

N -th term of a linear recurrent sequence

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Faster Matrix Multiplication via Asymmetric Hashing

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Abstract

Fast matrix multiplication is one of the most fundamental problems in algorithm research. The exponent of the optimal time complexity of matrix multiplication is usually denoted by ω . This paper discusses new ideas for improving the laser method for fast matrix multiplication. We observe that the analysis of higher powers of the Coppersmith-Winograd tensor [Coppersmith & Winograd 1990] incurs a “combination loss”, and we partially compensate it by using an asymmetric version of CW’s hashing method. By analyzing the 8th power of the CW tensor, we give a new bound of $\omega < 2.37188$, which improves the previous best bound of $\omega < 2.37286$ [Alman & V. Williams 2020]. Our result breaks the lower bound of 2.3725 in [Ambainis et al. 2014] because of the new method for analyzing component (constituent) tensors.

- ▷ Improves previous best upper bound $\omega < 2.37286$ to $\omega < 2.37188$.

Prove the identity

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by performing the following steps:

- 1 Show that $y = \arcsin(x)$ can be represented by the differential equation $(1 - x^2)y'' - xy' = 0$ and the initial conditions $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 1$.
- 2 Compute a linear differential equation satisfied by $z(x) = y(x)^2$.
- 3 Deduce a linear recurrence relation satisfied by the coefficients of $z(x)$.
- 4 Conclude.

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which allows to represent $\arcsin(x)$ by the differential equation

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Je serais également heureux d'avoir des renseignements bibliographiques (postérieurs à Delambre) sur les études *scientifiques* consacrées aux cadrans verticaux dans l'antiquité.
PAUL TANNERY.

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1340. [I2b] b étant un nombre composé, quelles sont les valeurs de b qui rendent le produit $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots (b-1)$ non divisible par b ? G. DE ROCQUIGNY.

1341. [I25a] Quel est le procédé le plus expéditif pour calculer un terme très éloigné dans la série de Fibonacci :
 $0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, \dots$?
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1342. [E1a] Est-il exact, et dans ce cas comment pourrait-on le démontrer, que :
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2° La loi de décroissance des quantités $\Phi_n(x)$ est assez rapide pour que la série

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soit convergente ;

3° La somme de cette série a pour limite la fonction $\Gamma(x)$?
Tout cela étant, la fonction eulérienne de deuxième $\Gamma(1+x)$ se présenterait comme la limite de l'expression

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$$(F_0, F_1) \rightarrow (F_2, F_3) \rightarrow (F_6, F_7) \rightarrow (F_{14}, F_{15}) \rightarrow \dots$$

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cise en prenant un plus grand nombre de décimales, nous paraît, en effet, l'un des procédés de calcul les meilleurs. Elle permet de trouver des termes, exactement, jusqu'à une limite assez éloignée; et pour des termes très lointains et impossibles à écrire, elle a le mérite de faire connaître le nombre des chiffres. C.-A. LAISANT.

La suite de Fibonacci peut être exprimée par une autre loi que celle qui est ordinairement employée. En effet, en considérant les termes de cette suite comme provenant du calcul des réduites d'une fraction continue périodique symétrique dont tous les quotients incomplets sont égaux à l'unité, on trouve, en appliquant les formules de Lucas (*Théorie des nombres*):

$$u_{2n} = u_n^2 + u_{n-1}^2, \\ u_{2n-1} = u_{n-1}(u_n + u_{n-2}) = u_n^2 - u_{n-2}^2,$$

le point de départ étant

$$u_0 = 1, \quad u_1 = 1, \quad u_2 = 2.$$

Ces formules permettent de calculer assez rapidement les termes de cette suite. En moins d'un quart d'heure j'ai pu calculer

$$u_{100} = 573\ 147\ 844\ 013\ 817\ 084\ 101.$$

Accessoirement ces formules montrent que tous les termes de rang impair sont des nombres composés sauf le terme $u_3 = 3$ et que tous les nombres premiers, que l'on ne peut rencontrer qu'aux rangs pairs, sont tous de la forme $4u + 1$ puisqu'ils sont la somme de deux carrés premiers entre eux. G. PICOT.

Les valeurs de u_{100} données par MM. Rosace et Picou sont toutes deux exactes, seulement M. Rosace prend pour premiers termes 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, ... et M. Picou 1, 1, 2, 3, ... E. LEMOINE.

