

Exponential growth of random Fibonacci sequences

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$$\log(1, 13198824 \dots) = \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \log \frac{1 + 4m^4}{(1 + m^2)^2} d\nu(m)$$

where ν is a probability measure inductively defined on Stern-Brocot intervals.

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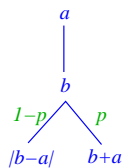
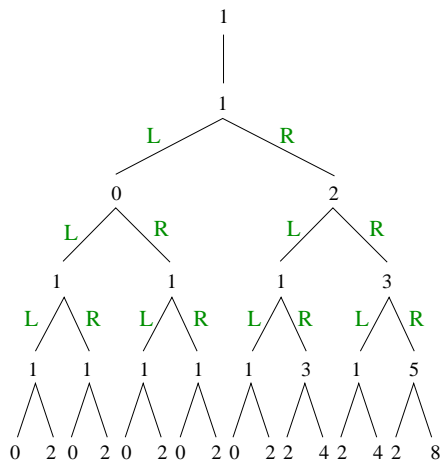
Non-linear case

$$(F_{n-1}, F_n) = (F_1, F_2)X_3X_4 \dots X_n$$

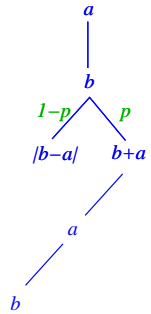
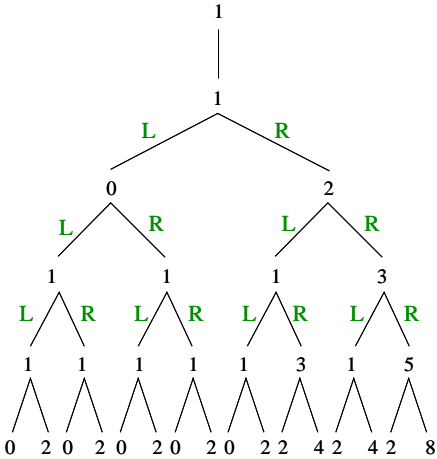
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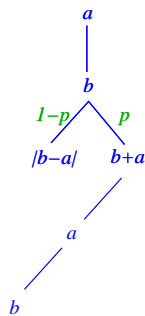
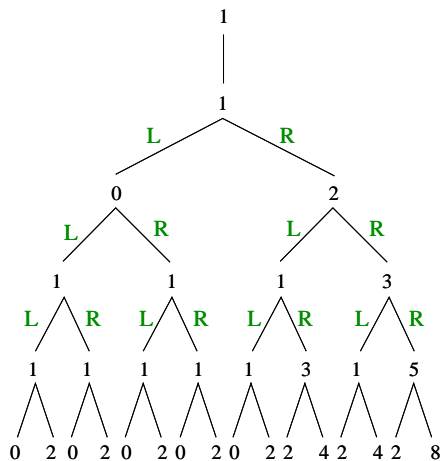
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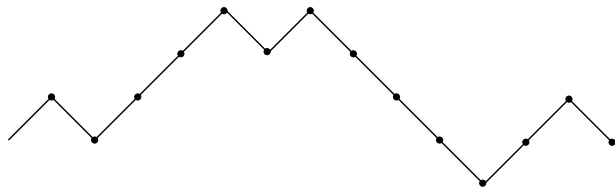
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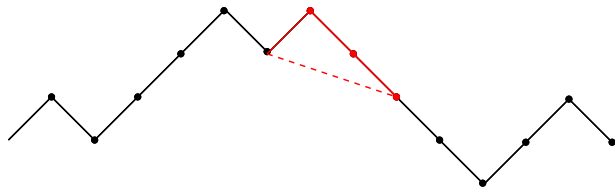
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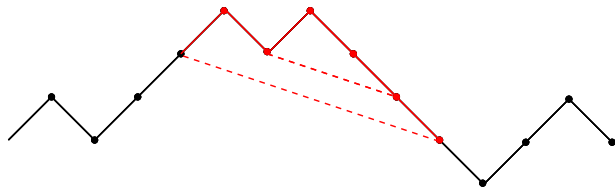
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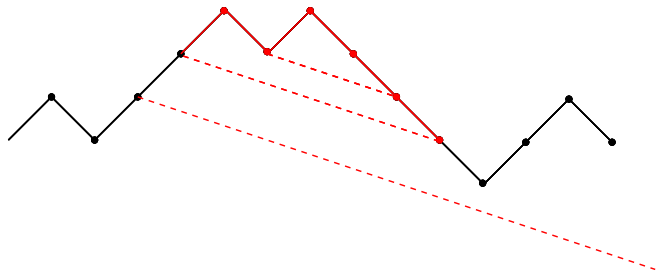
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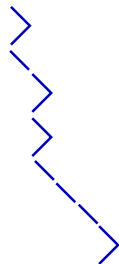
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$$P(B_1 = R) = \alpha := \frac{2p}{p + \sqrt{p(4 - 3p)}} \in [1/2, 1]$$



