

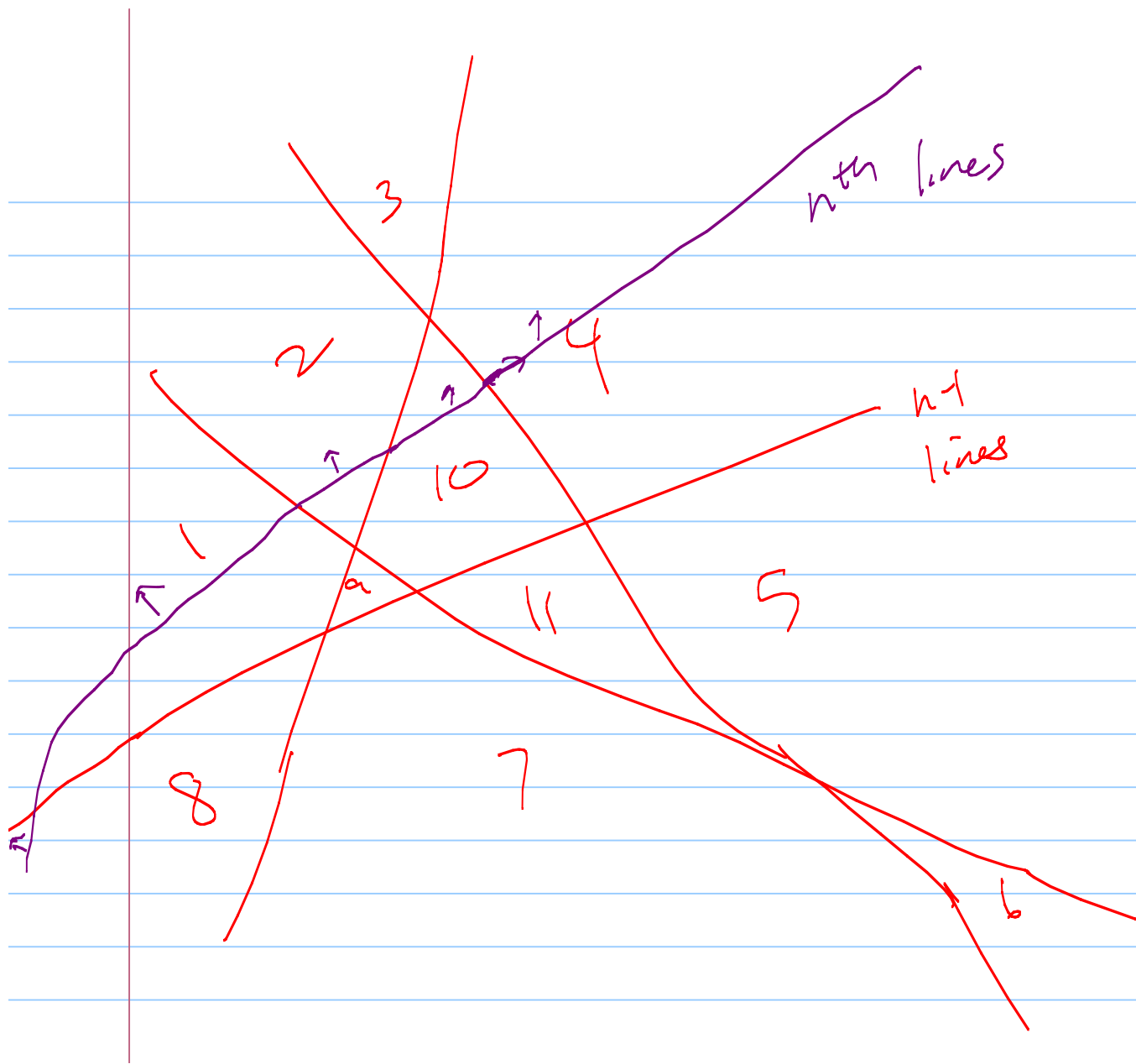
# Math 135 - Recursion

Note Title

3/5/2010

## Announcements

- HW due Wed. after break
- No class next week
- Reminder about scholarships



2 1 lines  
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 4 2 lines  
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 7 3  
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 11 4

