§1 ACHAIN-ALL INTRO 1

(See https://cs.stanford.edu/~knuth/programs.html for date.)

1. Intro. This program, hacked from ACHAIN4, finds all canonical addition chains of minimum length for a given integer.

There are two command-line parameters. First is a file that contains values of l(n), as output by the previous program. Then comes the desired integer n.

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/* should be less than 2^{24} on a 32-bit machine */
#define nmax 10000000
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
  unsigned char l[nmax];
  int a[128], b[128];
  unsigned int undo[128 * 128];
                /* this many items of the undo stack are in use */
  int ptr;
  struct {
     int lbp, ubp, lbq, ubq, r, ptrp, ptrq;
  } stack[128];
  int tail[128], outdeg[128], outsum[128], limit[128];
  int down[nmax];
                           /* a navigation aid discussed below */
  FILE *infile;
  main(\mathbf{int} \ argc, \mathbf{char} * argv[])
     register int i, j, n, p, q, r, s, ubp, ubq = 0, lbp, lbq, ptrp, ptrq;
     int lb, nn;
     \langle \text{Process the command line 2} \rangle;
     \langle \text{ Initialize the } down \text{ table } 7 \rangle;
     for (n = 1; n \le nn; n++) {
        \langle \text{Input the next value, } l[n] \ 3 \rangle;
        \langle \text{Update the } down \text{ links } 8 \rangle;
     (Backtrack through all solutions 4);
2. \langle \text{Process the command line } 2 \rangle \equiv
  if (argc \neq 3) {
     exit(-1);
  infile = fopen(argv[1], "r");
  if (\neg infile) {
     fprintf(stderr, "I_{\sqcup}couldn't_{\sqcup}open_{\sqcup}'%s'_{\sqcup}for_{\sqcup}reading! \n", argv[1]);
     exit(-2);
  if (sscanf(argv[2], "%d", \&nn) \neq 1 \lor nn < 3 \lor nn \geq nmax) {
     fprintf(stderr, "The lnumber l'%s' lwas lsupposed lto lbe lbe tween l3 land l%d! n", <math>argv[2], nmax-1);
     exit(-3);
This code is used in section 1.
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3. \langle Input the next value, l[n] _3\rangle \equiv lb = fgetc (infile) - '_{\sqcup}'; /* fgetc will return a negative value after EOF _*/ if (lb < 0 \lor (n > 1 \land lb > l[n-1]+1)) { _fprintf (stderr, "Input_{\sqcup}file_{\sqcup}has_{\sqcup}the_{\sqcup}wrong_{\sqcup}value_{\sqcup}(%d)_{\sqcup}for_{\sqcup}l[%d]! \n'', lb, n); exit(-4); } _{l[n] = lb;}
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This code is used in section 1.

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4. The interesting part.

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 \langle \text{ Backtrack through all solutions } 4 \rangle \equiv \\ a[0] = b[0] = 1, a[1] = b[1] = 2; \\ n = nn, lb = l[n]; \\ \text{for } (i = 0; i \leq lb; i++) \ \ outdeg[i] = outsum[i] = 0; \\ a[lb] = b[lb] = n; \\ \text{for } (i = 2; i < lb; i++) \ \ a[i] = a[i-1] + 1, b[i] = b[i-1] \ll 1; \\ \text{for } (i = lb - 1; i \geq 2; i--) \ \{ \\ \text{if } ((a[i] \ll 1) < a[i+1]) \ \ a[i] = (a[i+1] + 1) \gg 1; \\ \text{if } (b[i] \geq b[i+1]) \ \ b[i] = b[i+1] - 1; \\ \} \\ \langle \text{Try to fix the rest of the chain, and output all the solutions } 9 \rangle; \\ \text{This code is used in section } 1.
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**5.** One of the key operations we need is to increase p to the smallest element p' > p that has l[p'] < s, given that l[p] < s. Since  $l[p+1] \le l[p]+1$ , we can do this quickly by first setting  $p \leftarrow p+1$ ; then, if l[p] = s, we set  $p \leftarrow down[p]$ , where down[p] is the smallest p' > p that has l[p'] < l[p].

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The links down[p] can be prepared as we go, starting them off at  $\infty$  and updating them whenever we learn a new value of l[n].

Instead of using infinite links, however, we can save space by temporarily letting down[p] = p'' in such cases, where p'' is the largest element less than p whose down link is effectively infinite. These temporary links tell us exactly what we need to know during the updating process. And we can distinguish them from "real" down links by pretending that  $down[p] = \infty$  whenever  $down[p] \le p$ .

