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Section outline

1 Intuitive handling of recurrences

- Definition of linear

recurrences

- Simple linear recurrences
- Departure from linear recurrences



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Definition (Homogenous linear recurrence of order k with constant coefficients)

A linear recurrence with constant coefficients is homogenous when $g(n) = 0$ and has the form

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- Show that this recurrence captures the running time complexity of determining the maximum element, searching in an unsorted array

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- Show that this recurrence captures the running time complexity of bubble/insertion/selection sort

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- Show that this recurrence captures the running time complexity of the towers of Hanoi problem

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- All banks curtail fixed deposits to a certain period of time



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- Show that this recurrence captures the running time complexity of binary search

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- What procedure satisfies this recurrence?

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- Show that this recurrence captures the running time complexity of mergesort and quicksort

Section outline

- 2 **Linear recurrences with constant coefficients**
- Classification of some recurrences
 - Solving linear homogenous recurrences (LHR)
 - Combining satisfying

- sequences of LHRs
- Master theorem (MT) for LHRs
 - Some applications of MT for LHRs
 - LHR master theorem proof
 - More applications of MT for LHRs



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- Catalan numbers: $C_n = C_0C_{n-1} + C_1C_{n-2} + \dots + C_{n-2}C_1 + C_{n-1}C_0$



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- DC: $T_n = T_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} + T_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} + cn + d$



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 $nx^n - a_1(n - 1)x^{n-1} - a_2(n - 2)x^{n-1} - \dots - a_k(n - k)x^{n-k}$



LHR master theorem proof (contd.)

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- Repeating this process of differentiating wrt x and then multiplying by x , s times we get:

$$f_0(x) \chi_A(x) + f_1(x) \chi'_A(x) + \dots + f_s(x) \chi_A^{(s)}(x) =$$

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 where f_0, \dots, f_s , are all polynomials in x
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$$\chi_A(\rho) = \chi'_A(\rho) = \dots = \chi_A^{(s)}(\rho) = 0,$$
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- For the coefficient matrix for this system of linear equations
- Number of rows: k
- Number of columns on the LHS:
 $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_t = k$
- The coefficient matrix is invertible, so the constants can be uniquely determined



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 $c_2 \frac{-3+i\sqrt{7}}{2} + c_1 \frac{-3-i\sqrt{7}}{2} + 4c_0 = 2$, applying initial conditions
- $c_2 = -\frac{1}{16\sqrt{7}} (3\sqrt{7} + i), c_1 = -\frac{1}{16\sqrt{7}} (3\sqrt{7} - i), c_0 = \frac{3}{8}$

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- $T_n = 47T_{n-1} - 441T_{n-2} - 105T_{n-3}$, $T_0 = 0$, $T_1 = 0$, $T_2 = 25$
- $\chi(x) = x^3 - 47x^2 + 441x + 2730 = 0$ – this is an LHR
- Note that $\chi(26) = 0$, so $\chi(x) = (x - 26)p(x)$
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A trick solution utilising $T_n + S_n = 26^n$

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$$g(n) = (b_r n^r + b_{r-1} n^{r-1} + \dots + b_1 n + b_0) \sigma^n = q(n) \sigma^n,$$

where b_i and σ are real numbers and degree of $q(n)$ is $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$

- $(b_r n^r + \dots + b_1 n + b_0) \sigma^n$ is a sum of geometric forcing functions
- Let $\chi_A(x)$ be the characteristic equation; define

$$\mu = \begin{cases} 0 & \sigma \text{ is not a root of } \chi_A(x) \\ m & \sigma \text{ is a root of multiplicity } m \text{ of } \chi_A(x) \end{cases}$$

- Then $V_n = n^\mu (d_r n^r + d_{r-1} n^{r-1} + \dots + d_1 n + d_0) \sigma^n$ may be determined as a particular solution (PS) of LNHR eqn 1.1, d_i are complex (or real) constants which have to be determined