1549. (1899, 150) (E. DUPONCEAU). — Sur une propriété nouvelle de l'ovale de Descartes. — Soient R le rayon de courbure, θ , θ' , θ'' les angles que font les rayons vecteurs avec la normale; selon que l'ovale est rapporté en coordonnées bipolaires aux foyers φ , φ' ; φ , φ' ; φ'' on a pour le rayon de courbure les formes

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BONUS: RECENT RESULTS

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```
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5:   else
6:      $P(x) \leftarrow \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} U_{2i+1} x^i$ 
7:   end if
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Algorithm 2 OneTerm

Input: rec. $u_{n+d} = c_{d-1}u_{n+d-1} + \dots + c_0u_n$, ($n \geq 0$), and u_0, \dots, u_{d-1}, N

Output: u_N

Assumptions: $\Gamma(x) = x^d - \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} c_i x^i$ with $c_0 \neq 0$

1: $Q(x) \leftarrow x^d \Gamma(1/x)$

2: $P(x) \leftarrow (u_0 + \dots + u_{d-1}x^{d-1}) \cdot Q(x) \bmod x^d$

3: **return** $[x^N]P(x)/Q(x)$

▷ using Algorithm 1

▷ Advantage: faster than Fiduccia's algorithm

▷ in FFT-mode, $\sim \frac{2}{3} M(d) \log N$ versus $\sim \frac{5}{3} M(d) \log N$ [Shoup, NTL, 1995]
and $\sim \frac{13}{12} M(d) \log N$ [Mihăilescu, 2008]

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Algorithm 3 NewFibo

Input: N

Output: F_N

Assumptions: $N \geq 2$

```
1:  $c \leftarrow 3$ 
2: if  $N$  is even then
3:    $[a, b] \leftarrow [0, 1]$ 
4: else
5:    $[a, b] \leftarrow [1, -1]$ 
6: end if
7:  $N \leftarrow \lfloor N/2 \rfloor$ 
8: while  $N > 1$  do
9:   if  $N$  is even then
10:     $b \leftarrow a + b \cdot c$ 
11:   else
12:     $a \leftarrow b + a \cdot c$ 
13:   end if
14:    $c \leftarrow c^2 - 2$ 
15:    $N \leftarrow \lfloor N/2 \rfloor$ 
16: end while
17: return  $b + a \cdot c$ 
```


Computation of $F_{43} = 433\,494\,437$ using the new algorithm

N	a	b	c
21	1	-1	3
10	$1 \times 3 - 1 = 2$		$3^2 - 2 = 7$
5		$(-1) \times 7 + 2 = -5$	$7^2 - 2 = 47$
2	$2 \times 47 - 5 = 89$		$47^2 - 2 = 2207$
1		$(-5) \times 2207 + 89$ $= -10946$	$2207^2 - 2 = 4870847$
0	$89 \times 4870847 - 10946$ $= 433494437$		

Algorithm 4 NewFiboPowerOfTwo

Input: N **Output:** F_N **Assumptions:** $N \geq 2$ and N is a power of 2

```
1:  $[b, c] \leftarrow [1, 3]$ 
2:  $N \leftarrow \lfloor N/2 \rfloor$ 
3: while  $N > 2$  do
4:    $b \leftarrow b \cdot c$ 
5:    $c \leftarrow c^2 - 2$ 
6:    $N \leftarrow \lfloor N/2 \rfloor$ 
7: end while
8: return  $b \cdot c$ 
```

▷ This is exactly [Cull, Holloway, 1989, Fig. 6], also [Knuth, 1969]

```
fib(n)
  f ← 1
  l ← 3
  for i = 2 to (log n - 1)
    f ← f * l
    l ← l * l - 2
  f ← f * l
  return f
```

Example: N -th term of the Fibonacci sequence

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$u_{25} = 6765$; puis, pour $p = 20$, la même formule donnera

$$u_{100} = 354\ 224\ 848\ 179\ 261\ 915\ 075.$$

Les relations particulières qui précèdent pourraient être déduites directement de formules analogues à la formule (2), mais plus générales, telles que les suivantes :

$$\begin{aligned} u_{p+q+r-2} &= u_{p-1}u_q u_r + u_p u_{q-1} u_r + u_p u_q u_{r-1} + u_{p-2} u_{q-1} u_{r-2}, \\ u_{p+q+r-2} &= u_p u_q u_r + u_{p-1} u_{q-1} u_{r-1} \\ &\quad + u_{p-1} u_q u_{r-1} + u_{p-1} u_{q-1} u_r - u_{p-1} u_{q-1} u_{r-1}; \end{aligned}$$

Il suffit de faire $r = 1$ dans cette dernière pour retrouver la relation (2).

