_k^2 = F_{k+1} \cdot F_{k+1} + F_k^2 =$$

$$= F_{k+1}^2 + F_k^2.$$

$$F_{2k+3} = F_{2k+2} + F_{2k+1} = \underline{F_{k+1}^2 + F_k^2} + F_{k-1}F_k + \underline{F_kF_{k+1}}$$

$$= F_{k+1}(F_{k+1} + F_k) + F_k(F_k + F_{k-1}) =$$

$$= F_{k+1} \cdot F_{k+2} + F_k \cdot F_{k+1}$$

$$d) F_n = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-i}{i}$$

$F_n$  - the number of representations for  $n$  as an ordered sum of 1s and 2s.

If we have  $i$ -number of 2s we have  $n-2i$  1s, thus,  $n-i$  summands.

Therefore, there are  $\binom{n-i}{i}$  ways to choose the positions of the 2s in the sum.

Thus

$$F_n = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-i}{i}.$$

③  $F_n$  - composite for all odd  $n > 3$ .

From the question 2.(c) we know that

$$\begin{aligned} F_{2k+1} &= F_{k-1}F_k + F_k F_{k+1} = \\ &= F_k \cdot (F_{k-1} + F_{k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$F_{2k+1}$  is a product of two positive integers, thus,  $F_{2k+1}$  is composite.

Since  $n = 2k+1$  is an odd number, we obtain that  $F_n$  is composite for all odd  $n > 3$ .

9) a)

$$i) f(n+1) = f(n)^2, \quad f(0) = 2$$

$$f(1) = f(0)^2 = 2^2 = 4$$

$$f(2) = f(1)^2 = 4^2 = 16$$

By induction we will show that  $f(n) = 2^{2^n}$ ,  
for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$

1) Base case  $n = 0$ .

$$f(0) = 2; \quad f(0) = 2^{2^0} = 2^1 = 2$$

2) Let  $f(n) = 2^{2^n}$  for  $n > 0$ .

$$3) f(n+1) = f(n)^2 = (2^{2^n})^2 = 2^{2^{n+1}}$$

Thus  $f(n) = 2^{2^n}$

$$ii) f(n+1) = f(n) + f(n-1) + f(n-2)$$

$$f(0) = f(1) = f(2) = 1$$

The characteristic equation for the given relation is

$$x^3 - x^2 - x - 1 = 0,$$

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $x^3 - x^2 - x - 1 = 0$

$$\text{Thus } f(n) = a\alpha^n + b\beta^n + c\gamma^n$$

$$f(0) = a\alpha^0 + b\beta^0 + c\gamma^0 = a + b + c = 1$$

$$f(1) = a\alpha + b\beta + c\gamma = 1$$

$$f(2) = a\alpha^2 + b\beta^2 + c\gamma^2 = 1$$

Solving the system

$$\begin{cases} a + b + c = 1 \\ a\alpha + b\beta + c\gamma = 1 \\ a\alpha^2 + b\beta^2 + c\gamma^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

where  $a, b, c$  are unknowns we find  $a, b$  and  $c$ .

$$\text{iii) } f(n+1) = 1 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(i) \quad , \quad f(0) = 1$$

$$f(n+1) = 1 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} f(i) + f(n-1) =$$

$$= 1 + f(n-1) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} f(i) =$$

$$= 1 + f(n-1) + f(n) - 1 =$$

$$= f(n) + f(n-1) .$$

$$n=0 ; \quad f(1) = 1 + \text{empty sum}$$

$$f(1) = 1$$

$$f(2) = f(1) + f(0) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$f(3) = f(2) + f(1) = 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$f(4) = f(3) + f(2) = 3 + 2 = 5$$

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, ...

$\{f(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is Fibonacci sequence.

8)  $f(n)$  - the number of ways of writing  $n$  as a sum of positive integers

1 summand:  $n = n^{-1}$  way

if  $n$  is represented as a sum of at least 2 summands we have

$$n = i + (n-i) \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

- where represented on  $f(n-i)$  ways

Thus

$$f(n) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(n-i) =$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(i) = 1 + f(n-1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f(i)$$

$$= 1 + f(n-1) + (f(n-1) - 1)$$

$$f(n) = 2f(n-1) = 2 \cdot 2f(n-2) = 2^2 f(n-2) =$$

$$= \dots = 2^{n-1} f(1) = 2^{n-1}$$



6) According to the new election rules we know that A receives an extra vote at the start and B receives an extra vote at the end, thus, we have  $n+1$  votes for A and  $n+1$  votes for B, and A is always ahead.

Therefore, there are  $C_{n+1}$  different ways of counting (from (a)).

(16) Since there are  $2n$  balls, there are  $\binom{2n}{n}$  ways in which the balls could be drawn.

If the number of red balls never exceeds the number of blue balls, then the clown stays dry. The number of ways of counting is equal to  $C_{n+1}$ , by using question 15.

We know that  $C_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$

where  $C_{n+1}$  is the  $(n+1)$ th Catalan number.

The probability that the clown remains dry is  $\frac{C_{n+1}}{\binom{2n}{n}} = \frac{\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}}{\binom{2n}{n}} = \frac{1}{n+1}$