# THE FIRST 330 TERMS OF SEQUENCE A013583 

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let $R(N)$ be the number of representations of the natural number $N$ as the sum of distinct Fibonacci numbers. The values of $R(N)$ are well recognized as the coefficient of $x^{N}$ in the infinite product $\prod_{i=2}^{\infty}\left(1+x^{F_{i}}\right)=(1+x)\left(1+x^{2}\right)\left(1+x^{3}\right)\left(1+x^{5}\right) \cdots=$

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\begin{equation*}
1+1 x^{1}+x^{2}+2 x^{3}+x^{4}+2 x^{5}+2 x^{6}+x^{7}+3 x^{8}+2 x^{9}+2 x^{10}+\cdots . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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Combinatorially, each term $R(N) x^{N}$ counts the $R(N)$ partitions of $N$ into distinct Fibonacci numbers. Some of the recursion properties of this sequence are investigated in [2]. The difficulties in producing this sequence are more computational than analytic in that usual generation methods quickly consume computer resources.

Our major interest is in the related sequence $1,3,8,16,24,37, \ldots, A_{n, \ldots}$ whose $n^{\text {th }}$ term is the least $N$ such that $n=R(N)$, emphasized in boldface in (1) above. The general term of this sequence (see [8]), designated A013583 in Sloane's' on-line database of sequences, is still unknown. The 330 terms found in this note almost triple the 112 terms reported by Shallit [8]. Carlitz [3, 4], Klarner [7], and Hoggatt [4, 6], among others, have studied the representation of integers as sums of Fibonacci numbers and particularly Zeckendorf representations. The Zeckendorf representation of a natural number $N$ uses only positive-subscripted, distinct, and nonconsecutive Fibonacci numbers and is unique. We have used the Zeckendorf representation of $N$ to write $R(N)$ in [1] and [2].

## 2. A PEEK AT A013583 FIRST

Let us begin by listing the terms of A013583 that we have computed. We will note very quickly why this sequence is so intractable. Table 1 lists 46 complete rows with 10 entries per row. The first 33 rows have no missing sequence terms; hence, 330 complete sequence terms. The first missing entry appears in the $34^{\text {th }}$ row as the yet unknown $331^{\text {st }}$ term. While there are necessarily missing terms in at least some of the remaining rows, there are also many useful calculated sequence terms. Our computer output concluded with a partial $47^{\text {th }}$ row with 5 unknown entries followed by the $446^{\text {th }}$ sequence term, 229971.

## 3. SOME OBSERVED AND COMPUTATIONAL PROPERTIES OF $\prod_{i=2}^{\infty}\left(1+x^{F_{i}}\right)$

When $\prod_{i=2}^{\infty}\left(1+x^{F_{t}}\right)$ is expanded, the terms are partitioned according to sets of palindromically arranged, successive $R(N)$ coefficients. For this reason, we refer to it as the palindromic sequence. The first few terms are given in (2) below.

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TABLE 1. Terms of Sequence A 013583 (Index 1 through 330 complete)

