

## Disco II - Quiz 13

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Box # \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Recurrence Equations

1. Motorcycles, compact cars and big cars are to be parked in a parking lot. Motorcycles require one space, compact cars two spaces and big cars three spaces. Let  $a_n$  be the number of ways of parking cars in a  $1 \times n$  parking lot.

a Find  $a_1, a_2, a_3$ .

$a_1$	
$a_2$	
$a_3$	

b Find the recurrence equation for  $a_n$ .

c Find  $a_0$  and  $a_4$ .

d What equation must you solve to find  $a_n$  in general? Does it have any easily found roots?