

$$|f(I_n)| = 1 + \left[\frac{3m}{2} \right] = 1 + \left[\frac{6m}{4} \right] = 1 + \left[\frac{3n}{4} \right].$$

For $n = 2m + 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(I_n)| &= 1 + \left[\frac{3m^2 + 3m + 1}{2m + 1} \right] = 1 + \left[\frac{12m^2 + 12m + 4}{4} \right] = \\ &= 1 + \left[\frac{3(2m + 1)^2 + 1}{4} \right] = 1 + \left[\frac{3(2m + 1) + \frac{1}{2m + 1}}{4} \right] = \\ &= 1 + \left[\frac{3(2m + 1)}{4} \right] = 1 + \left[\frac{3n}{4} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$|f(I_n)| = 1 + \left[\frac{3n}{4} \right].$$

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W17. (Solution by the proposer.) First we solve the recurrence

$$t_{k+2} - t_{k+1} - t_k = f_k, k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ where } f_k, k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ are Fibonacci numbers.} \quad (1)$$

For any sequence $(t_n)_{n \geq 0}$ we set $F(t_n) := t_{n+2} - t_{n+1} - t_n$ and call F Fibonacci Operator.

Easy to see that F is linear operator, that is

$$F(at'_n + bt''_n) = aF(t'_n) + bF(t''_n) \text{ for any } a, b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Noting that

$$\begin{aligned} F(nf_n) &= (n + 2)f_{n+2} - (n + 1)f_{n+1} - nf_n = \\ &= 2f_{n+2} - f_{n+1} = f_{n+1} + 2f_n \end{aligned}$$

and

$$F(nf_{n-1}) = (n + 2)f_{n+1} - (n + 1)f_n - nf_{n-1} =$$

$$= 2f_{n+2} - f_{n+1} = 2f_{n+1} - f_n$$

we obtain

$$2F(nf_n) - F(nf_{n-1}) = 5f_n \iff f_n = F\left(\frac{2nf_n - nf_{n-1}}{5}\right), n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \iff F(t_n) &= F\left(\frac{2nf_n - nf_{n-1}}{5}\right) \iff F\left(t_n - \frac{2nf_n - nf_{n-1}}{5}\right) = \\ &= 0 \iff t_n = \frac{2nf_n - nf_{n-1}}{5} + af_n + bf_{n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

(* because for any solution s_n of equation $F(s_n) = 0$ there is real constants a and b such that $s_n = af_n + bf_{n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N}$).

We determine constant a, b such that

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} t_1 = x_1 \\ t_2 = x_2 \end{cases} &\iff \begin{cases} \frac{2f_1 - f_0}{5} + af_1 + bf_0 = x_1 \\ \frac{2 \cdot 2f_2 - 2f_1}{5} + af_2 + bf_1 = x_2 \end{cases} \iff \\ &\begin{cases} \frac{2}{5} + a = x_1 \\ \frac{2}{5} + a + b = x_2 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} a = x_1 - \frac{2}{5} \\ b = x_2 - x_1 \end{cases}. \end{aligned}$$

Then for

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= \frac{2nf_n - nf_{n-1}}{5} + \left(x_1 - \frac{2}{5}\right)f_n + (x_2 - x_1)f_{n-1} = \\ &= \frac{2(n-1)f_n - nf_{n-1}}{5} + x_1f_n + (x_2 - x_1)f_{n-1} = \\ &= \frac{2(n-1)f_n - nf_{n-1}}{5} + x_1f_{n-2} + x_2f_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

and since $t_1 = x_1, t_2 = x_2$ then $t_k = x_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ because

$F(t_k) = f_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, n-2$ and in original system

$F(x_k) = f_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, n-2$. (Since $t_1 = x_1, t_2 = x_2$ and for any $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-2$ we have

$$x_{k+1} = t_{k+1}, x_k = t_k \implies x_{k+2} = x_{k+1} + x_k + f_k = t_{k+1} + t_k + f_k = t_{k+2}$$

then by Math Induction $t_k = x_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Thus,

$$x_k = \frac{2(k-1)f_k - kf_{k-1}}{5} + x_1 f_k + (x_2 - x_1) f_{k-1}, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

and

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_n - x_{n-1} = f_{n-1} \\ x_2 - x_1 - x_n = f_n \end{cases}.$$

Noting that $x_1 = x_n + x_{n-1} + f_{n-1} = t_n + t_{n-1} + f_{n-1} = t_{n+1}$ and $x_2 = x_1 + x_n + f_n = t_{n+1} + t_n + f_n = t_{n+2}$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} x_1 = t_{n+1} \\ x_2 = t_{n+2} \end{cases} \iff \\ & \iff \begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{2nf_{n+1} - (n+1)f_n}{5} + x_1 f_{n-1} + x_2 f_n \\ x_2 = \frac{2(n+1)f_{n+2} - (n+2)f_{n+1}}{5} + x_1 f_n + x_2 f_{n+1} \end{cases} \iff \\ & \begin{cases} x_1(1 - f_{n-1}) - x_2 f_n = \frac{2nf_{n+1} - (n+1)f_n}{5} \\ -x_1 f_n + x_2(1 - f_{n+1}) = \frac{2(n+1)f_{n+2} - (n+2)f_{n+1}}{5} \end{cases}. \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