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 \langle \text{ Given that } l[p] < s, \text{ increase } p \text{ to the next such element } 5 \rangle \equiv \{ \\ p++; \\ \textbf{if } (l[p] \equiv s) \ p = (down[p] > p \ ? \ down[p] : nmax); \\ \}
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This code is used in section 11.

6.  $\langle \text{Given that } l[p] \geq s, \text{ increase } p \text{ to the next element with } l[p] < s | 6 \rangle \equiv \text{do } \{ \\ \text{if } (down[p] > p) | p = down[p]; \\ \text{else } \{ \\ p = nmax; | \text{break}; \\ \} \\ \text{while } (l[p] \geq s);$ This code is used in sections 10 and 11.

7.  $\langle$  Initialize the down table  $7\rangle \equiv$  for  $(n=1;\ n\leq nn;\ n++)\ down[n]=n-1;$  This code is used in section 1.

**8.** I can't help exclaiming that this little algorithm is quite pretty.

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 \begin{array}{l} \langle \, \text{Update the } down \, \, \text{links } \, 8 \, \rangle \equiv \\ & \quad \text{if } \, (l[n] < l[n-1]) \, \, \{ \\ & \quad \text{for } \, (p = down[n]; \, \, l[p] > l[n]; \, \, p = q) \, \, q = down[p], \, down[p] = n; \\ & \quad down[n] = p; \\ & \quad \} \\ \end{array}  This code is used in section 1.
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\langle \text{Try to fix the rest of the chain, and output all the solutions } 9 \rangle \equiv
               /* clear the undo stack */
  for (r = s = lb; s > 2; s --) {
     if (outdeg[s] \equiv 1) limit[s] = a[s] - tail[outsum[s]]; else limit[s] = a[s] - 1;
          /* the max feasible p */
     if (limit[s] > b[s-1]) limit[s] = b[s-1];
     \langle Set p to its smallest feasible value, and q = a[s] - p 10\rangle;
     while (p \leq limit[s]) {
       \langle Find bounds (lbp, ubp) and (lbq, ubq) on where p and q can be inserted; but go to failpq if they
            can't both be accommodated 14);
       ptrp = ptr;
       for (; ubp \ge lbp; ubp --) {
          \langle \text{ Put } p \text{ into the chain at location } ubp; \text{ goto } failp \text{ if there's a problem } 16 \rangle;
          if (p \equiv q) goto happiness;
          if (ubq \ge ubp) ubq = ubp - 1;
          ptrq = ptr;
          for (; ubq \ge lbq; ubq --) {
             \langle \text{Put } q \text{ into the chain at location } ubq; \text{ goto } failq \text{ if there's a problem } 18 \rangle;
          happiness: (Put local variables on the stack and update outdegrees 12);
                                 /* now a[s] is covered; try to cover a[s-1] */
            goto onward;
          backup: s++;
            if (s > lb) goto impossible;
             (Restore local variables from the stack and downdate outdegrees 13);
            if (p \equiv q) goto failp;
          failg: while (ptr > ptrq) (Undo a change 15);
                /* end loop on ubq */
       failp: while (ptr > ptrp) (Undo a change 15);
            /* end loop on ubp */
     failpq: \langle Advance p to the next smallest feasible value, and set q = a[s] - p 11\rangle;
           /* end loop on p */
     goto backup:
  onward: continue;
      /* end loop on s */
  \langle Print a solution 20 \rangle;
  goto backup;
impossible:
This code is used in section 4.
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**10.** At this point we have a[k] = b[k] for all  $r \le k \le lb$ .  $\langle$  Set p to its smallest feasible value, and q=a[s]-p 10  $\rangle$   $\equiv$ **if**  $(a[s] \& 1) \{$ /\* necessarily  $p \neq q *$ / unequal: if  $(outdeg[s-1] \equiv 0)$  q = a[s]/3; else  $q = a[s] \gg 1$ ; if (q > b[s-2]) q = b[s-2]; p = a[s] - q;if  $(l[p] \ge s)$  { (Given that  $l[p] \geq s$ , increase p to the next element with l[p] < s 6); } **else** {  $p = q = a[s] \gg 1;$ if  $(l[p] \ge s)$  goto unequal; /\* a rare case like l[191] = l[382] \*/if (p > limit[s]) goto backup; for  $(; r > 2 \land a[r-1] \equiv b[r-1]; r--);$ **if** (p > b[r-1]) { /\* now r < s, since  $p \le b[s-1] */$ while (p > a[r])  $r \leftrightarrow +$ ; /\* this step keeps r < s, since a[s-1] = b[s-1] \*/ p = a[r], q = a[s] - p;} else if (q b[r-2]) { if  $(a[r] \le a[s] - b[r-2])$  p = a[r], q = b[s] - p;**else** q = b[r-2], p = a[s] - q;}

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This code is used in section 9.