| 1 | 3 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 37 | 58 | 63 | 97 | 105 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 152 | 160 | 168 | 249 | 257 | 270 | 406 | 401 | 435 | 448 |
| 440 | 647 | 1011 | 673 | 723 | 715 | 1066 | 1058 | 1050 | 1092 |
| 1160 | 1147 | 1694 | 1155 | 1710 | 1702 | 2647 | 1846 | 1765 | 1854 |
| 2736 | 1867 | 2757 | 2744 | 2841 | 2990 | 2752 | 2854 | 2985 | 3019 |
| 4511 | 3032 | 6967 | 4456 | 3024 | 4477 | 4616 | 4451 | 7349 | 4629 |
| 7218 | 4917 | 4621 | 4854 | 4904 | 7179 | 7166 | 4896 | 7200 | 7247 |
| 7310 | 7213 | 7831 | 8187 | 7488 | 7205 | 11614 | 7480 | 7815 | 7857 |
| 7925 | 11593 | 18154 | 7912 | 11813 | 11682 | 11653 | 11619 | 7920 | 11669 |
| 11724 | 12669 | 12106 | 11661 | 12656 | 12093 | 18151 | 12648 | 18795 | 12792 |
| 19154 | 12101 | 20358 | 12711 | 12800 | 19099 | 20756 | 18761 | 18850 | 12813 |
| 18905 | 18871 | 46913 | 19557 | 19138 | 18858 | 19476 | 31134 | 20502 | 19565 |
| 20701 | 30579 | 18866 | 20832 | 21018 | 19578 | 47434 | 20463 | 20696 | 20777 |
| 20730 | 30414 | 30689 | 30359 | 30977 | 20743 | 47418 | 30503 | 47507 | 30702 |
| 30529 | 30969 | 30422 | 20735 | 30511 | 33176 | 30694 | 34684 | 47795 | 31676 |
| 53712 | 30524 | 49104 | 49201 | 33705 | 31689 | 47523 | 33108 | 49405 | 33286 |
| 49502 | 33574 | 49159 | 49112 | 31681 | 50091 | 49358 | 33278 | 33616 | 33561 |
| 50002 | 49489 | 53683 | 49366 | 49120 | 49222 | 49408 | 33553 | 49497 | 49434 |
| 49387 | 49667 | 53534 | 53670 | 53589 | 50107 | 54178 | 49400 | 50989 | 53615 |
| 54555 | 51222 | 56152 | 54521 | 51272 | 53581 | 124519 | 79607 | 49392 | 53856 |
| 79481 | 81141 | 79874 | 51264 | 79463 | 86241 | 53573 | 53848 | 54327 | 54225 |
| 124506 | 54293 | 81078 | 87927 | 80073 | 79476 | 80366 | 79853 | 82856 | 54280 |
| 80971 | 80086 | 131203 | 79942 | 82513 | 124433 | 124378 | 79913 | 124522 | 81073 |
| 79646 | 79879 | 54288 | 79984 | 79929 | 129221 | 82840 | 80361 | 129292 | 82882 |
| 125132 | 87694 | 82950 | 129538 | 86694 | 79921 | 86749 | 87131 | 131897 | 87681 |
| 129551 | 82937 | 128614 | 124417 | 130999 | 86686 | 128593 | 87673 | 142699 | 88016 |
| 129242 | 87817 | 128703 | 128831 | 129224 | 130004 | 82945 | 128606 | 129546 | 129402 |
| 129347 | 87126 | 87736 | 131177 | 87825 | 129216 | 130910 | 201246 | 133499 | 130012 |
| 142877 | 129326 | 128598 | 131190 | 134049 | 128873 | 129208 | 87838 | 129352 | 129250 |
| 201306 | 140539 | 129318 | 130025 | 140154 | 146927 | 140243 | 202466 | 142882 | 134185 |
| 131182 | 140298 | 142238 | 129305 | 140264 | 133494 | 142848 | 141861 | 216776 | 142780 |
| 140531 | 134104 | 141895 | 201314 | 134193 | 140251 | 142094 | 209286 | 208414 | 140958 |
| 217174 | 129313 | 211980 | 142225 | 142411 | 208244 | 209058 | 208037 | 209252 | 134206 |
|  | 212192 | 209668 | 209087 | 140259 | 140971 | 141856 | 142089 |  | 142170 |
| 208524 | 209396 | 142123 | 209634 | 209074 | 227408 |  | 209121 |  | 208079 |
| 212323 | 208511 |  | 209299 | 212268 | 142136 | $\overline{211985}$ | 209676 |  | 209409 |
| 227107 | 209210 | $\overline{217119}$ | 210396 | 227395 | 226777 |  | 227345 | $\overline{209236}$ | 227010 |
|  | 212260 |  | 208519 | 217436 | 209257 | $\overline{142128}$ | 209401 |  | 209218 |
|  | 231102 |  | 216881 | 210388 | 237867 | 217114 | 230958 |  | 217195 |
|  | 226968 | $\overline{217148}$ |  | 226929 |  |  | 209231 | $\overline{227112}$ | 228094 |
|  |  | 230416 |  | 230123 |  |  | 217161 |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\overline{226942}$ |  | $\overline{228107}$ |  | 230136 |  | 229704 |
|  |  |  | 229992 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 217153 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 228099 |
| 229696 | 230034 |  |  | 229979 |  |  |  |  |  |

