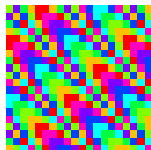


# STATE COMPLEXITY OF TESTING DIVISIBILITY...

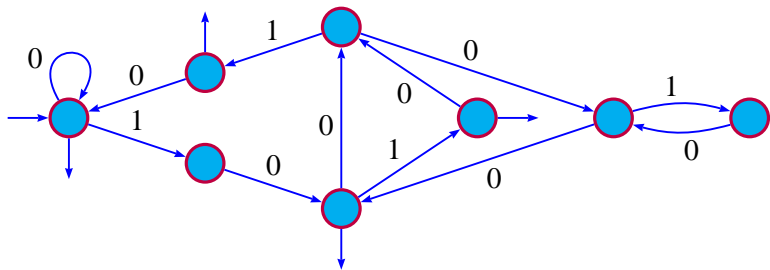
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# WHAT IS THIS TALK ABOUT ?



13	8	5	3	2	1	
				1	0	2
			1	0	1	4
		1	0	0	1	6
1	0	0	0	0	0	8
1	0	0	1	0	0	10
1	0	1	0	1	0	12
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# WHAT IS THIS TALK ABOUT ?

The set  $2\mathbb{N}$  of even integers is *F-recognizable* or *F-automatic*,  
i.e., the language  $\text{rep}_F(2\mathbb{N}) = \{10, 101, 1001, 10000, \dots\}$   
is accepted by some finite automaton.

## REMARK (IN TERMS OF CHOMSKY'S HIERARCHY)

With respect to the Fibonacci system, *any* *F*-recognizable set  
can be considered as a “*particularly simple*” set of integers.

We get a similar definition for **other numeration systems**.

# A NUMERATION SYSTEM

- ▶ A *numeration system* is an increasing sequence of integers  $U = (U_n)_{n \geq 0}$  such that
  - ▶  $U_0 = 1$  and
  - ▶  $C_U := \sup_{n \geq 0} [U_{n+1}/U_n] < \infty$ .
- ▶  $U$  is *linear* if it satisfies a linear recurrence relation over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , for all large enough  $n$ .

## EXAMPLE

Let  $(F_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be the Fibonacci sequence with  $F_0 = 1$  and  $F_1 = 2$ .

Let  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}$  be an alphabet.

For any word  $w = w_{\ell-1} \cdots w_0$  over  $A$ , we set

$$\text{val}_{A,U}(w) := \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} w_i U_i.$$

# GREEDY REPRESENTATIONS

- ▶ A **greedy representation** of a non-negative integer  $n$  is a word  $w = w_{\ell-1} \cdots w_0$  over  $A_U = \{0, 1, \dots, C_U - 1\}$  such that

$$\text{val}_U(w) = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} w_i U_i = n,$$

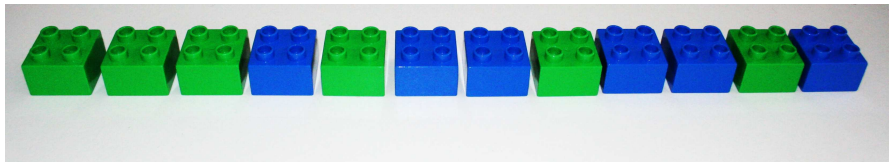
and for all  $j$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{j-1} w_i U_i < U_j.$$

- ▶  $\text{rep}_U(n)$  is the greedy representation of  $n$  with  $w_{\ell-1} \neq 0$ .
- ▶  $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is  **$U$ -recognizable**, if  $\text{rep}_U(X)$  is accepted by a finite automaton.

# MOTIVATIONS

- Cobham's theorem for integer base systems (1969) shows that *recognizability depends on the choice of the base*. Only **ultimately periodic sets** are recognizable in all bases.
- Introduction of non-standard numeration systems and study *U-recognizable sets*.
- Ultimately periodic sets are still *U-recognizable* for any numeration system *U* such that  $\mathbb{N}$  is *U-recognizable*.
  
