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Automata and nested recurrences

In this talk I will discuss an application of automata to the analysis of nested recurrences. In particular, I'll show that the frequency sequence $F(n)$ of the Balamohan-Kuznetsov-Tanny sequence $V(n)$ defined by $V(n) = 1$ for $n \leq 4$ and $V(n) = V(n - V(n - 1)) + V(n - V(n - 4))$ otherwise, is 2-automatic.