Rosace.

Soient les deux séries P_n (de Fibonacci) et Q_n , dont le $n^{\text{ième}}$ terme est au-dessous de l'indice n :

$n \dots$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$P_n \dots$	0	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55
$Q_n \dots$	2	1	3	4	7	11	18	29	47	76	123

La série Q_n procède des deux premiers termes 2, 1, de la même façon que la série P_n procède des termes 0, 1. Les termes correspondants de ces deux séries présentent une remarquable analogie avec les fonctions trigonométriques *sinus* et *cosinus* :

$$P_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} [2^n - (-1)^n \beta^n], \quad Q_n = 2^n + (-1)^n \beta^n,$$

$$\text{où } \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}.$$

De ces formules, on déduit les relations suivantes, correspondant à celles qui existent entre le *sinus* et le *cosinus* :

- (1) $Q_n^2 - 5P_n^2 = 4(-1)^n,$
- (2) $2P_{m+n} = P_m Q_n + Q_m P_n,$
- (3) $2P_{m-n} = (-1)^m (P_m Q_n - Q_m P_n),$
- (4) $P_{2m} = P_m Q_m,$
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- (7) $P_{-m} = (-1)^{m+1} P_m,$
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- (10) $Q_{2m} = Q_m^2 - 2(-1)^m.$

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Par combinaison de (2) et (3), nous avons

$$(11) \quad P_{m+n} = P_m Q_n - (-1)^m P_{m-n}.$$

A l'aide de ces formules, notamment de (2), (4), (10) et (11), nous pourrions calculer très rapidement un terme P_n , d'une manière analogue à celle du sinus d'un arc multiple. Par exemple,

$$Q_{25} = 1, 3, 7, 47, \dots$$

chaque terme étant le carré du précédent, moins 2.

Pour une étude de ces séries et de quelques autres de ce genre, voir E. LUCAS, *Théorie des fonctions numériques simplement périodiques* (*A. J. M.*, t. I, et *M. A. B.*, 1878).

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La série de Fibonacci, comme toute suite récurrente, est susceptible de deux modes de calcul : l'un le mode ordinaire, continu, qui n'est que l'application répétée de la formule même de récurrence; l'autre discontinu, auquel, dans le cas particulier envisagé, on est conduit par les considérations suivantes :

En partant des identités :

$$u_n + u_{n+1} - u_{n+2} = 0, \quad \dots, \quad u_{n+m} + u_{n+m-1} - u_{n+m-1} = 0,$$

on a facilement $u_{n+m+1} = u_{n+1} u_{m+1} + u_n u_m$. Spécialement, pour $m = n$, j'aurai $u_{2n+1} = u_{n+1}^2 + u_n^2$ (égalité qui donne la décomposition en deux carrés d'un terme quelconque de rang impair de la série de Fibonacci), et de même, pour $m = n+1$,

$$u_{2n+2} = u_{n+1}(u_{n+1} + 2u_n).$$

Ainsi les deux termes u_n et u_{n+1} , calculés par un moyen quelconque, suffisent à faire connaître les deux termes u_{2n+1} et u_{2n+2} , ceux-ci à faire connaître u_{4n+2} et u_{4n+4} , d'où l'on passera à u_{8n+2} et u_{8n+4} , etc. De proche en proche, on arrivera donc aux termes d'indices $(n+1)2^k - 1$ et $(n+1)2^k$, où n et k représentent des entiers à notre choix. Pour fixer les idées, soit à calculer la valeur numérique du 900^{ième} terme de la série. Le nombre 900 est égal à $7 \times 2^7 + 4$, j'aurai à chercher de la façon qui vient d'être indiquée, u_{492} et u_{494} , puis, par le moyen de l'échelle de relation, je passerai successivement aux termes u_{981} , u_{983} , u_{989} et enfin u_{900} . Ainsi, les valeurs $u_{49} = 233$, $u_{51} = 377$ étant prises comme point de départ, j'en tirerai $u_{21} = 196418$, $u_{23} = 317811$, puis

$$u_{49} = 139583802445, \quad u_{51} = 225851433717.$$

RULE 8: *The development of fast algorithms is slow !*