

Non-Linear DFE**Exercise 1** $Y_n Y_{n+2} = Y_{n+1}^2$, $Y_0 = 1$, $Y_1 = 2$ Follows that $Y_n \neq 0 \forall n$.

$$\therefore \frac{Y_{n+2}}{Y_{n+1}} = \frac{Y_{n+1}}{Y_n}$$

Let $W_n = \frac{Y_{n+1}}{Y_n}$. Then $W_{n+1} = W_n$, $W_0 = 2$

$$\therefore W_n = 2 \Rightarrow Y_{n+1} = 2Y_n \Rightarrow Y_n = 2^n \quad (Y_0 = 1)$$

N.B. Could also linearize with logs.**Exercise 2** $Y_{n+2}^2 + 3Y_{n+1}^2 - 4Y_n^2 = 0$ Set $W_n = Y_n^2$

$$W_{n+2} + 3W_{n+1} - 4W_n = 0$$

$$W_n = c_1(-4)^n + c_2 \Rightarrow Y_n = \sqrt{c_1(-4)^n + c_2}$$

Solving Recurrences Using Generating Fn

***Basic Idea:** G.F. is formal power series with the coeff of interest to us related by the recursion. Using formal manipulations this leads to a formal expression (hopefully a recognizable closed form) from which the coefficients of the FPS can be determined.

Exercise: $a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 1$ $a_0 = 0$, $a_1 = 1$ Define: $A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n$ (“FPS”) $\therefore A(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n x^n$ “Formal manipulation”

$$\begin{aligned} &= a_0 + \sum_{n \geq 0} a_{n+1} x^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} (2a_n + 1) x^{n+1} \\ &= 2 \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^{n+1} + \sum_{n \geq 0} x^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A(x) &= 2x \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n + \frac{x}{1-x} = 2x A(x) + \frac{x}{1-x}. \\ \therefore A(x) &= \frac{x}{(1-x)(1-2x)} \quad \text{“Closed Form”} \end{aligned}$$

$$= x \sum_{n \geq 0} x^n \cdot \sum_{n \geq 0} 2^n x^n.$$

$$= x \sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\sum_{j=0}^n 2^j \right) x^n$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} (2^{n+1} - 1) x^{n+1}$$

Comparing coefficients we see that $a_n = 2^n - 1$

N.B. If 2 FPS are equal, they are the same coefficient by coefficient.

Exercise: $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$ $n \geq 0$, $F_0 = F_1 = 1$

Let $F(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} F_n x^n$ “FPS”

$$= F_0 + F_1 x + \sum_{n \geq 2} F_n x^n$$

$$= 1 + x + \sum_{n \geq 0} F_{n+2} x^{n+2}$$

$$= 1 + x + x \sum_{n \geq 0} F_{n+1} x^{n+1} + x^2 \sum_{n \geq 0} F_n x^n$$

$$= 1 + x + \sum_{n \geq 0} (F_{n+1} + F_n) x^{n+2}$$

$$= 1 + x + x [F(x) - F_0] + x^2 F(x)$$

$$\therefore F(x) = 1 + x F(x) + x^2 F(x)$$

$$\therefore F(x) = \frac{1}{1-x-x^2}$$

How can we determine the coeff of the FPS for $F(x)$ from this?

Use Partial Fraction Expansion of RHS!

$$1 - x - x^2 = (1 - xR_+)(1 - xR_-)$$

$$R_{\pm} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F(x) &= \left(\frac{1}{R_+ - R_-} \right) \left\{ \frac{R_+}{1 - xR_+} - \frac{R_-}{1 - xR_-} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \sum_{n \geq 0} (R_+^{n+1} - R_-^{n+1}) x^n \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore F_n = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} (R_+^{n+1} - R_-^{n+1})$$

Sometimes we use e.g.f. just as successfully.