- Substitute V_i for T_i in 1.1 and cancel out the highest power of σ
- In the resulting polynomial equation in n , equate the coefficients of the various powers of n to get a system of linear equations to zero determine the unknown constants d_i

LNHR for strings with consecutive vowels

Example (Solving LNHR via PS for strings with consecutive vowels)

- $T_n = 21T_{n-1} + 105T_{n-2} + 25 \cdot 26^{n-2}$, $T_0 = 0$, $T_1 = 0$
- $\chi(x) = x^2 - 21x - 105 = 0$, $\{\rho\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(21 \pm \sqrt{861} \right) \right\}$
- $g(n) = 25 \cdot 26^{n-2}$, comparing with $g(n) = (b_r n^r + b_{r-1} n^{r-1} + \dots + b_1 n + b_0) \sigma^m$, $\sigma = 26$, $\sigma \notin \{\rho\}$, $V_n = d \cdot 26^n$ (other factors gets absorbed in d)
- Substituting V_n in T_n ,
 $d \cdot 26^n = 21 \cdot d \cdot 26^{n-1} + 105 \cdot d \cdot 26^{n-2} + 25 \cdot 26^{n-2}$
- Factoring out 26^{n-2} , $d \cdot 26^2 = 21d \cdot 26 + 105d + 25$, so $d=1$
- With $d = 1$, so $V_n = 26^n$
- $T_n = W_n + 26^n$, $W_n = c_1 \left(\frac{21+\sqrt{861}}{2} \right)^n + c_2 \left(\frac{21-\sqrt{861}}{2} \right)^n$

LNHR solution for strings with consecutive vowels (contd.)

Example (Solving LNHR via PS for strings with consecutive vowels (contd.))

- Obtaining initial conditions for W_n as
 $\{W_i = T_i - g(i)\} = \{W_0 = -1, W_1 = -26\}$
- $c_1 + c_2 = -1, c_1 \left(\frac{21+\sqrt{861}}{2}\right) + c_2 \left(\frac{21-\sqrt{861}}{2}\right) = -26$
- $c_1 = -\left(\frac{31+\sqrt{861}}{2\sqrt{861}}\right), c_2 = \left(\frac{31-\sqrt{861}}{2\sqrt{861}}\right)$
- $T_n = 26^n - \frac{31+\sqrt{861}}{2\sqrt{861}} \left(\frac{21+\sqrt{861}}{2}\right)^n - \frac{-31+\sqrt{861}}{2\sqrt{861}} \left(\frac{21-\sqrt{861}}{2}\right)^n$



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- $V_n = n^1(d_2n^2 + d_1n + d_0)$, as σ is a root of $\chi(x)$
- Substituting, V_i for T_i in the recurrence equation

$$\bullet \quad n(d_2n^2 + d_1n + d_0) = (n-2)(d_2(n-2)^2 + d_1(n-2) + d_0) + (n^2 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2n^3 + d_1n^2 + d_0n =$$

$$(n-2)(d_2(n^2 - 4n + 4) + d_1(n-2) + d_0) + (n^2 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2n^3 + d_1n^2 + d_0n = d_2n^3 - 4d_2n^2 + 4d_2n - 2d_2n^2 + 8d_2n - 8d_2 + d_1n^2 - 2d_1n - 2d_1n + 4d_1 + d_0n - 2d_0 + (n^2 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2(d_1 + 4d_2 + 2d_2 - d_1 - 1) + n(d_0 - 4d_2 - 8d_2 + 2d_1 + 2d_1 - d_0) = (-8d_2 + 4d_1 - 2d_0 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{n^2(6d_2 - 1)}_0 + \underbrace{n(-12d_2 + 4d_1)}_0 = \underbrace{(-8d_2 + 4d_1 - 2d_0 + 1)}_0$$

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- $d_2 = \frac{1}{6}, d_1 = \frac{1}{2}, d_0 = \frac{5}{6}, V_n = \frac{1}{6}n(n^2 + 3n + 5),$

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- $T_0 = 0, T_1 = 1 \Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{4}, c' = \frac{1}{4}$