- ▶ V. Bruyère, G. Hansel, C. Michaux, R. Villemaire, Logic and *p*-recognizable sets of integers, *BBMS* **1** (1994).
- ▶ V. Bruyère, G. Hansel, Bertrand numeration systems and recognizability, *TCS* **181** (1997).



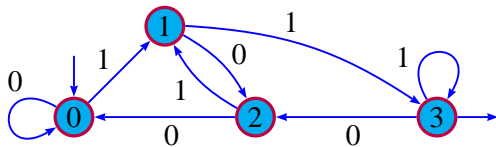
# MOTIVATIONS

## PROPOSITION

Let  $p, r \geq 0$ . If  $(U_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a linear numeration system, then

$$\text{val}_{A_U, U}^{-1}(p\mathbb{N} + r) = \left\{ c_\ell \cdots c_0 \in A_U^* \mid \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} c_k U_k \in p\mathbb{N} + r \right\}$$

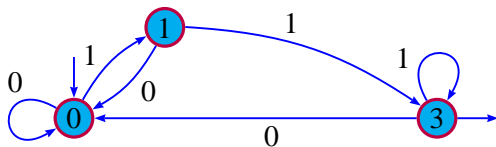
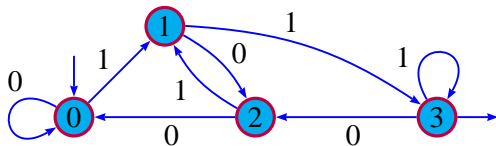
is accepted by a DFA that can be effectively constructed.  
In particular, if  $\mathbb{N}$  is  $U$ -recognizable, then any ultimately periodic set is  $U$ -recognizable. The proof is **effective**.



A DFA accepting  $\text{rep}(4\mathbb{N} + 3)$ .

# MAIN QUESTION

What is the “best automaton” we can get ?



## QUESTION

In general, the derived algorithm does not provide a minimal automaton. What is the state complexity of the minimal automaton accepting  $\text{rep}_U(p\mathbb{N} + r)$  ?



## HONKALA'S DECISION PROCEDURE

Given any finite automaton recognizing a set  $X$  of integers written in base  $b$ . It is (algorithmically) decidable whether or not  $X$  is ultimately periodic.

- ▶ J. Honkala, A decision method for the recognizability of sets defined by number systems, *Theor. Inform. Appl.* **20** (1986).
- ▶ J.-P. Allouche, N. Rampersad, J. Shallit, Periodicity, repetitions, and orbits of an automatic sequence, *TCS* **410** (2009).
- ▶ J. P. Bell, É. Charlier, A. S. Fraenkel, M. R., A decision problem for ultimately periodic sets in non-standard numeration systems, *IJAC* **19** (2009).

## BACKGROUND (II)

### ALEXEEV' RESULT

Let  $b, m \geq 2$ . Let  $N, M$  be such that  $b^N < m \leq b^{N+1}$  and

$$(m, 1) < (m, b) < \dots < (m, b^M) = (m, b^{M+1}) = (m, b^{M+2}) = \dots .$$

The minimal automaton of  $0^* \text{rep}_b(m\mathbb{N})$  has exactly

$$\frac{m}{(m, b^{N+1})} + \sum_{t=0}^{\inf\{N, M-1\}} \frac{b^t}{(m, b^t)} \text{ states.}$$

- ▶ B. Alexeev, Minimal DFA for testing divisibility, *JCSS* **69** (2004).

# INFORMATIONS WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Consider a linear numeration system such that  $\mathbb{N}$  is  $U$ -recognizable, how many states has the minimal automaton recognizing  $0^* \text{rep}_U(m\mathbb{N})$  ?

1. Give upper/lower bounds ?
2. Study special cases, e.g., Fibonacci numeration system ?
3. Get informations on the minimal automaton  $\mathcal{A}_U$  recognizing  $0^* \text{rep}_U(\mathbb{N})$  ?