# More Recurrences:

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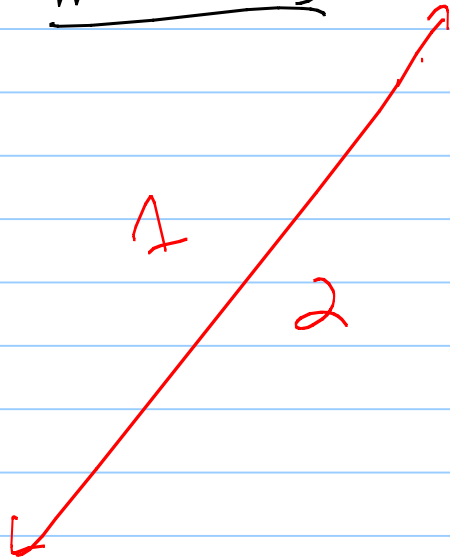
Assume:

(no parallel lines)

(no 3 lines at a point)

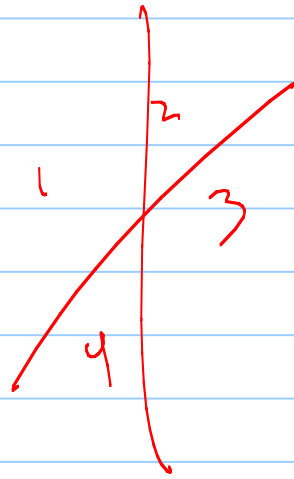
## Counting regions in the plane:

$n=1$  lines



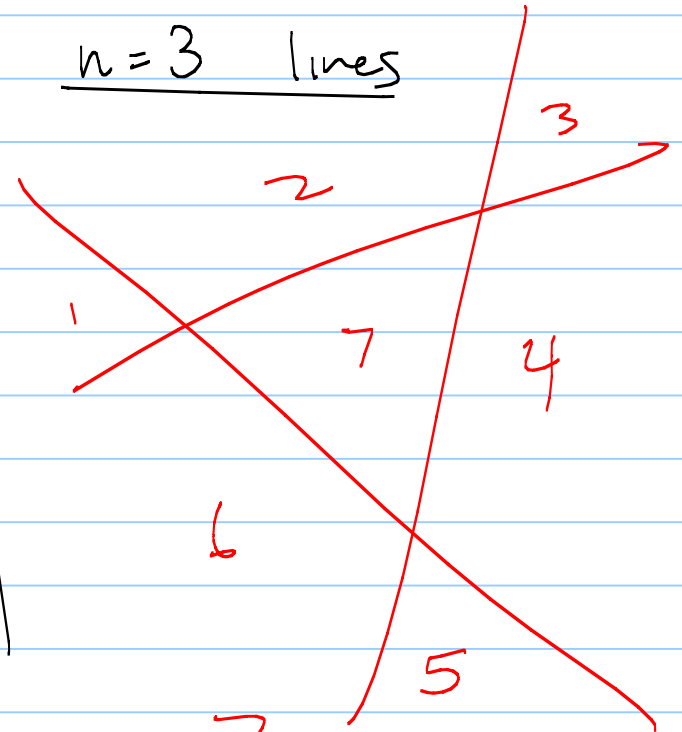
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$n=2$  lines



