

# Math 135 - More recurrence

Note Title

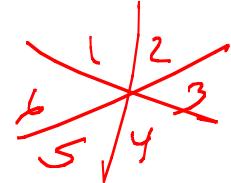
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## Announcements

- HW due Friday

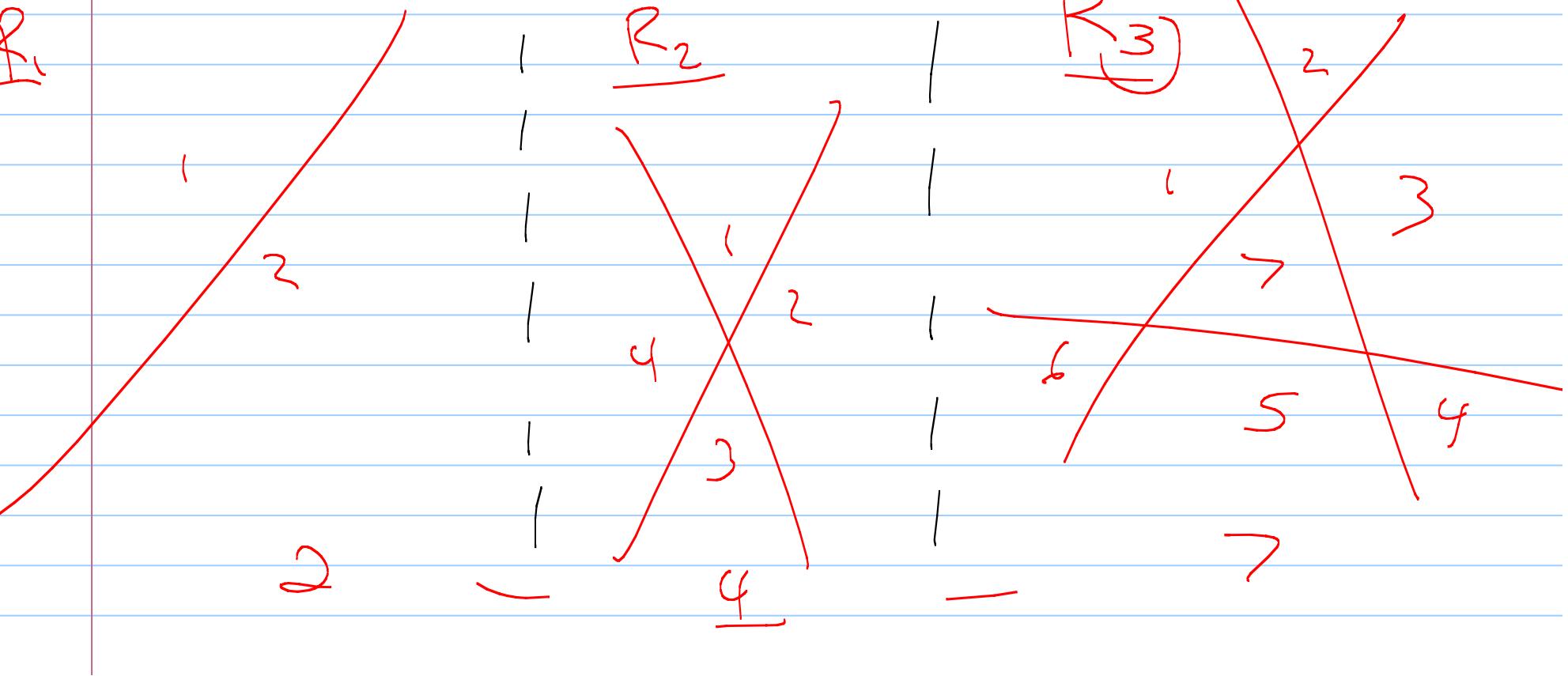
Counting regions in the plane:

(Assume no 3 lines meet at a single point)