- $T_n = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}(-1)^n + \frac{1}{6}n(n^2 + 3n + 5) =$
 $\frac{1}{12} [2n^3 + 6n^2 + 10n - 3 + 3(-1)^n]$



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- $d_0 = \frac{5}{18}, V_n = \frac{5}{18}n^23^n, T_n = \underbrace{(c_1 + c_2n)3^n}_{W_n} + \underbrace{\frac{5}{18}n^23^n}_{V_n}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0$
- $T_0 = 1, T_1 = 2 \Rightarrow c_1 = 1, c_2 = -\frac{11}{18}$
- $T_n = (1 - \frac{11}{18}n + \frac{5}{18}n^2)3^n$



PS of LNHR, $g(n) = \sum_j p_j(n) \sigma_j^n$

- Let the non-homogeneous term be of the form $p_1(n)\sigma_1^n + p_2(n)\sigma_2^n + \dots + p_m(n)\sigma_m^n$, σ_i are mutually distinct
- There is a PS of the form $V_n = V_{1,n} + V_{2,n} + \dots + V_{m,n}$
 $V_{i,n}$ is a PS of the LNHR
 $T_n = a_1 T_{n-1} + a_2 T_{n-2} + \dots + a_k T_{n-k} + p_i(n)s^n$



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Section outline

- 4 **Deriving solution of LNHR when $g(n) = q(n)\sigma^n$**
 - Binomial identities

- Convolving binomial coefficients with $g(n)$
- A PS of LNHR for $g(n) = q(n)\sigma^n$



Binomial identities

Theorem

$$\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r r^d \binom{n}{r} = 0, d < n$$

Corollary

$$\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r p(r) \binom{n}{r} = 0 \text{ where } p(r) \text{ is a polynomial of degree } d < n$$

- First prove the theorem using the method of induction
- Thereafter, the corollary follows



Binomial identities (contd.)

Induction basis

$$(1-x)^n \Big|_{x=1} = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r r^0 \binom{n}{r} = 0$$

Observation $\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} = 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} = 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^r \frac{n}{r} \binom{n-1}{r-1}$

Induction mechanism $\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r r \binom{n}{r} = 0 + \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^r r \binom{n}{r} =$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^r r \frac{n}{r} \binom{n-1}{r-1} = n \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^r \binom{n-1}{r-1} =$$

$$n \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} (-1)^r \binom{n-1}{r} = n (1-x)^{n-1} \Big|_{x=1} = 0$$



Binomial identities (contd.)

Induction hypothesis

$$\sum_{r=0}^{n-1} (-1)^r r^d \binom{n-1}{r} = 0$$

Induction step

$$\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r r^d \binom{n}{r} = 0 + \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^r r^d \binom{n}{r} =$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^r r^d \frac{n}{r} \binom{n-1}{r-1} = n \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^r r^{d-1} \binom{n-1}{r-1} = 0$$

Corollary

$$\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r p(r) \binom{n}{r} = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \left(\sum_{j=0}^{j=d < n} b_j r^j \right) \binom{n}{r} =$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{j=d < n} b_j \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r (r^j) \binom{n}{r} = 0$$



Convolving binomial coefficients with $g(n)$

- Let $q(n)$ be a polynomial of degree d , so $p(k) = q(n - k)$ is a polynomial of degree d in k

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$$\sum_{k=0}^{r+1} \binom{r+1}{k} (-1)^k \underbrace{q(n-k)}_{p(k)} = 0, \forall n \quad (2.1)$$

- Multiplying eq 2.1 by σ^n , we get:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{r+1} \binom{r+1}{k} (-1)^k \underbrace{q(n-k)}_{p(k)} \sigma^n = 0, \forall n \quad (2.2)$$



Convolving binomial coefficients with $g(n)$ (contd.)