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\begin{align*}
& {\left[1 x^{1}\right]+x^{2}+\left[2 x^{3}\right]+x^{4}+\left[2 x^{5}+2 x^{6}\right]+x^{7}+\left[3 x^{8}+2 x^{9}+2 x^{10}+3 x^{11}\right]+x^{12}} \\
& +\left[3 x^{13}+3 x^{14}+2 x^{15}+4 x^{16}+2 x^{17}+3 x^{18}+3 x^{19}\right]+x^{20}+\left[4 x^{21}+3 x^{22}+3 x^{23}\right. \\
& \left.+5 x^{24}+2 x^{25}+4 x^{26}+4 x^{27}+2 x^{28}+5 x^{29}+3 x^{30}+3 x^{31}+4 x^{32}\right]+x^{33}+\left[4 x^{34}\right.  \tag{2}\\
& +4 x^{35}+3 x^{36}+6 x^{37}+3 x^{38}+5 x^{39}+5 x^{40}+2 x^{41}+6 x^{42}+4 x^{43}+4 x^{44}+6 x^{45} \\
& \left.+2 x^{46}+5 x^{47}+5 x^{48}+3 x^{49}+6 x^{50}+3 x^{51}+4 x^{52}+4 x^{53}\right]+x^{54}+\left[5 x^{55}+\cdots\right.
\end{align*}
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Throughout this paper, we use the floor symbol $\lfloor x\rfloor$ to denote the greatest integer $\leq x$ and the ceiling symbol $\lceil x\rceil$ to denote the least integer $\geq x$.

Square brackets identify coefficient palindromes. Palindromic sections share external boundaries of the form $1 x^{N}, N=F_{n}-1$, consistent with $R\left(F_{n}-1\right)=1$ given in [3]. For data-handling and computation, we omitted the overlapping terms with unit coefficients and partitioned the expansion into palindromic sections which we call $k$-sections. The first term of a $k$-section is $\lfloor(k+2) / 2\rfloor x^{N}, N=F_{k+2}$, and the last term is $\lfloor(k+2) / 2\rfloor x^{N}, N=F_{k+3}-2$. In (2), observe coefficients [ $\left.\begin{array}{lll}2 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right]$ (for $k=4$ ) starting with $x^{8}$.

Since the second half of a $k$-section adds no new coefficients but merely repeats those of the first half in reverse order, we use $\frac{1}{2} k$-sections. If the number of terms is odd, we include the center term, which becomes the last term of the $\frac{1}{2} k$-section. The coefficient of the last term of the $\frac{1}{2} k$-section is always a power of 2 .

The value of these central coefficients can be established using identity (3), which can be proved using mathematical induction.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{i=1}^{p} F_{3 i+1}=F_{3 p+1}+F_{3 p-2}+\cdots+F_{7}+F_{4}=\left(F_{3 p+3}-2\right) / 2 \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus,

$$
\begin{equation*}
R\left(\sum_{i=1}^{p} F_{3 i+1}\right)=2^{p-1} R\left(F_{4}\right)=2^{p}=R\left(\left(F_{3 p+3}-2\right) / 2\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

by repeatedly applying $R\left(F_{n+3}+K\right)=2 R(K), F_{n} \leq K<F_{n+1}$, and $R\left(F_{4}\right)=2$ from [2].
Take $k=3 p-1$. The powers of $x$ on the left and right internal boundaries of the $k$-section become $F_{3 p+1}$ and $F_{3 p+2}-2$, and the central term has exponent $\left(F_{3 p+1}+F_{3 p+2}-2\right) / 2=\left(F_{3 p+3}-\right.$ 2) $/ 2$, which is an integer since $2 \mid F_{3 p}$, and the coefficient is $2^{p}$ by (3) and (4).

Next, take $k=3 p$. The central pair of terms have exponents of $x$ given by $\left(F_{3 p+4}-2-1\right) / 2$ and $\left(F_{3 p+4}-2+1\right) / 2$, which are integers since $F_{3 p+4}$ is odd. We can establish the values of $A$ and $B$ below by mathematical induction:

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\begin{gather*}
F_{3 p+2}+F_{3 p-1}+\cdots+F_{8}+F_{5}=\left(F_{3 p+4}-3\right) / 2=A,  \tag{5}\\
F_{3 p+2}+F_{3 p-1}+\cdots+F_{8}+F_{5}+F_{2}=\left(F_{3 p+4}-1\right) / 2=B . \tag{6}
\end{gather*}
$$

By again applying $R\left(F_{n+3}+K\right)=2 R(K)$ and $R\left(F_{4}\right)=2$ to (5) and (6),

$$
\begin{gather*}
R(A)=2^{p-1} R\left(F_{5}\right)=2^{p-1}(2)=2^{p},  \tag{7}\\
R(B)=2^{p} R\left(F_{2}\right)=2^{p}(1)=2^{p}, \tag{8}
\end{gather*}
$$

so that $R(A)=R(B)=2^{p}$.
In the same way, when $k=3 p+1$, the two central terms have equal coefficients given by $2^{p}$. This establishes $2^{\left\lfloor\frac{L+1}{3}\right\rfloor}$ as the coefficient of the right boundary of a $\frac{1}{2} k$-section for all $k$.

