Encoding/Decoding, Counting graphs

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11-avoiding binary strings

Let’s consider the set of all n-bit binary strings with the property that 11 is not a substring.

example: 100010100001010

How many of these strings are there?

A. $2^n$
B. $2^{n-1}$
C. $F_{n+2}$ (Fibonacci number.)
D. $n!$
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Let $S(n)$ be the set of all $n$-bit binary strings of this type. Then split them into two subsets:

- $S_1(n)$ is the subset that starts with 1
- $S_0(n)$ is the subset that starts with 0

Are $S_1(n)$ and $S_0(n)$ disjoint?
Let’s consider the set of all n-bit binary strings with the property that 11 is not a substring.

\[ S(n) = S1(n) \cup S0(n) \] and \[ S1(n) \cap S0(n) = \emptyset \]

\[ |S(n)| = |S1(n)| + |S0(n)| \]

All elements of \( S0(n) \) are of the form 0[11-avoiding (n-1)-bit binary string]
All elements of \( S1(n) \) are of the form 10[11-avoiding (n-2)-bit binary string]

\[ |S0(n)| = |S(n - 1)| \]
\[ |S1(n)| = |S(n - 2)| \]

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What is \(|S(1)|\)? What is \(|S(2)|\)?
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|S(1)|=2    |S(2)|=3

|S(n)| = \( F_{n+2} \) (Fibonacci number.)

\( F_1 = 1, F_2 = 1 \)
The most straightforward way to encode one of these strings is by using the string itself.

This gives us an upper bound on the number of bits needed to encode these types of strings.

$n$-bits is enough to encode these strings so this means that

$$|S(n)| = F_{n+2} \leq 2^n$$
A **theoretically optimal encoding** for length $n$ 11-avoiding binary strings would use the ceiling of $\log_2(F_{n+2})$ bits.

**How?**
- List all length $n$ 11-avoiding binary strings in lex-order
- **To encode:** Store the position of a string in the list, rather than the string itself.
- **To decode:** Given a position in list, need to determine string in that position.
Lex Order

E.g. the 13 Length n=5
11-avoiding binary strings:

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Lex Order: Algorithm?

Need two algorithms, given specific n:

\[ s \rightarrow E(s,n) \]

and

\[ p \rightarrow D(p,n) \]

*Idea*: Use recursion (reduce & conquer).
Lex Order: Algorithm?

For $E(s,n)$:

- Any string that starts with 0 must have position before $|S(n - 1)| = F_{n+1}$
- Any string that starts with 1 must have position at or after $|S(n - 1)| = F_{n+1}$
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Example: Encode 00101001

(Note: this is a length 9 binary string.)
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Initialize p:=0, n:=9
The first bit is 0 so p:=p+0=0, n:=8
The second bit is 1 so $p := p + F_{n+1} = p + F_9 = p + 34 = 34$, n:=7
The third bit is 0 so p:=p+0=34, n:=6
The fourth bit is 1 so $p := p + F_{n+1} = p + F_7 = p + 13 = 47$, n:=5
The fifth bit is 0 so p:=p+0=47, n:=4
The sixth bit is 1 so $p := p + F_{n+1} = p + F_5 = p + 5 = 52$, n:=3
The seventh bit is 0 so p:=p+0=52, n:=2
The eighth bit is 0 so p:=p+0=52, n:=1
The ninth bit is 1 so $p := p + F_{n+1} = p + F_2 = p + 1 = 53$, n:=0
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So this string is number 53 in the list and so it will be encoded by the binary expansion of 53 which is 110101. The maximum number of bits needed to store any of these strings is $\lfloor \log(F_{11}) \rfloor = 7$. So we will pad the left with 0's

$E(010101001,9)=0110101$
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75 > 55 = F_10 so the first bit is 1

20 < 34 = F_9 so the next bit is 0

20 < 21 = F_8 so the next bit is 0

20 > 13 = F_7 so the next bit is 1

7 < 8 = F_6 so the next bit is 0

7 > 5 = F_5 so the next bit is 1

2 < 3 = F_4 so the next bit is 0

2 = 2 = F_3 so the next bit is 1

0 < 1 = F_2 so the next bit is 0

D(1001011,9) = 100101010
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How big is \( \log_2(F_{n+2}) \)?

\[
F_{n+2} < (1.6)^{n+2} \approx (2^{0.7})^{n+2} = 2^{0.7n+1.4}
\]

So…….

\[
[\log_2(F_{n+2})] < [\log_2 2^{0.7n+1.4}] = [0.7n + 1.4]
\]
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So $\log(n)$ is the fastest possible runtime and binary search achieves this!!!!
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Rosen p. 761
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Maximum number of comparisons for algorithm is **height** of its tree diagram.
How many leaves will there be in a decision tree that sorts $n$ elements?