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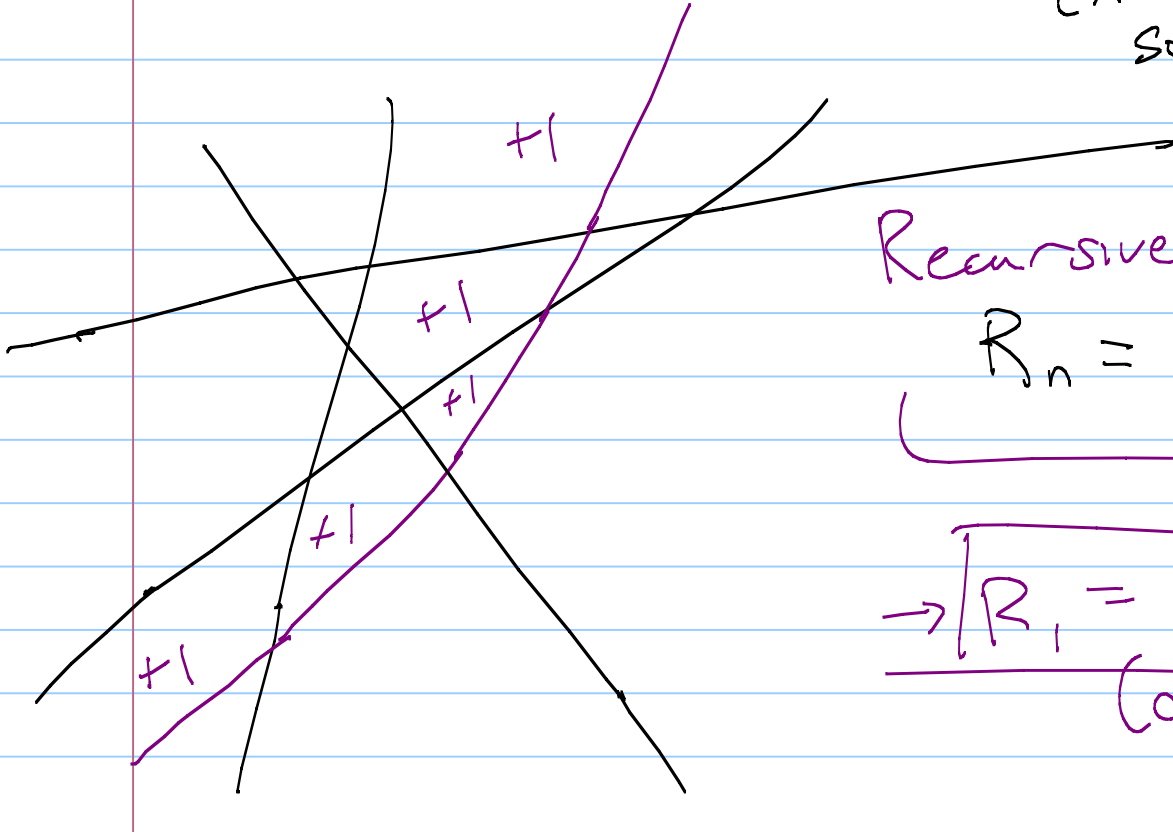
$n=3$  lines



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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:

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

$$\rightarrow R_1 = 2$$

(don't forget base case!)

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

Closed form for  $R_n$ :

$$\text{Unrolling: } R_n = R_{n-1} + n \\ = \underbrace{R_{n-2} + (n-1)} + n$$

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

$$= R_1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n$$

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

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

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

know

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

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

pf: induction on  $n$

Base case:  $n=1$   $R_1 = 2$

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

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

IS:  $R_n = R_{n-1} + n$  (by recursive defn)

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

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

Fibonacci

$$\begin{aligned} f_n &= f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \\ f_0 &= 0, f_1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Claim:  $f_n = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n}{2^n \sqrt{5}}$

pf: Induction!

Base cases:  $n=0$   $f_0=0$

$$\frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^0 - (1-\sqrt{5})^0}{2^0 \sqrt{5}} = \frac{1-1}{\sqrt{5}} = 0$$

$n=1$ :  $f_1=1$

$$\frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^1 - (1-\sqrt{5})^1}{2^1 \sqrt{5}} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5} - 1 + \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} = 1$$

IH:  $\forall k < n, f_k = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^k - (1-\sqrt{5})^k}{2^k \sqrt{5}} \leftarrow$

$$x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} + \dots + x + 2$$

IS:  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$  by rec. defn.

apply IH  $= \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-1} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-1}}{2^{n-1}\sqrt{5}} + \frac{2 \left[ \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-2} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-2}}{2^{n-2}\sqrt{5}} \right]}{2}$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-1} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-1} + 2(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-2} - 2(1-\sqrt{5})^{n-2}}{2^{n-1}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-2} (1+\sqrt{5}+2) - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-2} (1-\sqrt{5}+2)}{2^{n-1}} \right]$$



$$\text{Goal: } f_n = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n}{2^n \sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-2} (1+\sqrt{5}+2) - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-2} (1-\sqrt{5}+2)}{2^{n-1}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-2} (3+\sqrt{5}) - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-2} (3-\sqrt{5})}{2^{n-1}} \right]$$

$$\underbrace{(1+\sqrt{5})^2}_{1} = (1+\sqrt{5})(1+\sqrt{5}) = 1 + 2\sqrt{5} + 5 = 6 + 2\sqrt{5} = 2(3+\sqrt{5})$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+\sqrt{5})^2 = 2(3+\sqrt{5})$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^2}{2} = 3+\sqrt{5}$$

$$X^{n-2} \cdot X^2 = X^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-2} (3+\sqrt{5}) - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-2} (3-\sqrt{5})}{2^{n-1}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5} \cdot 2} \left[ \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{n-2} \left( \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^2}{2} \right) - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n-2} \left( \frac{(1-\sqrt{5})^2}{2} \right)}{2^{n-1}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n}{\sqrt{5} (2 \cdot 2^{n-1})}$$

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