Also from [2], we can apply $R\left(F_{n}\right)=[n / 2]=R\left(F_{n+1}-2\right)$ to the first and last terms of the bracketed palindromic sequences, and $R\left(F_{n}-1\right)=1$ explains the overlapping external boundaries of the $k$-sections.

The only practical way available at present to find the $j^{\text {th }}$ term of A013583 is to search for the first appearance of $j$ as a coefficient in the palindromic sequence and to record the corresponding exponent of $x$ as the $j^{\text {th }}$ term in A013583. Table 2 lists numerical properties of $k$ sections useful for setting up and checking our computational procedures.

TABLE 2. Numerical Parameters of Palindrome Sequence ( $1 \leq \boldsymbol{k} \leq \mathbf{2 6}$ )

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 |  | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1* |
| 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 2 |
| 5 | 12 | 3 | 13 | 4 | 16 | 3 | 19 | 20 | 7 | 4* |
| 6 | 20 | 4 | 21 | 4 | 26 | 4 | 32 | 33 | 12 | 6 |
| 7 | 33 | 4 | 34 | 4 | 43 | 4 | 53 | 54 | 20 | 10 |
| 8 | 54 | 5 | 55 | 8 | 71 | 5 | 87 | 88 | 33 | 17* |
| 9 | 88 | 5 | 89 | 8 | 115 | 5 | 142 | 143 | 54 | 27 |
| 10 | 143 | 6 | 144 | 8 | 187 | 6 | 231 | 232 | 88 | 44 |
| 11 | 232 | 6 | 233 | 16 | 304 | 6 | 375 | 376 | 143 | 72* |
| 12 | 376 | 7 | 377 | 16 | 492 | 7 | 608 | 609 | 232 | 166 |
| 13 | 609 | 7 | 610 | 16 | 797 | 7 | 985 | 986 | 376 | 188 |
| 14 | 986 | 8 | 987 | 32 | 1291 | 8 | 1595 | 1596 | 609 | 305* |
| 15 | 1596 | 8 | 1597 | 32 | 2089 | 8 | 2582 | 2583 | 986 | 493 |
| 16 | 2583 | 9 | 2584 | 32 | 3381 | 9 | 4179 | 4180 | 1596 | 798 |
| 17 | 4180 | 9 | 4181 | 64 | 5472 | 9 | 6763 | 6764 | 2583 | 1292* |
| 18 | 6764 | 10 | 6765 | 64 | 8854 | 10 | 10944 | 10945 | 4180 | 2090 |
| 19 | 10945 | 10 | 10946 | 64 | 14327 | 10 | 17709 | 17710 | 6764 | 3382 |
| 20 | 17710 | 11 | 17711 | 128 | 23183 | 11 | 28655 | 28656 | 10945 | 5973* |
| 21 | 28656 | 11 | 28657 | 128 | 37511 | 11 | 46366 | 46367 | 17710 | 8855 |
| 22 | 46367 | 12 | 46368 | 128 | 60695 | 12 | 75023 | 75024 | 28656 | 14328 |
| 23 | 75024 | 12 | 75025 | 256 | 98208 | 12 | 121391 | 121392 | 46367 | 23184* |
| 24 | 121392 | 13 | 121393 | 256 | 158904 | 13 | 196416 | 196417 | 75024 | 37512 |
| 25 | 196417 | 13 | 196418 | 256 | 257113 | 13 | 317809 | 317810 | 121392 | 60696 |
| 26 | 317810 | 14 | 317811 | 512 | 416019 | 14 | 514227 | 514228 | 196417 | 98209 |
| 1 | Value of $k$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $k$ |
| 2 | Power of $x$ of left external boundary of $k$ - or $\frac{1}{2} k$-sections. $\quad \mathrm{F}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{F}_{k+2}-1$ |
| 3 | Integer coefficient of left interior boundary of $k$ - or $\frac{1}{2} k$-sections. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\left.\frac{k+2}{2}\right\rfloor$ |
| 4 | Power of $x$ of left interior boundary of $k$ - or $\frac{1}{2} k$-sections. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | k+2 |
| 5 | Integer coefficient of right boundary of $\frac{1}{2} k$-section. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{\frac{k+1}{3}}$ |
| 6 | Power of $x$ of right interior boundary of $\frac{1}{2} k$-section. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Integer coefficient of right interior boundary of $k$-section. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\left.\frac{+2}{2}\right\rfloor$ |
| 8 | Power of $x$ of right interior boundary of $k$-section. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | +3-2 |
| 9 | Power of $x$ of right exterior boundary of $k$-section. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | +3-1 |
| 10 | Number of terms in $k$-section. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | +1-1 |
| 11 | Number of terms in $\frac{1}{2} k$-section. When $\mathbf{1 0}$ is odd, * indica |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\frac{1-1}{2}$ |
|  | $\frac{1}{2} k$-s | tion | ds with | uniq | center | m | the $k$ | section. |  |  |

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## 4. SUCCESSIVELY BETTER WAYS OF GETTING DATA FROM $\prod_{i=2}^{\infty}\left(1+x^{F_{i}}\right)$

For small $k$-sections we inspected each successive printout by hand to select the first occurrence of each coefficient value. We found the first 112 terms in computing for $k \leq 18$.