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \sum_n \frac{F_n}{n!} x^n \\ &= 1 + x + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{F_{n+2}}{(n+2)!} x^{n+2} \\ &= 1 + x + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{F_{n+1} + F_n}{(n+2)!} x^{n+2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F'(x) &= 1 + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{F_{n+1} + F_n}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{F_{n+1}}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{F_n}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \\ &= 1 + (F(x) - 1) + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{F_n}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F''(x) &= F'(x) + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{F_n}{n!} x^n \\ &= F'(x) + F(x) \end{aligned}$$

This can be solved using ODE approach for FPS (same as if $F(x)$ a real (or complex) function).

$$F(x) = c_1 e^{R_+ x} + c_2 e^{R_- x}$$

$$\text{where } 1 = F_0 = F(0) = c_1 + c_2$$

$$1 = F_1 = F'(0) = c_1 R_+ + c_2 R_-$$

Solve for c_1, c_2 :

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} R_+ \qquad c_2 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} R_-$$

$$\therefore F(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (R_+ e^{R_+ x} - R_- e^{R_- x})$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{F_n}{n!} x^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{n!} (R_+^{n+1} - R_-^{n+1}) x^n$$

DERANGEMENT RECURSION

$D_n \equiv$ number of perms in S_n with no fixed points.

$$D_{n+1} = n (D_n + D_{n+1}) \qquad D_1 = 0, D_2 = 1$$

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LINEAR BUT NOT CONSTANT COEFF.

Define $D_0 = 1$ to make recursion hold for $n = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } D(x) &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{D_n}{n!} x^n \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{D_n}{n!} x^n \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{D_{n+2}}{(n+2)!} x^{n+2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore D'(x) &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{D_{n+2}}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{D_{n+1} + D_n}{n!} x^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{D_{n+1}}{n!} x^{n+1} + x D(x) \end{aligned}$$

Doesn't look too promising? What now?

$$= x \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{D_{n+1}}{n!} x^n \right) + xD(x)$$

$$D'(x) = x (D(x) - D_0)' + xD(x)$$

$$= xD'(x) + xD(x)$$

$$\therefore D'(x) (1 - x) = xD(x)$$

$$\therefore \frac{D'(x)}{D(x)} = \frac{x}{1-x} = \frac{1}{1-x} - 1$$

$$\therefore \ln D(x) = \ln(1-x) - x + c$$

$$D(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} e^{-x} e^c$$

But $D(0) = D_0 = 1 \Rightarrow e^c = 1 (\Rightarrow c = 0.)$

$$\therefore D(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{1-x}$$

If you don't know ODE, there is another way to get this result: (See Roberts, pp. 224 ff)

$$D(x) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{D_{n+2}}{(n+2)!} x^{n+2}$$

$$D_{n+2} = (n+1) (D_{n+1} + D_n)$$

If only this were $(n+2)$ instead! We can show (see Roberts, p.225)

$$D_{n+2} = (n+2) D_{n+1} + (-1)^{n+2}$$

$$\therefore D(x) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{D_{n+1}}{(n+1)!} x^{n+2} + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(-1)^{n+2} x^{n+2}}{(n+2)!}$$

$$= 1 + x [D(x) - 1] + (e^{-x} - 1 + x)$$

$$\therefore D(x) = 1 + xD(x) - x + e^{-x} - 1 + x.$$

$$= x D(x) + e^{-x}$$

$$\therefore D(x) = e^{-x}/(1 - x)$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \dots \right) (1 + x + x^2 + \dots)$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{D_k}{k!} x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} \dots + (-1)^k \frac{1}{k!} \right) x^k$$

$$\therefore D_k = k! \left(1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} \dots + (-1)^k \frac{1}{k!} \right)$$

Counting Bracketings in Products

In how many different ways can the “product” $x_1, x_2 \dots x_n$ be parenthesized?