**Structure of the minimal automaton  $\mathcal{A}_U$   
recognizing  $0^* \text{rep}_U(\mathbb{N})$**

# BERTRAND NUMERATION SYSTEMS

- ▶ **Bertrand numeration system:**  $w$  is in  $\text{rep}_U(\mathbb{N})$  if and only if  $w0$  is in  $\text{rep}_U(\mathbb{N})$ .
- ▶ E.g., the Fibonacci system is Bertrand.

## THEOREM (BERTRAND)

A system  $U$  is Bertrand if and only if there is a  $\beta > 1$  such that

$$0^* \text{rep}_U(\mathbb{N}) = \text{Fact}(D_\beta).$$

Moreover, the system is derived from the  $\beta$ -development of 1.

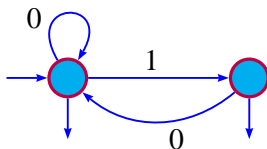
If  $\beta$  is a Parry number, the system is linear and we have a minimal finite automaton  $\mathcal{A}_\beta$  accepting  $\text{Fact}(D_\beta)$ .

## THEOREM

Let  $U$  be a linear numeration system such that  $\text{rep}_U(\mathbb{N})$  is regular.

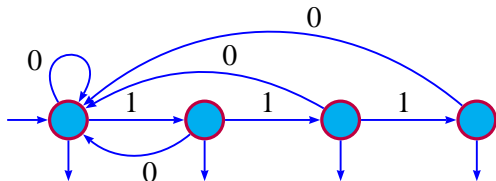
- (i) The automaton  $\mathcal{A}_U$  has a non-trivial strongly connected component  $\mathcal{C}_U$  containing the initial state.
- (ii) If  $p$  is a state in  $\mathcal{C}_U$ , then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\delta_U(p, 0^n) = q_{U,0}$  for all  $n \geq N$ . In particular, one cannot leave  $\mathcal{C}_U$  by reading a 0.

# THE FIBONACCI NUMERATION SYSTEM



- ▶  $U_{n+2} = U_{n+1} + U_n$  ( $U_0 = 1, U_1 = 2$ )
- ▶  $\mathcal{A}_U$  accepts all words that do not contain 11.

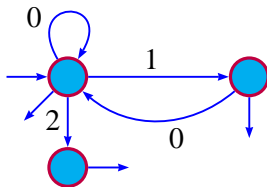
# THE $\ell$ -BONACCI NUMERATION SYSTEM



- ▶  $U_{n+l} = U_{n+l-1} + U_{n+l-2} + \dots + U_n$
- ▶  $U_i = 2^i, i \in \{0, \dots, \ell - 1\}$
- ▶  $\mathcal{A}_U$  accepts all words that do not contain  $1^\ell$ .

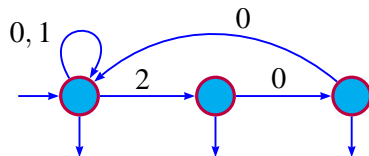


# A NON-BERTRAND SYSTEM



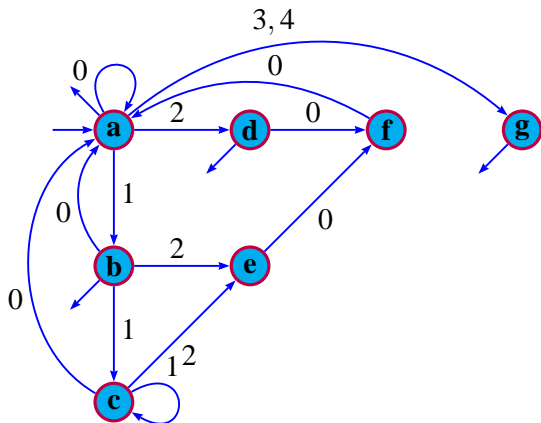
- ▶  $U_{n+2} = U_{n+1} + U_n, (U_0 = 1, U_1 = 3)$
- ▶  $(U_n)_{n \geq 0} = 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 18, 29, 47, \dots$
- ▶ 2 is a greedy representation but 20 is not.