For further reduction in data handling we described the entries of $\frac{1}{2} k$-sections as \{coefficient, power of $x$ \} pairs. Since only the unique \{coefficient, smallest power of $x$ for that coefficient pairs from each $\frac{1}{2} k$-section qualify as potential pairs for A013583, we eliminated all pairs with duplicate "coefficient" portions except that pair with the least power of $x$. At the same time, the surviving pairs per $\frac{1}{2} k$-section emerge sorted by increasing coefficient size.

As an example, each line of (9) contains $\frac{1}{2} k$-section data, reduced and sorted as suggested. By suppressing the pairs that do not qualify, the highlighted \{coefficient, powers of $x$ \} pairs for A013583 are immediately evident.

$$
\begin{align*}
& \{\{1,1\}\}, k=1 \\
& \{\{2,3\}\}, k=2 \\
& \{\{2,5\}\}, k=3 \\
& \{\{2,9\},\{3,8\}\}, k=4 \\
& \{\{2,15\},\{3,13\},\{4,16\}\}, k=5  \tag{9}\\
& \{\{2,25\},\{3,22\},\{4,21\},\{5,24\}\}, k=6 \\
& \{\{2,41\},\{3,36\},\{4,34\},\{5,39\},\{6,37\}\}, k=7 \\
& \{\{2,67\},\{3,59\},\{4,56\},\{5,55\},\{6,60\},\{7,58\},\{8,63\}\}, k=8 \\
& \{\{2,109\},\{3,96\},\{4,91\},\{5,89\},\{6,98\},\{7,94\},\{8,92\},\{9,97\},\{10,105\}\}, k=9
\end{align*}
$$

However, we were at the memory limit of our personal computer. We had to find new Fibonacci approaches to continue. When we found a way to let the indices of the Fibonacci numbers guide the computations in place of the Fibonacci numbers themselves, we had a fresh start with tremendously reduced computational requirements. The interaction between the Fibonacci numbers and their integer indices here is not the same as the divisibility properties noted in the many past studies of Fibonacci entry points and their periods. We needed formulas developed in [2] relating $R(N)$ to the Zeckendorf representation of $N$. By looking deeper into the structure of Fibonacci indices, we removed a core of redundancy to speed up and shorten our calculations and developed an improved way of assembling data and discarding duplicate data. We proceeded to calculate the remainder of the 330 terms of A013583 that you see in this paper. Even with our best available computation techniques, described below, we found size and time requirements to be impracticable for calculations beyond $k=25$.

## 5. EXPLORING NEW WAYS TO FIND COEFFICIENTS OF $k$-SECTIONS

Since the combinatorial interpretation of the coefficients of the palindromic sequence is the number of partitions of the power of $x$ into distinct Fibonacci members, we explore that point of view. We will use results of selected numerical examples to imply a general case. In the partial expansion of $\prod_{i=2}^{\infty}\left(1+x^{F_{i}}\right)$ in (2), we observe the term $4 x^{43}$, which tells us there are 4 partitions of 43 into distinct Fibonacci numbers. As is well known, 43 has the unique Zeckendorf representation, $43=F_{9}+F_{6}+F_{2}=34+8+1$, where we rule out adjacent Fibonacci indices. As additional visual information, $F_{9}=34$ is the power of $x$ of the left boundary of the $k$-section to which 43
belongs, and $F_{k+2}=F_{9}=34$ is the only Fibonacci power of $x$ in its $k$-section, thus, $k=7$. In general, we can represent any power in a $k$-section by its Zeckendorf representation which starts with $F_{k+2}$.

In [5], Fielder developed new Mathematica-oriented algorithms and programs for calculating and tabulating Zeckendorf representations and calculated the first 12,000 representations. We imbedded the algorithms in our work where needed. Reference [5] and Mathematica programs are available from Daniel C. Fielder. The indices in the Zeckendorf representation of an integer $N$ give formulas for finding $R(N)$, as reported in [2]. We next describe how the indices are applied to our computer programs.