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$$\begin{array}{l} (x_1) \quad \quad \quad 1 \\ (x_1 x_2) \quad \quad 1 \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} ((x_1 x_2) x_3) \\ (x_1 (x_2 x_3)) \end{array} \right\} 2 \end{array}$$

Let the number be b_n . Then $b_1 = 1, b_2 = 1, b_3 = 2$. To bracket n letters, bracket first r , last $n - r$

$$b_n = \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} b_r b_{n-r} \quad , \quad \underline{\underline{n \geq 2}}$$

Let $b_0 = 0$. Then

$$b_n = \sum_{r=0}^n b_r b_{n-r} \quad , \quad n \geq 2$$

$$\text{Let } B(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n x^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} (B(x))^2 &= \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n x^n \quad , \quad c_n = \sum_{r \geq 0} b_r b_{n-r} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 2} b_n x^n \end{aligned}$$

$$= B(x) - x$$

$$\therefore B(x)^2 - B(x) + x = 0.$$

$$B(x) = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4x}}{2}$$

Two possible solutions - must check each

$$\sqrt{1 - 4x} = \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{1/2}{n} (-4)^n x^n$$

$$\text{Show } \binom{1/2}{n} (-4)^n = -\frac{2}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1}, \quad n \geq 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - 4x} = \frac{1}{2} - \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1} x^n$$

$$\therefore B(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1} x^n \quad (\text{-ive root req'd!!})$$

$$\therefore b_n = \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1} \quad \underline{\text{Catalan}} \quad (1814-94)$$

If we take the positive root we get

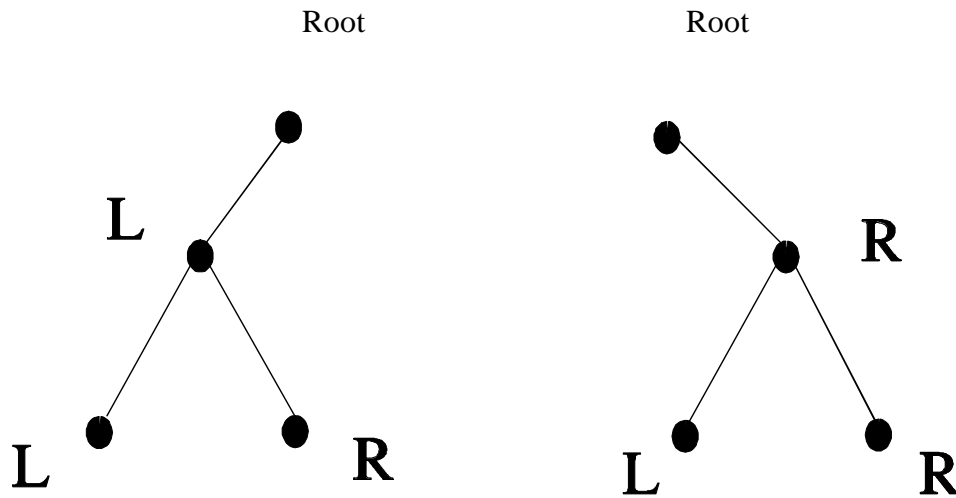
$$B(x) = 1 - \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1} x^n$$

which give only negative values for the coefficients for $n \geq 1$, which makes no sense.

A variety of problems lead to essentially the same recurrence as the above one:

(1) counting the number of simple, ordered rooted (SOR) trees

- unlabeled rooted trees, each vertex has 0, 1, or 2 descendents, “left” and “right” descendents distinguished



(2) Secondary structure in RNA [not precisely but **similar** - see Roberts]

(3) Triangulation of an n-gon by diagonals - division of the inside into triangles using only non-intersecting diagonals

(4) Let S_n be the number of distinct ordered sets of n integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n (allow some to be 0) such that

$$a_1 + \dots + a_n = n, a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k \geq k \text{ for each } k < n.$$

$$\text{Then } S_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

(5) Let S_n be the no. of sequences of length $2n$,

$$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2n}, a_i = +1 \text{ or } -1 \text{ and}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2n} a_j = 0, \sum_{j=1}^k a_j \geq 0, k < 2n$$

$$\text{Then } S_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

INCLUSION - EXCLUSION

How many positive integers between 1 and 30 are not divisible by 2 or 3?

$$6 = 2 \times 3.$$

Divisible by 6 \Leftrightarrow divisible by 2 and 3.

