

Advent of Code 2024 Day 22 Part 1

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1 Advent of Code 2024 Day 22 Part 1 using linear algebra

```
[1]: %display latex
```

1.1 Converting numbers to and from bit vectors

First let's define functions to convert numbers to and from 24-bit vectors over the integers modulo 2.

```
[2]: NUM_BITS = 24

def to_vec(n):
    return vector(Zmod(2), [ n // 2**i for i in range(NUM_BITS) ])

def from_vec(v):
    return sum(int(bit) * 2**i for i, bit in enumerate(v))
```

Here are some examples of what that looks like:

```
[3]: v = to_vec(31337)
display(v)
```

(1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)

```
[4]: from_vec(v)
```

```
[4]: 31337
```

Our `to_vec` function will ignore any bits above 2^{23} :

```
[5]: to_vec(2**24)
```

```
[5]: (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)
```

1.2 Vector addition modulo 2 works like XOR

```
[6]: u = to_vec(1 + 2 +      16 + 32)
v = to_vec(      2 + 4 + 16      )
display(u, v, u + v)
```

(1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)

For example, “multiply by 64” (2^6) is simply 6 applications of `M_double`, or `M_double**6`:

```
[9]: display(v, M_double**6 * v)
```

```
(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
```

```
(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1)
```

To represent division by a power of 2, we need to shift bits in the opposite direction. This is just the transpose of the `M_double` matrix (swapping rows and columns.)

```
[10]: M_half = M_double.transpose()
```

An example of `M_half` and `M_half**5` in action:

```
[11]: v = to_vec(1234567)
display(v, M_half * v, M_half**5 * v)
```

```
(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
```

```
(1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)
```

```
(0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)
```

The last thing we need is the “identity” matrix. This is the matrix that, when multiplied with any other matrix or vector, leaves that matrix or vector unchanged.

Because we’re lazy, let’s just raise `M_double` to the 0th power (“shift the bits zero times”)

```
[12]: M_identity = M_double**0
```

And just to show that it works:

```
[13]: v = to_vec(1234567)
display(v, M_identity * v)
```

```
(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
```

```
(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
```

1.4 Defining the secret number function

We now have everything we need to define one step of the secret number evolution process.

```
[14]: # Start with the original number
M = M_identity
# Multiply by 2^6 and add to previous result
M = M + M_double**6 * M
# Divide by 2^5 and add to previous result
M = M + M_half**5 * M
# Multiply by 2^11 add to previous result
M = M + M_double**11 * M

display(M)
```



```

( 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1
  0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
  1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1
  0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1
  1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0
  1 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0
  1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1
  0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0
  1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0
  1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0
  1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 1
  0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1
  0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1
  0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 0
  0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0
  1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1
  0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0
  0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1
  1 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0
  0 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1
  0 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0
  0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1
  0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1
  1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 )

```

Let's verify that it works by checking the examples ($1 \mapsto 8685429$, $10 \mapsto 4700978$, $100 \mapsto 15273692$, $2024 \mapsto 8667524$):

```
[17]: for n in [ 1, 10, 100, 2024 ]:
      result = from_vec(M_2000 * to_vec(n))
      print(f'{n}: {result}')
```

```

1: 8685429
10: 4700978
100: 15273692
2024: 8667524

```

1.5 Encoding the matrix for the GFNI instructions

The GFNI instructions operate on 8x8 matrixes, which are encoded as 64-bit numbers.

There are nine 8x8 submatrixes of the 24x24. Each submatrix operates on an 8-bit slice of the input, and its result is XORed with two other results to produce an 8-bit slice of the output.

```
[18]: # Extract an 8x8 block from the 24x24 matrix
def get_8x8_block(M, row, col):
    return M.submatrix(8 * row, 8 * col, 8, 8)

# Encode an 8x8 bit matrix into a 64-bit integer usable by vgf2p8affineqb
```

```
def encode_8x8(B):
    return sum(from_vec(row) * 2**(56 - i*8) for i, row in enumerate(B.rows()))
```

And here are the encoded submatrixes:

```
[19]: for row in range(3):
        for col in range(3):
            B = get_8x8_block(M_2000, row, col)
            enc = encode_8x8(B)
            print(row, col, hex(enc))
```

```
0 0 0xaf888fd0c9634130
0 1 0xe7c34220149b7728
0 2 0xb00193b6071c8868
1 0 0x1917419c62e210ad
1 1 0x553337b6adec81cf
1 2 0x545796a28c730795
2 0 0x16463dbaced076c1
2 1 0x46714f6cbc284527
2 2 0x718462a50da6d92d
```

To demonstrate how this works, let's find each 8-bit slice of `M_2000 * to_vec(1234567)`.

First we get the submatrixes that map to the each slice:

```
[20]: # Submatrixes for the first slice of output...
S00 = get_8x8_block(M_2000, 0, 0)
S01 = get_8x8_block(M_2000, 0, 1)
S02 = get_8x8_block(M_2000, 0, 2)

# Second slice of output...
S10 = get_8x8_block(M_2000, 1, 0)
S11 = get_8x8_block(M_2000, 1, 1)
S12 = get_8x8_block(M_2000, 1, 2)

# Third slice of output...
S20 = get_8x8_block(M_2000, 2, 0)
S21 = get_8x8_block(M_2000, 2, 1)
S22 = get_8x8_block(M_2000, 2, 2)
```

Now we'll slice up `to_vec(1234567)` into three 8-bit pieces.

```
[21]: v = to_vec(1234567)
v0, v1, v2 = v[:8], v[8:16], v[16:]
display(v, v0, v1, v2)
```

```
(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
```

```
(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1)
```

```
(0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1)
```

(0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)

Here are the three outputs of the piecewise computation:

```
[22]: display(S00 * v0 + S01 * v1 + S02 * v2)
      display(S10 * v0 + S11 * v1 + S12 * v2)
      display(S20 * v0 + S21 * v1 + S22 * v2)
```

(1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0)

(1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0)

(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0)

And this is the expected result, which matches what we got doing it piecewise.

```
[23]: result = M_2000 * v
      display(result, result[:8], result[8:16], result[16:])
```

(1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0)

(1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0)

(1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0)

(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0)