We noted earlier that the power of $x$ of the first term of a $k$-section is not only a predictable Fibonacci number, but is the only power of $x$ in that $k$-section which is a Fibonacci number. Because of the Fibonacci recursion, $F_{n+2}=F_{n+1}+F_{n}$, it is very easy to partition any Fibonacci number into distinct Fibonacci members. As an example, we represent the partition of $F_{9}=34$ as successive triangular arrays in (10):

|  |  |  | 34 |  |  |  | $F_{9}$ |  |  | 9 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | 13 | 21 |  |  | $F_{7}$ | $F_{8}$ |  |  | 7 | 8 |
|  | 5 | 8 | 21 |  | $F_{5}$ | $F_{6}$ | $F_{8}$ |  | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| 2 | 3 | 8 | 21 |  | $F_{3}$ | $F_{4}$ | $F_{6}$ | $F_{8}$ | 3 | 4 | 6 |

The first array consists of the partition integers, the second consists of the Fibonacci number symbols with subscripts, and the third consists of Fibonacci indices only.

The enumeration of sequence subscripts for powers in general involves interaction among the restricted partitions of the several Fibonacci numbers used in the Zeckendorf representation. Computations controlled by the indices of the right array have advantages of symmetry. For example, the left-descending diagonal will always consist of all the consecutive odd or even integers starting with the index of the Fibonacci number to be partitioned. (Recall that we do not admit a 1 index.) Once the diagonal of odd (or even) indices is in place, the remaining column lower entries are all one less than their diagonal entry. The number of restricted partitions is the floor of half the largest index. In the example, $\left\lfloor\frac{9}{2}\right\rfloor=4$ partitions. If the power of $x$ were the single $F_{k+2}$, the number of partitions and, thereby, the coefficient would be $\left\lfloor\frac{k+2}{2}\right\rfloor$.

When we consider our example $43=F_{9}+F_{6}+F_{2}$, we represent the individual partitions as three triangles of Fibonacci indices with the Zeckendorf Fibonacci indices as apexes. (The order from low to high is a computational preference.)

| 2 |  | 6 |  |  |  | 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | 4 | 5 |  |  |  |

By distributing each set of rows over the others, 12 sets of indices are found as the Mathematica string:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \{9,6,2\},\{9,4,5,2\},\{9,2,3,5,2\},\{7,8,6,2\},\{7,8,4,5,2\},\{7,8,2,3,5,2\}, \\
& \{5,6,8,6,2\},\{5,6,8,4,5,2\},\{5,6,8,2,3,5,2\},\{3,4,6,8,6,2\}  \tag{12}\\
& \{3,4,6,8,4,5,2\},\{3,4,6,8,2,3,5,2\}
\end{align*}
$$

Each set of indices of (12) evokes a partition of 43 into Fibonacci numbers having those indices. There are $1 \times 3 \times 4=12$ such partitions. Thus, we can use Zeckendorf representations both to count and to name partitions consisting solely of nonzero Fibonacci numbers. The results in (12) also suggest a very simple way to find the coefficients of the expansion $\prod_{i=2}^{\infty}\left[1 /\left(1-x_{i} F_{i}\right)\right]$.

Our first computational improvement over direct expansion of (1) is given by our Mathematica program 10229601.ma. This program accepts 43, the power of $x$, and returns the coefficient 4 by using the equivalent of (11) to find (12) and then discarding sets with duplicate indices. The 4 sets of indices counted by 10229601.ma in the example are:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{2,6,9\},\{2,4,5,9\},\{2,6,7,8\},\{2,4,5,7,8\} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

By using 10229601.ma in a loop, selected ranges of powers can be probed for power-coefficient pairs.

As the size of the powers increased, however, even 10229601.ma could not match the demands on it. This is because the distribution of indices in 10229601.ma takes place over all triangles, and memory is not released to be used again until the end of the computations. As an improvement, we distributed the index integers over the first two triangles on the right and eliminated sets with repeated integers. We applied this result to the next triangle alone, make the reductions, and repeated the process over the remaining triangles one at a time. The memory and time savings were substantial. In spite of the new computational advantages, the distribution was still over all of each triangle. With full triangle distribution, however, it is possible that there may be partitions with arbitrary length runs of repeating index integers. Since we want to count partitions with no repeating members, producing partitions through full distribution is not an optimum strategy.