- This may be rewritten as:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{r+1} \underbrace{\binom{r+1}{k} \overbrace{(-1)^k (\sigma)^k}^{(-\sigma)^k}}_{\ell_k} \underbrace{q(n-k)\sigma^{n-k}}_{g(n-k)} = 0, \forall n \quad (2.3)$$

- And more compactly as:

$$\ell_{r+1}q(n)\sigma^n + \ell_r q(n-1)\sigma^{n-1} + \dots + \ell_0 q(n-(r+1))\sigma^{n-(r+1)} = 0$$

- With $g(k) = q(k)\sigma^k$, it may be written as:

$$\ell_{r+1}g(n) + \ell_r g(n-1) + \dots + \ell_0 g(n-(r+1)) = 0 \quad (2.4)$$



A PS of LNHR for $g(n) = q(n)\sigma^n$

- Identity (eq 2.4) may be used to eliminate $g(n)$ from (eq 1.1)

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_{r+1}T_n - \ell_{r+1}a_1T_{n-1} - \dots - \ell_{r+1}a_kT_{n-k} &= \ell_{r+1}g(n) \\ \ell_rT_{n-1} - \ell_ra_1T_{n-2} - \dots - \ell_ra_kT_{n-k-1} &= \ell_rg(n-1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{\ell_0T_{n-(r+1)} - \ell_0a_1T_{n-(r+2)} - \dots - \ell_0a_kT_{n-(r+k+1)}}{\alpha_0T_n + \alpha_1T_{n-1} + \dots + \alpha_{(r+k+1)}T_{n-(r+k+1)}} = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

- Row-wise, replace T_j by x^j and factor out common powers of x and add:

$$x^{n-k}\ell_{r+1}\chi_A(x) + x^{n-k-1}\ell_r\chi_A(x) + \dots + x^{n-k-r-1}\ell_0\chi_A(x) =$$

$$x^{n-k-r-1}\chi_A(x)[\ell_{r+1}x^{r+1} + x^r\ell_r + \dots + \ell_0] = \chi_A(x)(x - \sigma)^{r+1}x^{n-k-r-1} =$$

$$\ell_{r+1}g(n) + \ell_rg(n-1) + \dots + \ell_0g(n - (r+1)) = 0$$
- Characteristic equation of eq 3.1: $\chi_\alpha(x) = \chi_A(x)(x - \sigma)^{r+1} = 0$



A PS of LNHR for $g(n) = q(n)\sigma^n$ (contd)

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- From these, PS of eq 1.1 may be considered as $V_n = \sum_{s=m}^{s=r+m} (d'_s n^s) \sigma^n = n^s p(n) \sigma^n$
- Both cases are covered via $V_n = n^\mu (d_r n^r + d_{r-1} n^{r-1} + \dots + d_1 n + d_0) \sigma^n$,

$$\mu = \begin{cases} 0 & \sigma \text{ is not a root of } \chi_A(x) \\ m & \sigma \text{ is a root of multiplicity } m \text{ of } \chi_A(x) \end{cases}$$



Section outline

5 Divide and conquer recurrences

- Revisiting $T_n = 2T_{\frac{n}{2}} + an$
- DC result for $T_n = aT_{\frac{n}{s}} + g(n)$
- Example of the form

$$T_n = aT_{\frac{n}{s}} + p(n)$$

- DC recurrence when $a = s^r$, $n = s^m$, $m \geq 0$
- DC recurrence when $a \neq s^r$, $n = s^m$, $m \geq 0$
- Alternate statement of DC recurrence



Revisiting $T_n = 2T_{\frac{n}{2}} + an$

Example ($T_n = 2T_{\frac{n}{2}} + an$, $T_1 = 1$)

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Theorem ($T_n = aT_{\frac{n}{s}} + g(n)$ for $n = s^m$)

- Let $g(n)$ (degree $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$) be

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$$b_0, b_1, \dots, b_r \in \mathbb{R}, b_r > 0$$

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$$a = 3, s = 2, r = 1, s^r = 2, a > s^r$$

$$T_n \in \Theta(n^{\log_s a}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}),$$

$$\log_2 3 = 1.58496 \dots$$

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Alternate statement of DC recurrence

Consider the recurrence $T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{s}\right) + f(n)$.