$n=1$  lines

$R_1$

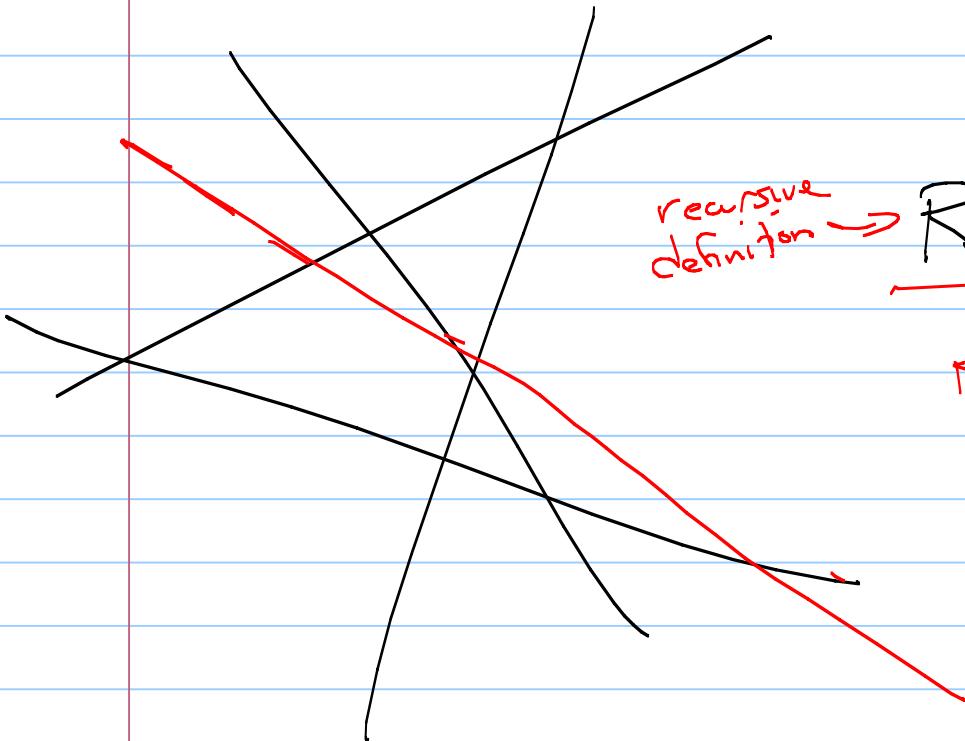


$n=3$  lines

$R_3$

Consider  $n-1$  lines w/  $R_{n-1}$  regions.  
What happens when we add an  $n^{\text{th}}$  line?

(Assume no parallel lines,  
so every line crosses every  
other line)



recursive  
definition  $\rightarrow$

$$R_n = \underbrace{R_{n-1}}_{\text{from previous definition}} + n$$

$$R_3 = R_2 + 3$$

new line intersects  
 $n-1$  other lines  
divides a region into  
2 regions between  
intersections

$$R_k = R_{k-1} + k$$

$$\underline{R_1 = 2}$$

Unrolling:  $R_n = R_{n-1} + n$

$$= \overbrace{R_{n-2}}^+ + (n-1) + n$$

$$= \overbrace{R_{n-3}}^+ + (n-2) + (n-1) + n$$

$$= R_{n-4} + (n-3) + (n-2) + (n-1) + n$$

$$= R_i + (i+1) + (i+2) + \dots + n$$

$$= \underline{R_1} + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n$$

$$= 2 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n$$

Claim:  $R_n = 1 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

$$\begin{cases} R_1 = 2 \\ R_k = R_{k-1} + k \end{cases}$$

Pf: Induction on  $n$   
Base Case:  $R_1 = 1 + \frac{1(2)}{2} = 2 \quad \checkmark$

IH: Assume  $R_{n-1} = 1 + \frac{(n-1)n}{2}$

IS:  $R_n = R_{n-1} + n$

use  $I^H = \left(1 + \frac{(n-1)n}{2}\right) + n$

$$= 1 + \frac{(n-1)n + 2n}{2} = 1 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad \square$$

Fibonacci numbers:

Definition

$$\begin{cases} F_0 = 0 \\ F_1 = 1 \\ F_k = F_{k-1} + F_{k-2} \end{cases}$$

Identity:  $\sum_{k=1}^n F_k = F_{n+2} - 1$

Prove using induction on  $n$ :

Base case:  $n=1$  LHS:  $\sum_{k=1}^1 F_k = F_1 = 1$

$$F_3 - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

IH: Assume  $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} F_k = F_{(n-1)+2} - 1$   
 $= F_{n+1} - 1$

IS:  $\sum_{k=1}^n F_k = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} F_k + F_n$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad}_{IH}$

$$= F_{n+1} - 1 + F_n$$

$$= F_{n+2} - 1$$

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