Our next improvement restricted repeating members to a fixed and predictable limit per partition. We retained our earlier size order of the index triangles and eliminated enough lower rows so that the smallest member of a higher-order triangle is either equal to or just greater than the largest (or apex) member of its immediate lower-order neighbor. For illustration, we show the set of partial index triangles obtained from suitable modification of (11):


Now, when distribution is made over all partial triangles, triple or higher repeats of individual integers cannot occur. The only possibility of a repeated integer lies between the least integer of a triangle and the greatest integer of its immediate left neighbor. This means that when repeats occur, there is at most one pair of those integers per partition. In fact, if each Zeckendorf representation index differed from the preceding index by an odd integer, there would be no repeating partition members, and the distribution operation on the partial triangles would immediately yield the integer indices of the desired set of Fibonacci partitions.

As proved in [2], $R(N)$ can be written immediately by repeatedly applying the formulas:

$$
\begin{gather*}
R\left(F_{n+2 k+1}+K\right)=(k+1) R(K), F_{n} \leq K<F_{n+1},  \tag{15}\\
R\left(F_{n+2 k}+K\right)=k R(K)+R\left(F_{n+1}-K-2\right) . \tag{16}
\end{gather*}
$$

In our example, the distribution and reduction process yield integer sets $\{2,6\},\{2,4,5\}$ from the first two reduced triangles. The process continues to the third partial triangle and produces the final $\{2,6,9\},\{2,4,5,9\},\{2,6,7,8\},\{2,4,5,7,8\}$. Our program 10229601.ma incorporates
the concept of partial triangles along with previous improvements. It was the first sufficiently robust program for handling $k$ values of 24 and especially 25 , necessary to obtain coefficients from the palindromic sequence to complete the last of the 330 terms of A013583. Next we study the 330 terms from Table 1.

## 6. THE 330 PAIRS $\left\{n, A_{n}\right\}$ SORTED BY INTERVALS

Returning to Table 1 which lists $\left\{n, A_{n}\right\}$ and also gives all known values of $A_{n}<F_{28}$, we sort the data by intervals as given in our $k$-sections. In Table 3 we select all $\left\{n, A_{n}\right\}$ such that $F_{m} \leq$ $A_{n}<F_{m+1}$ and sort by increasing index values. For consistency with the terminology of [1] and [2], we take $m=k+2$.

TABLE 3. Indices $n$ for $\left\{n, A_{n}\right\}$ Sorted by Intervals

$$
F_{m} \leq A_{n}<F_{m+1}, 16 \leq m \leq 27
$$

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Missing values for $n$ (partial list) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16 | 987 | 8 | 23 | 32 | 34 | 1 | 33 |
| 17 | 1597 | 7 | 33 | 36 | 42 | 2 | 37, 41 |
| 18 | 2584 | 12 | 37 | 50 | 55 | 3 | 51, 53, 54 |
| 19 | 4181 | 11 | 51 | 52 | 68 | 5 | 53, 59, 61, 66, 67 |
| 20 | 6765 | 19 | 53 | 76 | 89 | 7 | 77, 82, 83, 85-88 |
| 21 | 10946 | 19 | 77 | 82 | 110 | 9 | 83, 97, 99, 101, 103, 106-109 |
| 22 | 17711 | 28 | 83 | 112 | 144 | 15 | 113, 118, 122, 127, 132-135, 137-143 |
| 23 | 28657 | 27 | 118 | 112 | 178 | 22 | $\begin{aligned} & 113,127,137,139,149,151,153 \text {, } \\ & \text { l54, 157, 159, 161, 163-164, } \\ & 166-167,171-177 \end{aligned}$ |
| 24 | 46368 | 50 | 113 | 196 | 233 | 27 | $\begin{aligned} & 197,198,201-203,205,206,211,213-219 \\ & 221-232 \end{aligned}$ |
| 25 | 75025 | 43 | 198 | 196 | 288 | 39 | $\begin{aligned} & 197,211,223,226,227,229,236,239,241, \\ & 244,249,251,253-255,257,259,261, \\ & 263-266,268-271,274,276-287 \end{aligned}$ |
| 26 | 121393 | 76 | 197 | 277 | 377 | 52 | $\begin{aligned} & 278,291,298,309,314,318,319 \\ & 321,323,326-329,331-334,339 \\ & 341,342,344-355,357-376 \end{aligned}$ |
| 27 | 196418 | 72 | 278 | 330 | 466 | 69 | $\begin{aligned} & 331,339,347,349,353,359,367 \\ & 371,373,379,381,383,389,391 \\ & 394,396,397,401,402,404,406,407 \text {, } \\ & 409-413,415,417,419,421-423,425-431 \text {, } \\ & 433-439,443,444,446-465 \end{aligned}$ |

Column descriptions:

| 1 | Value of $m$ which defines the interval. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | $\mathrm{~F}_{m}$ |  |
| 3 | Number of pairs of $\left\{n, A_{n}\right\}$ in interval. |  |
|  | Smallest index $n$ appearing in interval. |  |
| 5 | Every index $n$ less than or equal to this number has appeared by interval's end. |  |
|  | Largest index $n$ appearing in interval. |  |
|  | Number of missing indices less than the largest $n$ in the interval. |  |

Notice that the largest index $n$ in each interval is a Fibonacci number or twice a Fibonacci number. If $m=2 p$, the largest index is $n=F_{p+1}$; if $m=2 p+1, n=2 F_{p}$.

