

• Briefly remind 3 different types of rigid motions of a plane we learned last time:

- reflection
- rotation
- translation

Give a few examples illustrating these 3 motions.

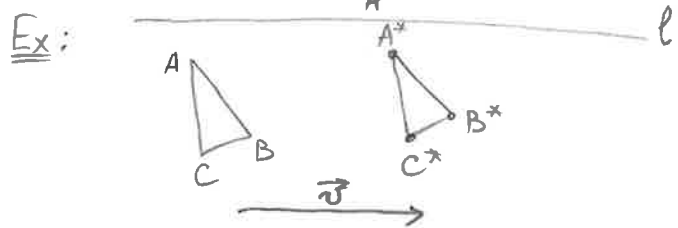
Thm 1: Any rigid motion of a plane is a composition of the above simplest motions.

! Explain what a "composition" means.

However, the result of this theorem can be rephrased in a better form:

Thm 2: Any rigid motion of a plane is one of the following 4 options: (1) reflection, (2) rotation, (3) translation, (4) glide reflection.

A glide reflection is a rigid motion obtained by combining a translation (by vector  $\vec{v}$ ) with a reflection with an axis of reflection  $l$  parallel to  $\vec{v}$ .



This result (Thm 2) concludes our discussion of rigid motions.

- Today: Starting Chapter 13 "Fibonacci numbers and Golden ratio"

We start our discussion with a Fibonacci sequence.

Problem (Fibonacci's rabbits): A certain man put a pair of rabbits in a place surrounded in all sides by a wall. How many pairs of rabbits can be produced from that pair in a year if it is supposed that every month each pair begets a new pair, which from the second month on becomes productive?

- Start (time=0):  $P_0 = 1$  (1 pair given initially).
- Month 1 (time=1):  $P_1 = 1$  but now they can produce offspring
- Month 2 (time=2):  $P_2 = 2$  (original pair + baby pair)
- Month 3 (time=3):  $P_3 = 3$  and 2 pairs of those 3 are mature
- Month 4 (time=4):  $P_4 = 5$  and 3 pairs of those 5 are mature to produce offspring
- Month  $N$ :  $P_N = P_{N-1} + P_{N-2}$

So: we recover the Fibonacci sequence we already discussed some time ago:

$$P_0 = 1, P_1 = 1, P_N = P_{N-1} + P_{N-2} \text{ for any } N \geq 2.$$

Step-by-step:

$$P_0 = 1, P_1 = 1, P_2 = 2, P_3 = 3, P_4 = 5, P_5 = 8, P_6 = 13, P_7 = 21, P_8 = 34, P_9 = 55,$$

$$P_{10} = 89, P_{11} = 144, P_{12} = 233$$

Answer: There are 233 pairs of rabbits after 1 year.

Rmk: Here we used the recursive f-la defining the Fibonacci sequence

Q: Is there an explicit formula for the  $N$ -th Fibonacci number? (2)

• Binet's formula

Let  $F_1, F_2, \dots$  be the Fibonacci sequence, i.e.  $F_1 = F_2 = 1$ ,  $F_N = F_{N-1} + F_{N-2}$ .

The explicit formula for  $F_N$  was first discovered by Leonhard Euler in 1736 and was rediscovered a century after that by Jacques Binet.

$$\text{Binet's Formula: } F_N = \left[ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^N - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^N \right] / \sqrt{5}$$

Taking into account the fact that  $-1 < \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} < 0$ , the above formula can be simplified to the formula we already saw when discussing Fibonacci numbers first:

$$\text{Simplified Binet's Formula: } F_N = \left[ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^N / \sqrt{5} \right]$$

N.B.:  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  denotes the nearest integer.

Rmk: For those of you who is curious why those crazy numbers  $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$  come into the play, let me just mention that those are the roots of the "associated characteristic" polynomial  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ .

\* Surprisingly, Fibonacci numbers show up in natural organisms. See pictures on p. 393 of your textbook illustrating examples of petals of daisies, bracts of a pinecone, seeds on a sunflower head.