

# **Benford's Law under Zeckendorf expansion**

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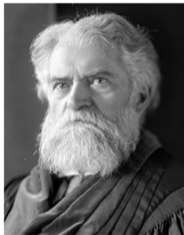
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## Newcomb-Benford Law

Simon Newcomb



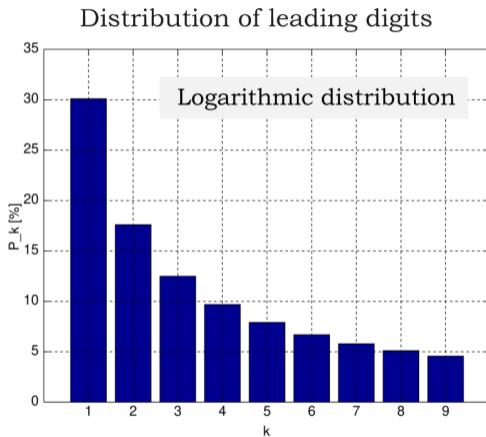
1835-1909

Frank Benford Jr.

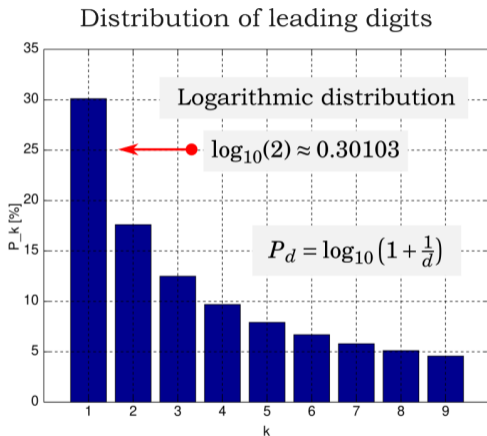


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## Notion

**Definition:** Given a conditional statement  $P(n)$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let us define

$$\text{Prob} \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : P(n) \} := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{k \in \mathbb{N} : P(k), k \leq n\}}{n}.$$

**Definition:**

- ▶ Let  $\text{LB}_s(n)$  be the leading  $s$  digits (or blocks) of  $n$  in given expansion.
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6, 5, 6, 9, 4, 1, 0, 1, 4, 9, 6, 5, 6, 9, 4, 1, 0}

$$P_1(d) = 1/10,$$

$$P_2(0) = 1/10, P_2(1) = 1/5, P_2(4) = 1/5, P_2(5) = 1/10,$$

$$P_2(6) = 1/5, P_2(9) = 1/5, P_2(d) = 0, d \in \{2, 3, 7, 8\}$$

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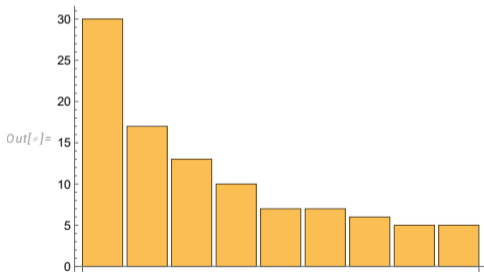
The existence of the leading digit probability is a special property  
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FrqList = Table[Count[list, d], {d, 1, 9}];  
BarChart[%]
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**Weyl's Equidistribution Theorem:** *If  $\alpha$  is irrational, then*

$$\text{Prob} \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \text{frc}(n\alpha) < \beta \} = \beta.$$

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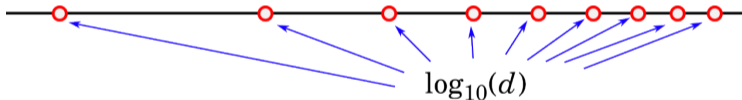
$$= \log_{10}(d+1) - \log_{10} d.$$