Exactly 15 are divisible by 2

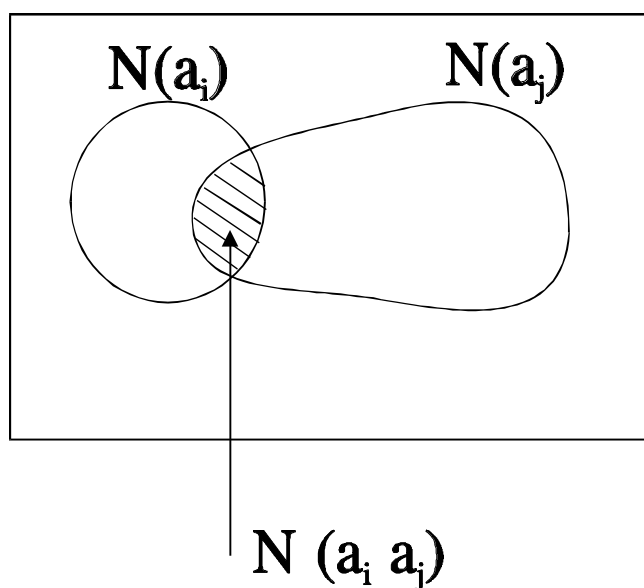
Exactly 10 are divisible by 3.

Exactly 5 are divisible by 6 (hence are divisible by both 2 and 3)

$$\therefore 30 - (10 + 15) + 5 = 10 \text{ are not divisible by 2 and 3}$$

{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 29}

Let A be a set of N objects.



Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r to be collection of r properties that each of the objects of A may have (but need not have)

Let $N(a_i) = \#$ of objects of A with property a_i

Let $N(a'_i) = \#$ of objects of A without property a_i

For all i , $N(a_i) + N(a'_i) = N$

Let $N(a_i, a_j) = \#$ of objects with both properties a_i, a_j

Obvious definition for $N(a_i, a'_j)$, $N(a_i, a_j, a_k)$ and so on

$$N(a_i) = N(a_i, a_j) + N(a_i, a'_j)$$

$$N(a'_i a'_j) = N - (N(a_i) + N(a_j)) + N(a_i a_j)$$

Remove object with a_i or a_j objects with $a_i a_j$ included in this count add back in objects with both a_i and a_j since these were removed twice

If we use above notation:

$$N(a'_1 a'_2 \dots a'_r) = N - \sum_i N(a_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} N(a_i a_j) - \sum_{i,j,k \text{ different}} N(a_i a_j a_k) + \dots + (-1)^r N(a_1 a_2 \dots a_r)$$

Proof: LHS counts each object without a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r exactly once. Show that the RHS does as well, and all others zero times.

→ if an object β has none of the properties it is counted in N built never in any other term in RHS so we're OK.

→ if an object β has exactly p of the properties then it is counted once in $N, \binom{p}{1} = p$ times in

$\sum_{i \neq j} N(a_i a_j), \binom{p}{2}$ times in $\sum_{i \neq j \neq k} N(a_i a_j a_k)$ and so on.

Thus it is counted $\sum_{j=0}^p \binom{p}{j} (-1)^j = 0$ times, as required

This is called the Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion (PIE)

Corollary The number of elements of A that have at least one of the properties is $N - N(a'_1 a'_2 \dots a'_r)$.

Exercise 1 Find the number of non negative integers satisfying solutions to $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 18$ with each $x_i \leq 7$.

Solution: Without the restriction on all x_i the answer is

$$\binom{4+18-1}{18} = \binom{21}{18} = \binom{21}{3}$$

Define the property a_i for a solution to the equation if $x_i \geq 8$, i.e. a solution (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) satisfies a_i if $x_i \geq 8, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$. We want to count