Lecture 2

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f_0	f_1	f_2	f_3	f_4	f_5	f_6	f_7	f_8	f_9	f_{10}	f_{11}
0	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89

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  And a matrix M of dimension $k \times k$ s.t. $\vec{u_n}^\top = I^\top M^n$

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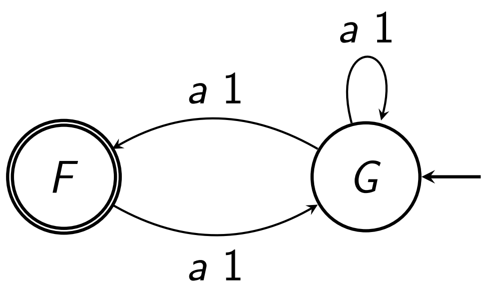

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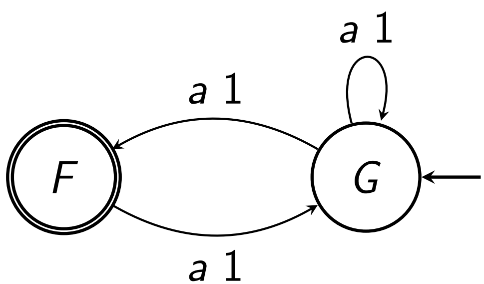

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