- If $f(n) = \mathcal{O}(n^{\log_s a - \varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$, then $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(n^{\log_s a})$
- If $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_s a})$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_s a} \log n)$
- If $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_s a + \varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$, and if f satisfies the smoothness condition $af\left(\frac{n}{s}\right) \leq cf(n)$ for some constant $c < 1$, then $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

For detailed proof see: <https://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs3110/2012sp/lectures/lec20-master/mm-proof.pdf> \square



Section outline

6 Practice problems



Practice problems

Some quick sort recurrences

- The sorting time of quick sort depends on the placement of the pivot; solve these cases:
 - Pivot is always placed at position k , so $T(n) = T(k) + T(n - k) + an$, $T(k) = b$ (when $n > k$, consider $n \leq k$ to be base cases sorted in constant time using any other sorting procedure)
 - Pivot is always placed to split the array in ratio $\alpha : (1 - \alpha)$, so $T(n) = T(\alpha n) + T((1 - \alpha)n) + an$, $T(1) = b$

Example ($\alpha = \frac{1}{4}$)

- $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + T\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right) + an$, $T(1) = b$
- Depth for the (longer) $\frac{3}{4}$ branch is $\log_{\frac{4}{3}} n$
- Contribution of each level (until shorter branch is exhausted) is $\leq \max(a, b)n$
- The overall contribution for all the levels is $\leq \max(a, b)n \log_{\frac{4}{3}} n \in \mathcal{O}(n \log n)$
- For α , the depth d will satisfy $\alpha^d = \frac{1}{n}$, so, $n = \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^d \Rightarrow d = \log_{\frac{1}{\alpha}} n$
- $T(n) \leq \underbrace{\max(a, b)n}_{\text{max contribution at level}} \underbrace{\max\left(\log_{\frac{1}{\alpha}} n, \log_{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} n\right)}_{\text{depth of recursion tree}} \in \Theta(n \log n)$

Practice problems (contd.)

Use the Master Theorem or DC recurrence technique to asymptotically solve each of the following recurrences or state why those doesn't apply.

$$\bullet T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$$

$$\text{NB } n! \in \omega(n^n)$$

$$\bullet T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^2$$

$$\text{NB } n! \in \omega(2^n)$$

$$\bullet T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^3$$

$$\text{NB } \lg n! \in \Theta((n \lg n))$$

$$\bullet T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \sqrt{n}$$

$$\bullet T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n^{0.51}$$

$$\bullet T(n) = 8T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n!$$

$$\bullet T(n) = T(n-1) + \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\bullet T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^2 + n$$

$$\bullet T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n\left(n \sin\left(n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 2\right)$$



Practice problems (contd.)

- $T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n \lg n$
- $T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^2 \lg n$
- $T(n) = 5T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^2 \lg n$
- $T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \frac{n}{\lg n}$
- $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \lg n$
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- $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \lg n!$
- $T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \frac{n}{\lg \lg n}$
- $T(n) = 2T(\sqrt{n}) + \lg n$



Practice problems (contd.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n &= \begin{cases} 0 & n = 0 \\ 2 & n = 1 \\ T_{n-1} + 2U_{n-1} & n \geq 2 \end{cases} \\
 U_n &= \begin{cases} 0 & n = 0 \\ 1 & n = 1 \\ 2T_{n-1} + 3U_{n-1} & n \geq 2 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$



Practice problems (contd.)

Josephus recurrence

- 41 rebels were trapped by the Romans at the Jotapata fortress. Instead of surrendering and facing painful consequences, they made a suicide pact
- They were to stand in a circle, every third man was to be killed, the last man was to kill himself
- Flavius Josephus and a friend wanted to survive
- At what positions would they have to stand to be the last two surviving positions?
- Develop a recurrence J_n^k for the position of the last person alive in a circle of n people where the k^{th} person must fall every time