In every $k$-section that we computed beyond $k=12$, some indices were missing and appear for the first time in a later $k$-section. However, the "missing values" appear in an orderly way. The indices $n=F_{p+1}-1$ and $n=2 F_{p}-1$ always are missing values for the respective intervals $m=2 p$ and $m=2 p-1$. (We note in passing that $n=112$ was the highest index available before the disclosures of this paper, and $m=20$ is complete for $n$ through 112.)

Putting this all together, the first appearance of $n=F_{p+1}$ is for $A_{n}=F_{p+1}^{2}-1$ in the interval $F_{2 p}<A_{n}<F_{2 p+1}$, and the list of indices is complete for $n \leq F_{p}$. The first appearance of $n=2 F_{p}$ is for $A_{n}=F_{p+3} F_{p}-1+(-1)^{p+3}$ in the interval $F_{2 p+1} \leq A_{n}<F_{2 p+2}$, and the indices are complete for $n \leq 2 F_{p-2}$. The first appearances of $F_{k}$ and $2 F_{k}$ are discussed in [1].

We notice that, if $n$ is the largest index which appears for $A_{n}$ in the interval $F_{m} \leq A_{n}<F_{m+1}$, then the indices $n-1, n-2, n-3, \ldots, n-\left(F_{\left\lceil\frac{m}{2}\right\rceil-5}-1\right)$ are missing values.

The values for $A_{n}$ are not a strictly increasing sequence if sorted by index, as can be seen from Table 1. However, if $F_{p}<n \leq F_{p+1}$, then $F_{2 p-1}<A_{n}<F_{2 p+4}$. If $n$ is prime, then $F_{2 p}<A_{n}<$ $F_{2 p+1}$ or $F_{2 p+2}<A_{n}<F_{2 p+3}$. In fact, if $n$ is prime, the Fibonacci numbers used in the Zeckendorf representation of $A_{n}$ are all even subscripted.

We found palindromic subsequences and fractal-like recursions in tables of $\left\{n, A_{n}\right\}$. We developed many formulas relating $R(N)$ and the Zeckendorf representation of $N$, but we still cannot describe a general term for $\left\{n, A_{n}\right\}$. The formulas we developed and the programming data we generated each extended our knowledge while suggesting new approaches. Theory and application worked hand-in-glove throughout this entire project.

## 7. POSTSCRIPT AND AFTERMATH

After all the 330 consecutive terms and many other nonconsecutive terms of A013583 were calculated and recorded, and much of the paper completed, we stumbled onto a very simple Mathematica-implemented algorithm which uses the combinatorial principle of Inclusion-Exclusion to find the coefficients of $\prod_{i=2}^{\infty}\left(1+x^{F_{i}}\right)$ for powers of $x$. While too late to help us gather data for the 330 terms, it provides a reassuring check on the work already completed, and should prove an invaluable aid in our continuing assault on sequence A013583. The Mathematica algorithm implementation is many times faster than that used for getting the 330 terms of A013583. Would you believe that a preliminary trial program with the new algorithm verified the coefficient of

## $x^{961531714240472069833557386959154606040263}$

as 147573952589676412928 in 2.62 seconds on a $133-\mathrm{Mhz}$ PowerMac 7200 running Mathematica, version 2.2? Table 2 verifies this result because the power of $x$ is that of column 6 for $k=200$, while the coefficient matches the known value in column 5 for $k=200$ in Table 2. Our paper describing the algorithm and its application has been reviewed and accepted for presentation at, and inclusion in, the proceedings of SOCO'99, Genoa, Italy, June 1-4, 1999.

A short paper outlining the Fibonacci and Zeckendorf algorithms of [5] has been accepted for presentation at the Southeastern MAA annual regional meeting in Memphis, TN, March 12-13, 1999.

We are also very optimistic about the ongoing development of an algorithm, hopefully with Mathematica implementation, which will generate terms of A013583 directly. Preliminary results have been most encouraging. The algorithm is based on ideas gathered from this note and reference [2].

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