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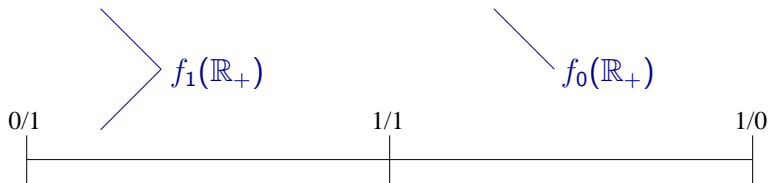
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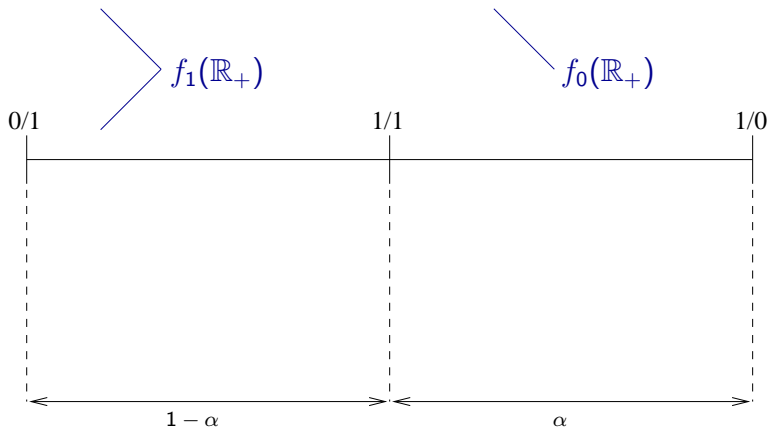
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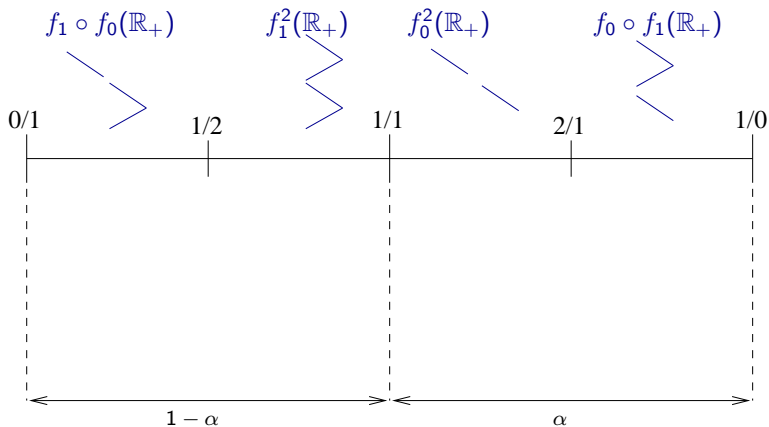