## ANOTHER EXAMPLE



- ▶ Let  $\beta$  be the largest root of  $X^3 - 2X^2 - 1$ .
- ▶  $d_\beta(1) = 2010^\omega$  and  $d_\beta^*(1) = (200)^\omega$ .
- ▶ This automaton accepts  $\text{rep}_U(\mathbb{N})$  for  $U$  defined by  $U_{n+3} = 2U_{n+2} + U_n$ ,  $(U_0, U_1, U_2) = (1, 3, 7)$ .

# CHANGING THE INITIAL CONDITIONS



$$U_{n+3} = 2U_{n+2} + U_n, (U_0, U_1, U_2) = (1, 3, 7)$$

we change the initial values to  $(U_0, U_1, U_2) = (1, 5, 6)$ .

## THEOREM (CONT'D.)

- (iii) If  $\mathcal{C}_U$  is the only non-trivial strongly connected component of  $\mathcal{A}_U$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{n+1} - U_n = \infty$ .
- (iv) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{n+1} - U_n = \infty$ , then  $\delta_U(q_{U,0}, 1)$  is in  $\mathcal{C}_U$ .

- ▶  $U$  satisfies the **dominant root condition** if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{n+1}/U_n = \beta$  for some real  $\beta > 1$ .
- ▶  $\beta$  is the **dominant root** of the recurrence.
- ▶ E.g., Fibonacci: dominant root  $\beta = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$

### THEOREM (CONT'D.)

Suppose  $U$  has a dominant root  $\beta > 1$ . If  $\mathcal{A}_U$  has more than one non-trivial strongly connected component, then any such component other than  $\mathcal{C}_U$  is a cycle all of whose edges are labeled 0.

# AN EXAMPLE WITH TWO COMPONENTS

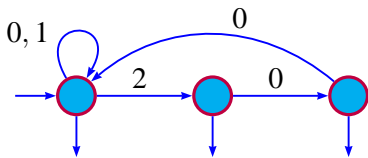
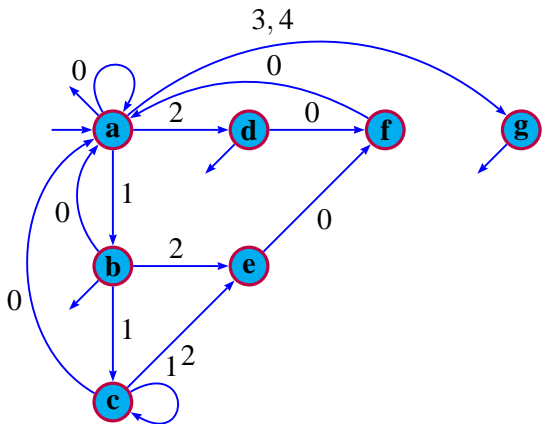
- ▶ Let  $t \geq 1$ .
- ▶ Let  $U_0 = 1$ ,  $U_{m+1} = 2U_m + 1$ , and
- ▶  $U_{m+r} = 2U_{m+r-1}$ , for  $1 < r \leq t$ .
- ▶ E.g., for  $t = 2$  we have  $U = (1, 3, 6, 13, 26, 53, \dots)$ .
- ▶ Then  $0^* \text{rep}_U(\mathbb{N}) = \{0, 1\}^* \cup \{0, 1\}^* 2(0^t)^*$ .
- ▶ The second component is a cycle of  $t$  0's.

## THEOREM (CONT'D.)

Suppose  $U$  has a dominant root  $\beta > 1$ . There is a **morphism of automata**  $\Phi$  from  $\mathcal{C}_U$  to  $\mathcal{A}_\beta$ .