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11. (Advance p to the next smallest feasible value, and set q = a[s] - p 11)
  if (p \equiv q) {
    if (outdeg[s-1] \equiv 0) q = (a[s]/3) + 1;
                                                   /* will be decreased momentarily */
    if (q > b[s-2]) q = b[s-2]; else q--;
    p = a[s] - q;
    if (l[p] \geq s) {
       \langle Given that l[p] \geq s, increase p to the next element with l[p] < s 6\rangle;
       q = a[s] - p;
  } else {
     \langle Given that l[p] < s, increase p to the next such element 5 \rangle;
     q = a[s] - p;
  if (q > 2) {
    if (a[s-1] \equiv b[s-1]) { /* maybe p has to be present already */
     doublecheck: while (p < a[r] \land a[r-1] \equiv b[r-1]) \ r--;
       if (p > b[r-1]) {
         while (p > a[r]) r \leftrightarrow ;
         p = a[r], q = a[s] - p;
                                    /* possibly r = s now */
       } else if (q > b[r-2]) {
         if (a[r] \le a[s] - b[r-2]) p = a[r], q = b[s] - p;
         else q = b[r-2], p = a[s] - q;
     if (ubq \ge s) ubq = s - 1;
     while (q \ge a[ubq + 1]) ubq ++;
     while (q < a[ubq]) ubq ---;
    if (q > b[ubq]) {
       q = b[ubq], p = a[s] - q;
       if (a[s-1] \equiv b[s-1]) goto doublecheck;
  }
This code is used in section 9.
12. \langle \text{Put local variables on the stack and update outdegrees } 12 \rangle \equiv
  tail[s] = q, stack[s].r = r;
  outdeg[ubp] ++, outsum[ubp] += s;
  outdeg[ubq]++, outsum[ubq] += s;
  stack[s].lbp = lbp, stack[s].ubp = ubp;
  stack[s].lbq = lbq, stack[s].ubq = ubq;
  stack[s].ptrp = ptrp, stack[s].ptrq = ptrq;
This code is used in section 9.
13. (Restore local variables from the stack and downdate outdegrees 13) \equiv
  ptrq = stack[s].ptrq, ptrp = stack[s].ptrp;
  lbq = stack[s].lbq, ubq = stack[s].ubq;
  lbp = stack[s].lbp, ubp = stack[s].ubp;
  outdeg[ubq]--, outsum[ubq]-=s;
  outdeg[ubp]--, outsum[ubp]-=s;
  q = tail[s], p = a[s] - q, r = stack[s].r;
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**14.** After the test in this step is passed, we'll have ubp > ubq and lbp > lbq.

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\langle Find bounds (lbp, ubp) and (lbq, ubq) on where p and q can be inserted; but go to failpq if they can't both
       be accommodated 14 \equiv
  if (l[p] > s) goto failpq;
  lbp = l[p];
  while (b[lbp] < p) lbp ++;
  if ((p \& 1) \land p > b[lbp - 2] + b[lbp - 1]) {
    if (++lbp \ge s) goto failpq;
  if (a[lbp] > p) goto failpq;
  for (ubp = lbp; a[ubp + 1] \le p; ubp ++);
  if (ubp \equiv s-1) lbp = ubp;
  if (p \equiv q) lbq = lbp, ubq = ubp;
  else {
     lbq = l[q];
     if (lbq \ge ubp) goto failpq;
     while (b[lbq] < q) lbq ++;
    if (a[lbq] < b[lbq]) {
       if ((q \& 1) \land q > b[lbq - 2] + b[lbq - 1]) lbq ++;
       if (lbq \geq ubp) goto failpq;
       if (a\lceil lbq \rceil > q) goto failpq;
       if (lbp \leq lbq) lbp = lbq + 1;
       while ((q \ll (lbp - lbq)) < p)
         if (++lbp > ubp) goto failpq;
     for (ubq = lbq; \ a[ubq + 1] \le q \land (q \ll (ubp - ubq - 1)) \ge p; \ ubq ++);
This code is used in section 9.
15. The undoing mechanism is very simple: When changing a[j], we put (j \ll 24) + x on the undo stack,
where x was the former value. Similarly, when changing b[j], we stack the value (1 \ll 31) + (j \ll 24) + x.
#define newa(j, y) undo [ptr++] = (j \ll 24) + a[j], a[j] = y
#define newb(j, y) undo[ptr++] = (1 \ll 31) + (j \ll 24) + b[j], b[j] = y
\langle \text{ Undo a change } 15 \rangle \equiv
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This code is used in section 9.