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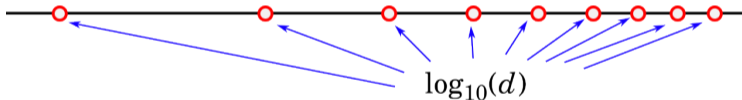
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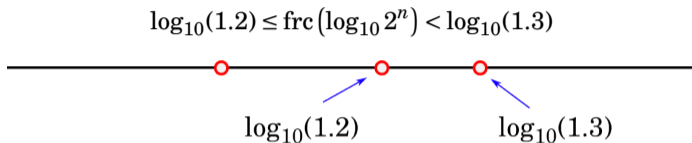
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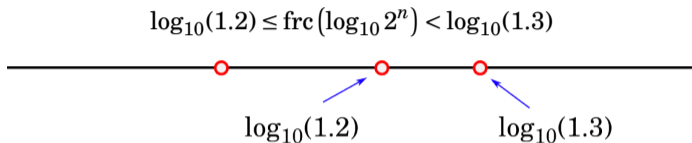
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$$\text{Prob}\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \text{LB}_2(2^n) = (2, 5, 9)\} = \log_{10} \frac{2.60}{2.59} \approx 0.00167358$$

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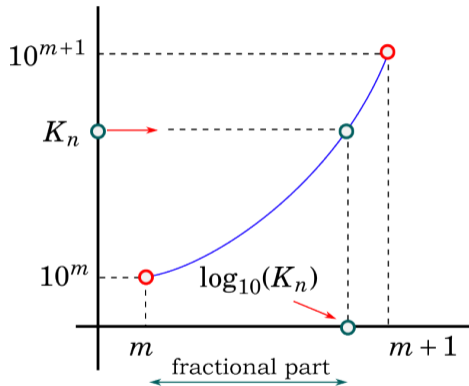
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- ▶ The function  $\text{eval} : \mathcal{F}_\circ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given below is an increasing bijection:

$$(a_1, \dots, a_m) \mapsto \sum_{k=1}^m a_k F_{m-k+1}.$$



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- ▶ If the following probabilities are common for all integers  $a \geq 2$ :

$$\text{Prob}\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \text{LB}_3(a^n) = (1, 0, 0)\}, \text{Prob}\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \text{LB}_3(a^n) = (1, 0, 1)\},$$

then we declare it to be *Benford's Law under Zeckendorf expansion*.

**Theorem:** *Let  $a > 1$  be an integer.*

$$\text{Prob}\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \text{LB}_3(a^n) = (1, 0, 0)\} = \log_\phi(1 + \omega^2) \approx .672,$$

$$\text{Prob}\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \text{LB}_3(a^n) = (1, 0, 1)\} = \log_\phi \frac{\phi}{1 + \omega^2} \approx .328$$

where  $\omega := 1/\phi$ .

## Strong Benford's Law under Zeckendorf expansion

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$$\text{Prob} \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \text{LB}_6(a^n) = (1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0) \} = \log_\phi \frac{1 + \omega^3}{1 + \omega^4} \approx 0.157$$

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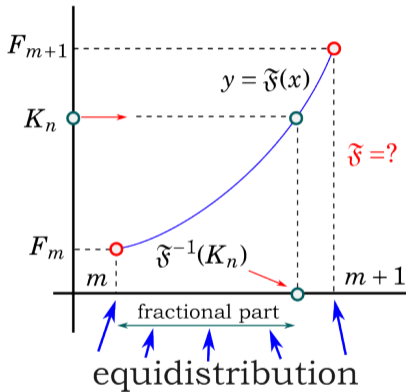
Let  $a > 1$  be an integer,  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_s) \in \mathcal{F}_\circ$ , and  $\text{lub}_{\mathcal{F}_\circ}(b_1, \dots, b_s) = (\tilde{b}_1, \dots, \tilde{b}_s)$ , or  $= (1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}^{s+1}$ . Then,

$$\text{Prob} \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \text{LB}_s(a^n) = \mathbf{b} \} = \log_\phi \frac{\sum_{k=1}^s \tilde{b}_k \omega^{k-1}}{\sum_{k=1}^s b_k \omega^{k-1}},$$