$\Phi$  maps the states of  $\mathcal{C}_U$  onto the states of  $\mathcal{A}_\beta$  so that

- ▶  $\Phi(q_{U,0}) = q_{\beta,0}$ ,
- ▶ for all states  $q$  and all letters  $\sigma$  such that  $q$  and  $\delta_U(q, \sigma)$  are in  $\mathcal{C}_U$ , we have  $\Phi(\delta_U(q, \sigma)) = \delta_\beta(\Phi(q), \sigma)$ .

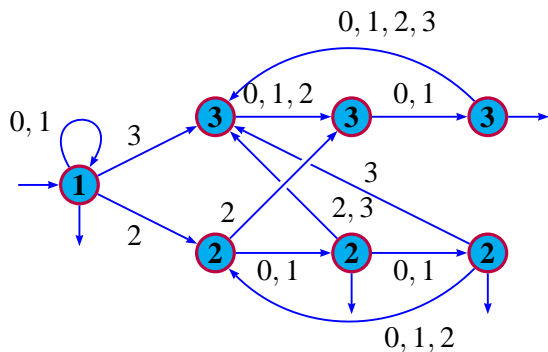




## OTHER RESULTS

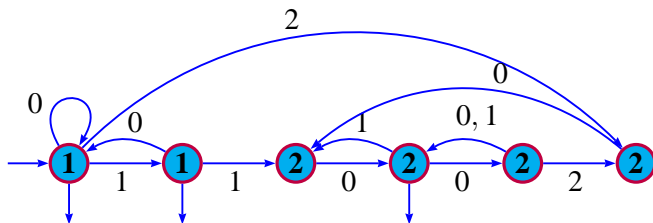
- ▶ When  $U$  has a dominant root  $\beta > 1$ , we can say more.
- ▶ E.g., if  $\mathcal{A}_U$  has more than one strongly connected component, then  $d_\beta(1)$  is finite.
- ▶ We can also give sufficient conditions for  $\mathcal{A}_U$  to have only one strongly connected component and sufficient conditions for  $\mathcal{A}_U$  to have more than one strongly connected component.
- ▶ When  $U$  has no dominant root, the situation is more complicated.

# A SYSTEM WITH NO DOMINANT ROOT



- ▶  $U_{n+3} = 24U_n, (U_0, U_1, U_2) = (1, 2, 6)$
- ▶ 3 strongly connected components

# A SYSTEM WITH NO DOMINANT ROOT



- ▶  $U_{n+4} = 3U_{n+2} + U_n, (U_0, U_1, U_2, U_3) = (1, 2, 3, 7)$
- ▶  $U_{n+1}/U_n$  does not converge, but
- ▶  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{2n+2}/U_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{2n+3}/U_{2n+1} = (3 + \sqrt{13})/2$

M. Hollander, Greedy numeration systems and regularity, *Theory Comput. Systems* **31** (1998).

## Back to state complexity issues

# THE HANKEL MATRIX

- ▶ Let  $U = (U_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a numeration system.
- ▶ For  $t \geq 1$  define

$$H_t := \begin{pmatrix} U_0 & U_1 & \cdots & U_{t-1} \\ U_1 & U_2 & \cdots & U_t \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ U_{t-1} & U_t & \cdots & U_{2t-2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- ▶ For  $m \geq 2$ , define  $k_{U,m}$  to be the largest  $t$  such that  $\det H_t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ .

# CALCULATING $k_{U,m}$

- ▶  $U_{n+2} = 2U_{n+1} + U_n$ ,  $(U_0, U_1) = (1, 3)$
- ▶  $(U_n)_{n \geq 0} = 1, 3, 7, 17, 41, 99, 239, \dots$
- ▶  $(U_n \bmod 2)_{n \geq 0}$  is constant and trivially satisfies the recurrence relation  $U_{n+1} = U_n$  with  $U_0 = 1$ .
- ▶ Hence  $k_{U,2} = 1$ .
- ▶ Mod 4 we find  $k_{U,4} = 2$ .