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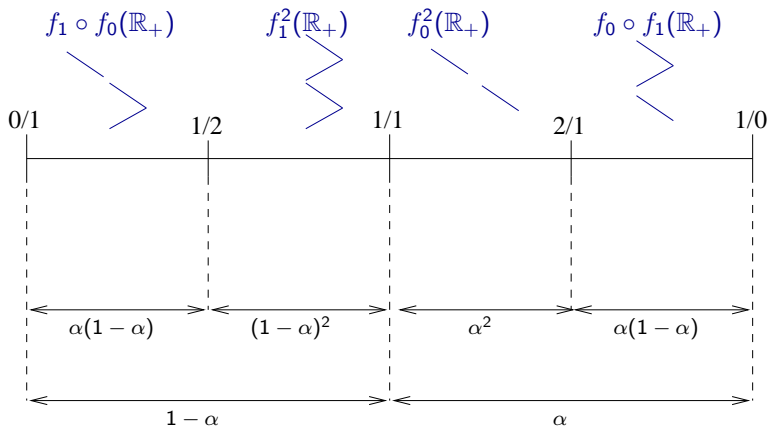
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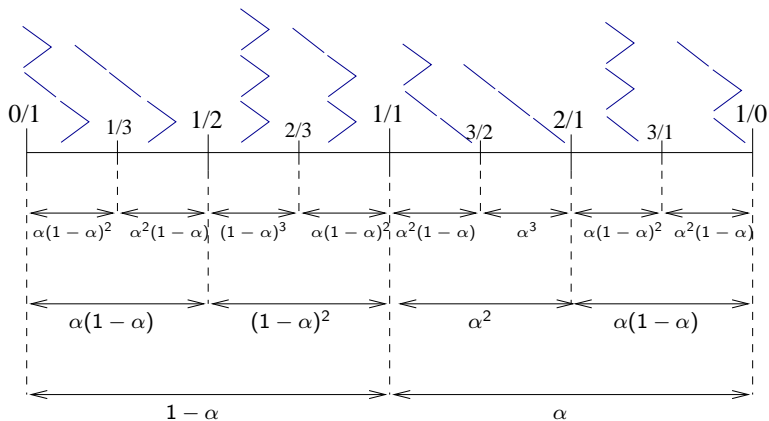


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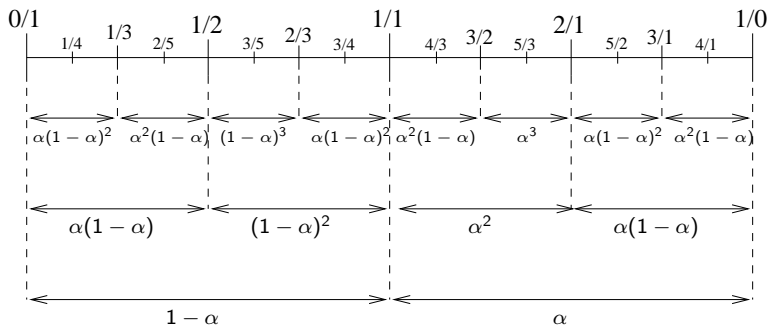


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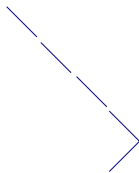
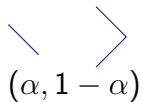
Stern-Brocot intervals

Every rational number appears as the endpoint of a SB interval:

$$\left[\frac{a}{b}, \frac{c}{d} \right] \text{ with } ad - bc = -1$$

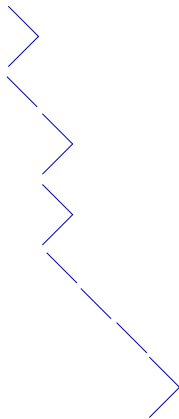
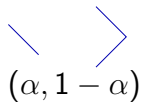
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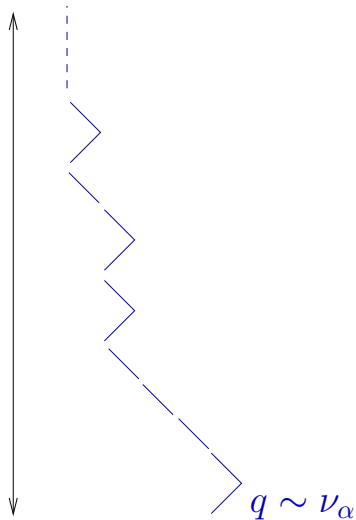
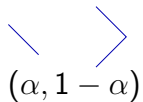
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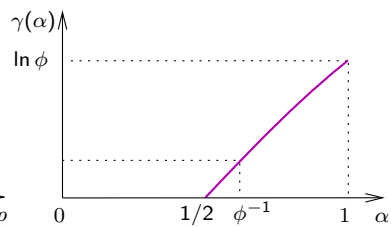
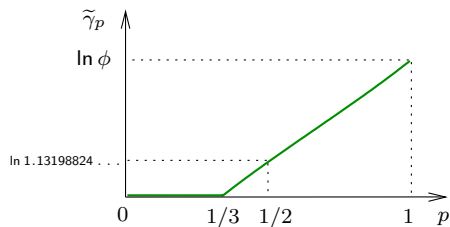
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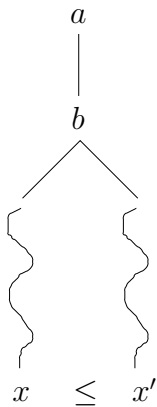
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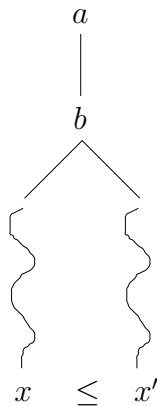
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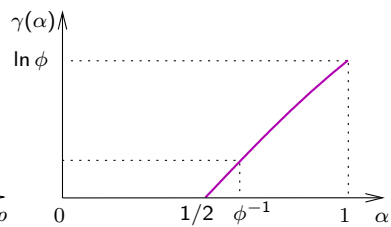
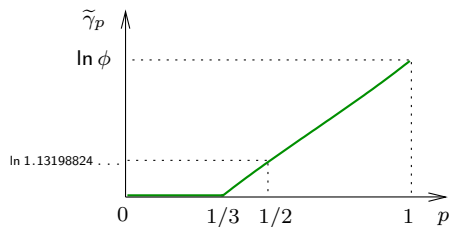


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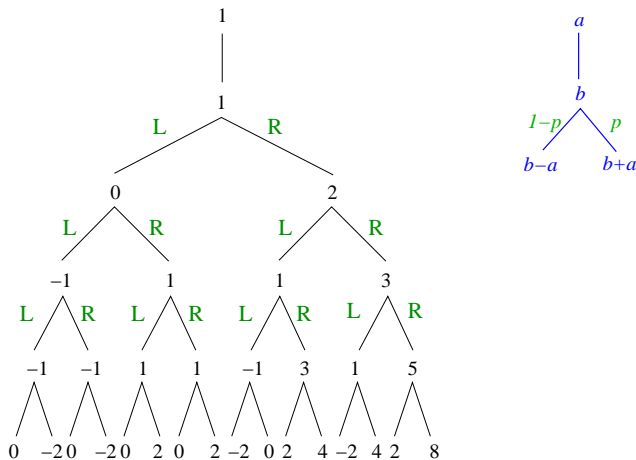


Coupling of two paths with parameters $p \leq p'$

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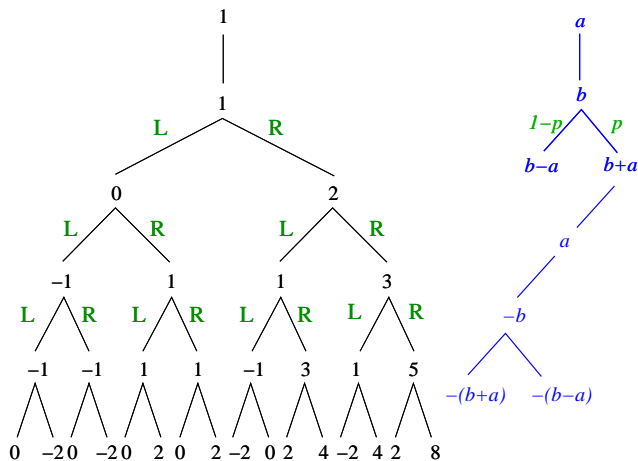


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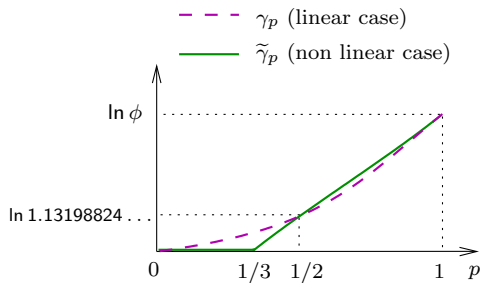
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