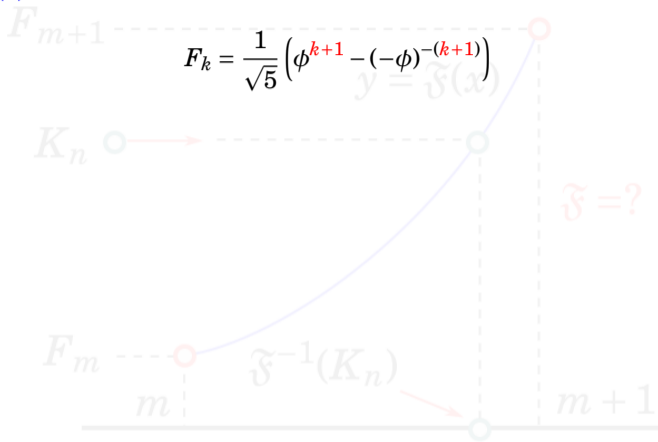
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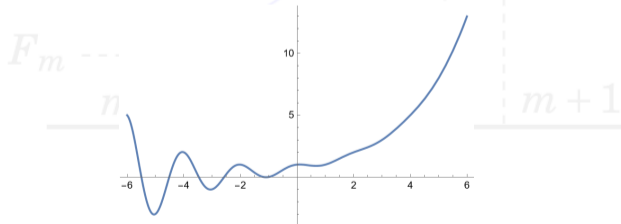


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$$F_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \phi^{k+1} - (-\phi)^{-(k+1)} \right)$$

Consider  $\Re \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \phi^{z+1} - e^{-(z+1)\text{Log}(-\phi)} \right)$

$$\mathfrak{F}(x) := \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \phi^x + \phi^{-x} \cos(\pi x) \phi^{-2} \right) \text{ worked! } \mathfrak{F} = ?$$

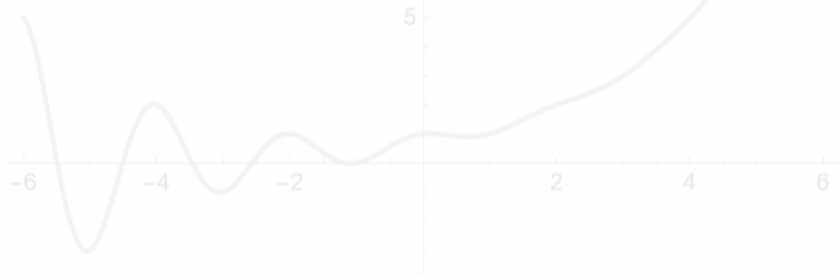




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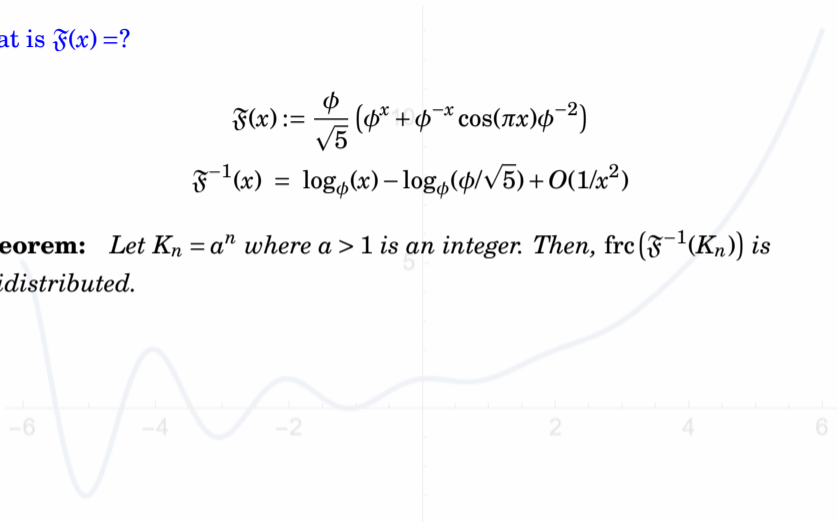