A. $2^n$  
B. $\log n$  
C. $n!$  
D. $C(n,2)$  
E. None of the above.
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i.e. fastest possible worst case performance of sorting is \( \log_2(n!) \)
Another application of counting … lower bounds

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How big is that?

**Lemma:** For \( n > 1 \),

\[
\left( \frac{n}{2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} < n! < n^n
\]

**Proof:**

\[
n! = (n)(n-1)(n-2) \ldots \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) \ldots (3)(2)(1)
\]
\[
> \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) \ldots \left( \frac{n}{2} \right)
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**Proof:** For \( n > 1 \), taking logarithm of both sides in lemma gives

\[
\frac{n}{2} \log \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) < \log_2(n!) < n \log n
\]

i.e.

\[
\frac{1}{2} \left( n \log n - n \log 2 \right) < \log_2(n!) < n \log n
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**Therefore,**
the best sorting algorithms will need \( \Theta(n \log n) \) comparisons in the worst case.

i.e. it's impossible to have a comparison-based algorithm that does better than **Merge Sort** (in the worst case).
Representing undirected graphs

Strategy:

1. Count the number of simple undirected graphs.
2. Compute lower bound on the number of bits required to represent these graphs.
3. Devise algorithm to represent graphs using this number of bits.

What's true about simple undirected graphs?

A. Self-loops are allowed.
B. Parallel edges are allowed.
C. There must be at least one vertex.
D. There must be at least one edge.
E. None of the above.

Rosen p. 641-644
In a simple undirected graph on $n$ (labeled) vertices, how many edges are possible?

A. $n^2$
B. $n(n-1)$
C. $C(n,2)$
D. $2^{C(n,2)}$
E. None of the above.

** Recall notation: $C(n,k) = \binom{n}{k}$ **
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Possibly one edge for each set of two distinct vertices.

D. \( 2^{C(n,2)} \)

E. None of the above.

** Recall notation: \( C(n,k) = \binom{n}{k} \) **
How many different simple undirected graphs on n (labeled) vertices are there?

A. $n^2$
B. $n(n-1)$
C. $C(n,2)$
D. $2^{C(n,2)}$
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Representing undirected graphs: Lower bound

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*For each possible edge, decide if in graph or not.*

**Conclude:**
minimum number of **bits** to represent simple undirected graphs with n vertices is

$$\log_2(2^{\binom{n}{2}}) = \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$
**Representing undirected graphs: Algorithm**

**Goal**: represent a simple undirected graph with $n$ vertices using $n(n-1)/2$ bits.

**Idea**: store adjacency matrix, but since

- diagonal entries all zero
- matrix is symmetric

no self loops
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How many entries of the adjacency matrix are above the diagonal?

- A. $n^2$
- B. $n(n-1)$
- C. $C(n,2)$
- D. $2n$
- E. None of the above.
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Can be stored as **0111101100**
which uses \( \binom{5}{2} = 10 \) bits.
Representing undirected graphs: Algorithm

**Decoding:** ?

What simple undirected graph is encoded by the binary string

011010 110101 111111 000000 110101 110010 ?

A.  
\[
\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\]

B.  
001101011  
000101111  
00111000  
000000011  
00000101  
00000110  
00000001  
00000000  

C. Either one of the above.  
D. Neither one of the above.
In a simple directed graph on n (labeled) vertices, how many edges are possible?

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Choose starting vertex, choose ending vertex.

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Another way of counting that there are $2^{n(n-1)}$ simple directed graphs with $n$ vertices:

Represent a graph by
For each of the $\begin{pmatrix} n \cr 2 \end{pmatrix}$ pairs of distinct vertices $\{v, w\}$, specify whether there is
  * no edge between them
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Product rule!

$$(4)(4)\ldots(4) = 4^{\binom{n}{2}} = 4^{n(n-1)/2} = 2^{n(n-1)}$$
Representing directed graphs: Lower bound

Conclude:
minimum number of bits to represent simple directed graphs with \( n \) vertices is
\[ \log_2(2^{n(n-1)}) = n(n-1) \]
Representing directed graphs: Algorithm

**Encoding:**
For each of the n vertices, indicate which of the other vertices it has an edge to.

How would you encode this graph using bits (0s and 1s)?

A. 123232443
B. 0110 0000 0101 0010
C. 110 000 011 001
D. None of the above.
Representing directed graphs: Algorithm

Decoding:

Given a string of 0s and 1s of length $n(n-1)$,

- Define vertex set $\{1, \ldots, n\}$.
- First $n-1$ bits indicate edges from vertex 1 to other vertices.
- Next $n-1$ bits indicate edges from vertex 2 to other vertices.
- etc.

What graph does this binary string encode? 0110 1001 0001 1011 0100