Checked! Since $f_{n-1}f_{n+1} - f_n^2 = (-1)^n$ (Cassiny Identity) then

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 - f_{n-1} & -f_n \\ -f_n & 1 - f_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= (1 - f_{n-1})(1 - f_{n+1}) - f_n^2 = 1 + (-1)^n - f_{n-1} - f_{n+1} \neq 0$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and we obtain :

1. By elimination x_2 :

$$x_1(1 + (-1)^n - f_{n-1} - f_{n+1}) =$$

$$= \frac{(2nf_{n+1} - (n+1)f_n)(1 - f_{n+1})}{5} + \frac{(2(n+1)f_{n+2} - (n+2)f_{n+1})f_n}{5} =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(2f_{n+1} - f_n + 2(f_n f_{n+2} - f_{n+1}^2))n + f_n(2f_{n+2} - f_{n+1} - 1)}{5} = \\
 &= \frac{(f_{n+1} + f_{n-1} + 2(-1)^{n+1})n + f_n(f_{n+2} + f_n - 1)}{5} \iff \\
 x_1 &= \frac{(f_{n+1} + f_{n-1} + 2(-1)^{n+1})n + f_n(f_{n+2} + f_n - 1)}{5(1 + (-1)^n - f_{n-1} - f_{n+1})}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

Checked!

2. By elimination x_1 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_2(1 + (-1)^n - f_{n-1} - f_{n+1}) &= \frac{(2nf_{n+1} - (n+1)f_n)f_n}{5} + \\
 &+ \frac{((2(n+1)f_{n+2} - (n+2)f_{n+1})f_n)(1 - f_{n-1})}{5} = \\
 &= \frac{f_n(f_{n+1} - f_n + 2f_{n+2} + f_{n-1}f_{n+1} - 2f_{n-1}f_{n+2})n - f_n(f_n + 2f_{n+1} - 2f_{n+2} - 2f_{n-1})}{5} \\
 &= \frac{f_n}{5}((f_{n+1} - f_n + 2f_{n+2} + f_{n-1}f_{n+1} - 2f_{n-1}f_{n+2})n - \\
 &- (f_n + 2f_{n+1} - 2f_{n+2} - 2f_{n-1}f_{n+1} + 2f_{n-1}f_{n+2})).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{n+1} - f_n + 2f_{n+2} + f_{n-1}f_{n+1} - 2f_{n-1}f_{n+2} &= 2f_{n+1} + f_{n+2} - f_{n-1}(2f_{n+2} - f_{n+1}) = \\
 &= 2f_{n+1} + f_{n+2} - f_{n-1}(2f_n + f_{n+1})
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$f_n + 2f_{n+1} - 2f_{n+2} - 2f_{n-1}f_{n+1} + 2f_{n-1}f_{n+2} = -f_n + 2f_{n-1}f_n = f_n(2f_{n-1} - 1)$$

then

$$x_2 = \frac{f_n (2f_{n+1} + f_{n+2} - f_{n-1} (2f_n + f_{n+1})) n - f_n^2 (2f_{n-1} - 1)}{5 (1 + (-1)^n - f_{n-1} - f_{n+1})}.$$

Thus, solution of the system can be calculated by formulas:

$$x_1 = \frac{(f_{n+1} + f_{n-1} + 2(-1)^{n+1}) n + f_n (f_{n+2} + f_n - 1)}{5 (1 + (-1)^n - f_{n-1} - f_{n+1})},$$

$$x_2 = \frac{f_n (2f_{n+1} + f_{n+2} - f_{n-1} (2f_n + f_{n+1})) n - f_n^2 (2f_{n-1} - 1)}{5 (1 + (-1)^n - f_{n-1} - f_{n+1})}$$

and

$$x_k = \frac{2(k-1)f_k - kf_{k-1}}{5} + x_1 f_k + (x_2 - x_1) f_{k-1}, k = 3, \dots, n.$$

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Second solution. For every $k \in [1, n-1]$, by suming up every line of the system which contains x_k , we have :

$$-x_k - (n-2)x_{k+1} = S_k,$$

and

$$-x_n - (n-2)x_1 = S_1,$$

where S_1, \dots, S_k are integers satisfying the relation :

$$\sum_{k=1}^n S_k = (n-1) \sum_{k=1}^n F_k = (n-1)(F_{n-2} - 1).$$

Now, let $X := \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$. By suming up all the above equations, we have :

$$-(n-1)X = (n-1)(F_{n+2} - 1) \Leftrightarrow X = -(F_{n+2} - 1).$$

But on the other side, by suming up all the equation of the initial system, we have :

$$-(n-2)X = F_{n+2} - 1 \Leftrightarrow X = -\frac{F_{n+2} - 1}{n-2}.$$

Hence, the system of equations can be solved if and only if $F_{n+2} - 1 = \frac{F_{n+2} - 1}{n-2}$, which means that $n = 3$.