i = undo[--ptr];

if (i > 0)  $a[i \gg 24] = i \& \# ffffff;$ 

else  $b[(i \& #3fffffff) \gg 24] = i \& #fffffff;$ 

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16. At this point we know that a[ubp] \le p \le b[ubp].
\langle \text{Put } p \text{ into the chain at location } ubp; \text{ goto } failp \text{ if there's a problem } 16 \rangle \equiv
  if (a[ubp] \neq p) {
     newa(ubp, p);
     for (j = ubp - 1; (a[j] \ll 1) < a[j+1]; j--) {
        i = (a[j+1]+1) \gg 1;
       if (i > b[j]) goto failp;
        newa(j,i);
      {\bf for} \ (j=ubp+1; \ a[j] \le a[j-1]; \ j +\!\!\!+\!\!\!+) \ \{
        i = a[j-1] + 1;
       if (i > b[j]) goto failp;
        newa(j, i);
  if (b[ubp] \neq p) {
     newb(ubp, p);
     for (j = ubp - 1; b[j] \ge b[j+1]; j--) {
        i = b[j+1] - 1;
       if (i < a[j]) goto failp;
        newb(j, i);
     for (j = ubp + 1; b[j] > b[j-1] \ll 1; j++) {
        i = b[j-1] \ll 1;
       if (i < a[j]) goto failp;
        newb(j, i);
   \langle Make forced moves if p has a special form 17\rangle;
This code is used in section 9.
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17. If, say, we've just set a[8] = b[8] = 132, special considerations apply, because the only addition chains of length 8 for 132 are

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1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 132;

1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 68, 132;

1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 66, 132;

1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 34, 66, 132;

1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 33, 66, 132;

1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 17, 33, 66, 132.
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The values of a[4] and b[4] must therefore be 16; and then, of course, we also must have a[3] = b[3] = 8, etc. Similar reasoning applies whenever we set  $a[j] = b[j] = 2^j + 2^k$  for  $k \le j - 4$ .

Such cases may seem extremely special. But my hunch is that they are important, because efficient chains need such values. When we try to prove that no efficient chain exists, we want to show that such values can't be present. Numbers with small l[p] are harder to rule out, so it should be helpful to penalize them.

This code is used in section 16.

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18. At this point we had better not assume that  $a[ubq] \leq q \leq b[ubq]$ , because p has just been inserted. That insertion can mess up the bounds that we looked at when *lbq* and *ubq* were computed.

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\langle \text{Put } q \text{ into the chain at location } ubq; \text{ goto } failq \text{ if there's a problem } 18 \rangle \equiv
  if (a[ubq] \neq q) {
     if (a[ubq] > q) goto failq;
     newa(ubq,q);
     {\bf for}\ (j=ubq-1;\ (a[j]\ll 1) < a[j+1];\ j-\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-)\ \{
        i = (a[j+1]+1) \gg 1;
        if (i > b[j]) goto failq;
        newa(j,i);
     for (j = ubq + 1; \ a[j] \le a[j-1]; \ j ++) \ 
        i = a[j-1] + 1;
        if (i > b[j]) goto failq;
        newa(j,i);
     }
  if (b[ubq] \neq q) {
     if (b[ubq] < q) goto failq;
     newb(ubq,q);
     for (j = ubq - 1; b[j] \ge b[j + 1]; j --) {
        i = b[j+1] - 1;
        if (i < a[j]) goto failq;
        newb(j, i);
     for (j = ubq + 1; b[j] > b[j-1] \ll 1; j++) {
        i = b[j-1] \ll 1;
        if (i < a[j]) goto failq;
        newb(j,i);
     }
  \langle Make forced moves if q has a special form 19\rangle;
This code is used in section 9.
19. \langle Make forced moves if q has a special form _{19}\rangle \equiv
  i = q - (1 \ll (ubq - 1));
  if (i \wedge ((i \& (i-1)) \equiv 0) \wedge (i \ll 4) < q) {
     for (j = ubq - 2; (i \& 1) \equiv 0; i \gg 1, j-1);
     if (b[j] < (1 \ll j)) goto failq;
     for (; a[j] < (1 \ll j); j--) newa(j, 1 \ll j);
This code is used in section 18.
20. \langle \text{Print a solution } 20 \rangle \equiv
  for (j = 0; j \le lb; j ++) printf("", a[j]);
  printf("\n");
This code is used in section 9.
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## 21. Index.

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fgetc: 3.
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\begin{array}{ccc} j\colon & \underline{1}.\\ l\colon & \underline{1}. \end{array}
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