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$$= \log_{\phi} \frac{F_m + F_{m-2}}{\phi^m} - \log_{\phi}(\phi/\sqrt{5}) + O(1/\phi^m)$$
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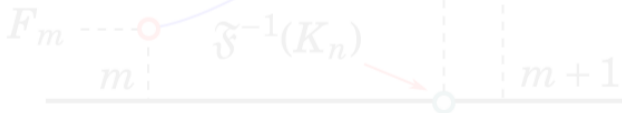
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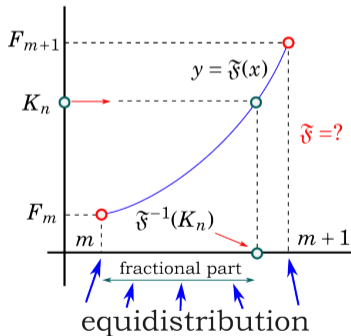
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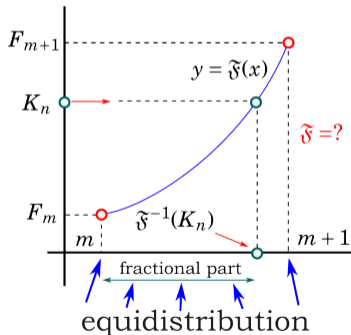


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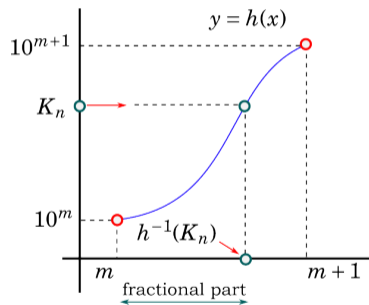
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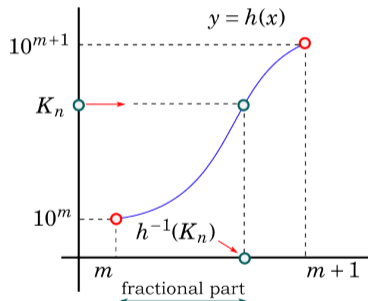
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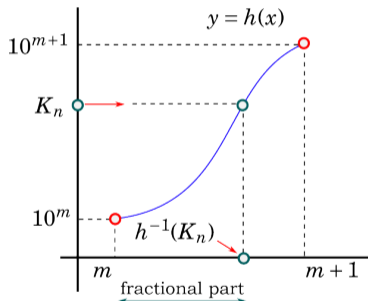


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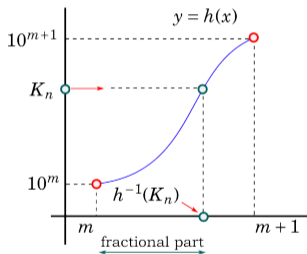
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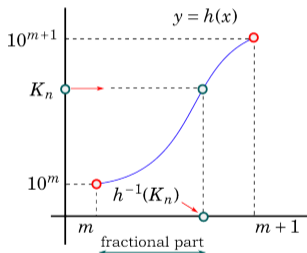


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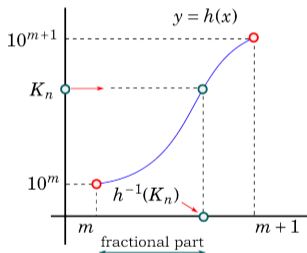
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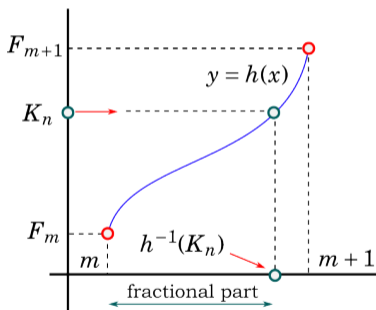
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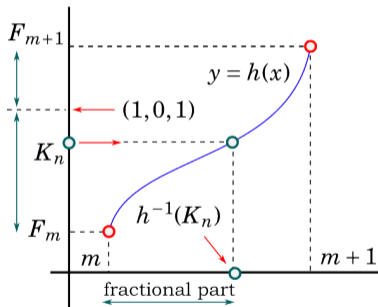
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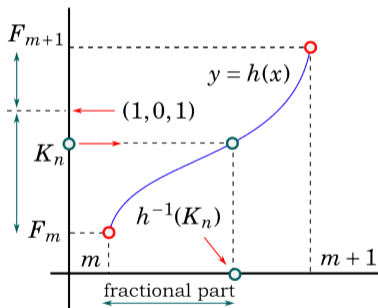
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