# A SYSTEM OF LINEAR CONGRUENCES

- ▶ Let  $k = k_{U,m}$ .
- ▶ Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$ .
- ▶ Let  $S_{U,m}$  denote the number of  $k$ -tuples  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\{0, \dots, m-1\}^k$  such that the system

$$H_k \mathbf{x} \equiv \mathbf{b} \pmod{m}$$

has at least one solution.

# CALCULATING $S_{U,m}$

- ▶  $U_{n+2} = 2U_{n+1} + U_n$ ,  $(U_0, U_1) = (1, 3)$
- ▶ Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} 1x_1 + 3x_2 \equiv b_1 \pmod{4} \\ 3x_1 + 7x_2 \equiv b_2 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

- ▶  $2x_1 \equiv b_2 - b_1 \pmod{4}$
- ▶ For each value of  $b_1$  there are at most 2 values for  $b_2$ .
- ▶ Hence  $S_{U,4} = 8$ .



# PROPERTIES OF THE AUTOMATA WE CONSIDER

- (H.1)  $\mathcal{A}_U$  has a single strongly connected component  $\mathcal{C}_U$ .
- (H.2) For all states  $p, q$  in  $\mathcal{C}_U$  with  $p \neq q$ , there exists a word  $x_{pq}$  such that  $\delta_U(p, x_{pq}) \in \mathcal{C}_U$  and  $\delta_U(q, x_{pq}) \notin \mathcal{C}_U$ , or vice-versa.

# GENERAL STATE COMPLEXITY RESULT

## THEOREM

Let  $m \geq 2$  be an integer. Let  $U = (U_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a linear numeration system such that

- (a)  $\mathbb{N}$  is  $U$ -recognizable and  $\mathcal{A}_U$  satisfies (H.1) and (H.2),
- (b)  $(U_n \bmod m)_{n \geq 0}$  is purely periodic.

The number of states of the trim minimal automaton accepting  $0^* \text{rep}_U(m\mathbb{N})$  from which infinitely many words are accepted is

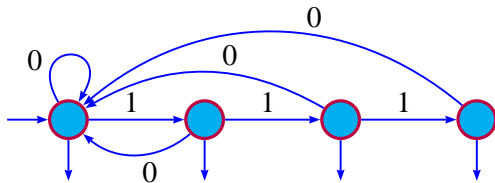
$$|\mathcal{C}_U|S_{U,m}.$$

# RESULT FOR STRONGLY CONNECTED AUTOMATA

## COROLLARY

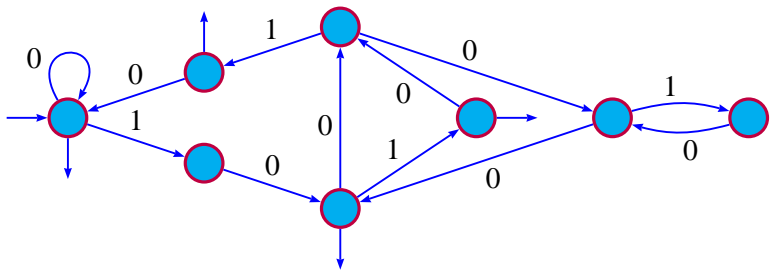
If  $U$  satisfies the conditions of the previous theorem and  $\mathcal{A}_U$  is strongly connected, then the number of states of the trim minimal automaton accepting  $0^* \text{rep}_U(m\mathbb{N})$  is  $|\mathcal{C}_U|S_{U,m}$ .

# RESULT FOR THE $\ell$ -BONACCI SYSTEM



## COROLLARY

For  $U$  the  $\ell$ -bonacci numeration system, the number of states of the trim minimal automaton accepting  $0^* \text{rep}_U(m\mathbb{N})$  is  $\ell m^\ell$ .



## FURTHER WORK

- ▶ Analyze the structure of  $\mathcal{A}_U$  for systems with no dominant root.
- ▶ Remove the assumption that  $U$  is purely periodic in the state complexity result.
- ▶ Big open problem: Given an automaton accepting  $\text{rep}_U(X)$ , is it decidable whether  $X$  is an ultimately periodic set?

What I should not forget !