

# Chapter 4. Counting methods & Recurrence Relation

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# 1.1 Counting

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*Counting Definition:*

How many ways are there to...

How many operations does this algorithm perform?

ex) Number of elements in a set, ..

ex)  $S = \{x, y, z, w\}$  for  $k=3$ . *Consider Repetition, Order.*

**sampling** =  $xxx, xxy, xxz, xzx, \dots = 64 (4 \times 4 \times 4)$

**permutation** =  $4 \times 3 \times 2 = 24$

**combination** =  $xyz, xyw, xzw, yzw = 4$



# Sampling

\* K- Sampling (select k elements from a set S)  
allows repetition & ordering

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## 1) *Multiplication principle*

- If an activity can be performed in k successive steps,

- ▶ Step 1 can be done in  $n_1$  ways
- ▶ Step 2 can be done in  $n_2$  ways
- ▶ ...
- ▶ Step k can be done in  $n_k$  ways

Then: the entire activity can be performed in  $\mathbf{n_1 n_2 \dots n_k}$  ways

Ex) A PIN (personal identification number) is a sequence of any 4 symbols chosen from the 26 letters in the alphabet and 10 digits, with repetition allowed.

How many different PINs are possible?

$$36 \cdot 36 \cdot 36 \cdot 36 = 36^4$$



## *Examples*

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ex) How many strings of length 4 can be formed using the letters ABCDE, if repetitions are not allowed?

- How many strings begin with letter B
- How many strings do not **begin** with letter B

ex) 26 alphabet에서 3 char 사용하여 code만들때, how many different code words are there (ex. CRE, TIL, ABC,...) (repetition allowed)

- by product rule, there are  $26 \times 26 \times 26$  code words
- if without repetition, then  $26 \times 25 \times 24$

ex) 자동차 번호판의 구성이 3 개의 문자와 3개의 숫자의 순서로 구성된다면 얼마나 많은 방법으로 번호판을 구성할 수 있는가?



## 2) Addition principle – when multiplication rule is difficult or impossible to apply

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A finite set A equals the union of k distinct mutually disjoint subsets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$ ,  
then,  $n(A) = n(A_1) + n(A_2) + \dots + n(A_k)$

(if the first task can be done in  $n_1$  ways and

second task can be done in  $n_2$  ways and

and the task cannot be done at the same time, then these are

$n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k$  ways to do

ex) 5로 나누어지는 수의 합은? (100 - 999 중에서)

ex) 6 person committee composed of A, B, C, D, E, F is to select a **president,**  
**secretary, treasurer.**

- How many ways can this be done if either A or B must be chairperson?

- How many ways can this be done if E must hold one of the positions?

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▶ ex) Basic variables - (if length 1 -> 영문자 & if length 2 -> 영문자+숫자 )

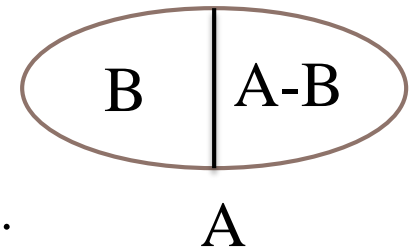
# Other principle

## 3) Difference Principle

. If **A** is a finite set and **B** is a subset of **A**. Then  $n(A-B) = n(A) - n(B)$

$B \cup (A-B) = A$  and  $B$  and  $A-B$  are disjoint sets

So,  $n(B) + n(A-B) = n(A)$ ,  $n(A-B) = n(A) - n(B)$



ex) 3 letter computer access code with repetitions allowed.

How many code words contain repeated letters?

## 4) Inclusion/Exclusion Rule (for two or more sets)

. If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are finite sets. Then  $n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B)$  and

$n(A \cup B \cup C) = n(A) + n(B) + n(C) - n(A \cap B) - n(A \cap C) - n(B \cap C) + n(A \cap B \cap C)$

ex) 1 ~ 1000에서 3의 multiple or 5의 multiple의 합은?



## 1.2 Permutations — allows order & no repetition

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A **permutation** of  $n$  distinct elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is an ordering of the  $n$  elements.  
There are  $n!$  permutations of  $n$  elements.

. Product Rule  $\Rightarrow n.(n-1).(n-2)....2.1=n!$

Ex) Set  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ . there are  $3! = 6$  permutations of three elements  $a, b, c$ :

abc bac cab acb bca 

ex) C, O, M, P, U, T, E, R  $\Rightarrow$  How many ways this can be arranged in a row

► Def: An **K-permutation** of set  $n$  elements is an ordered selection of  $k$  elements from the set of  $n$  elements ,  $P(n,k) = n! / (n-k)!$ ,  $k \leq n$

$$P(n,k) = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-k+1)$$

ex) how many ways can we select a **chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary,**  
► **treasurer** from 10 person?

# 1.3 Combinations - no repetition & no ordering

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set containing  $n$  distinct elements

- An  $k$ -combination of  $X$  is an **unordered selection of  $k$  elements** of  $X$ , for  $k \leq n$
- $C(n, k) = n! / k!(n-k)! = P(n, k) / k! = n! / k!(n-k)!$  (ordered selection:  $k$ -permutation)

- **Binomial Coefficient :  $C(n, k)$**

- **Binomial Theorem:**  $(a+b)^n = \sum C(n, k) a^{n-k} b^k$

$$(a+b)^n = \sum C(n, k) a^{n-k} b^k = C(n, 0)a^n b^0 + C(n, 1)a^{n-1}b^1 + \dots + C(n, n)a^0 b^n$$

\* Pascal's Triangle

1
1 1
1 2 1
1 3 3 1
1 4 6 4 1
1 5 10 10 5 1
1 6 15 20 15 6 1
1 7 21 35 35 21 7 1
1 8 28 56 70 56 28 8 1
1 9 36 84 126 126 84 36 9 1

ex) Team consists of 5 men and 7 women.

1) consists of 3 man (from 5) and 2 women (from 7)

2) at least one man :  $[x] = [\text{total}] - [\text{no man}]$

3) at most one man :  $[x] = [\text{no man}] + [\text{one man}]$

ex) 12명중 5명으로 팀을 구성할 때, C와 D는 함께 구성되지 않는 방법?





# Catalan numbers

- ▶ Belgian mathematician, 1814-1894
- ▶ Catalan numbers can also be generated by the formula:

$$C_n = C(2n,n) - C(2n,n-1) = C(2n,n) / (n+1) = (2n)! / (n+1)! n! \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

Ex) 각각  $n$  개의 왼쪽, 오른쪽 괄호가 있을 때 괄호의 짝을 맞춰서 식을 만드는 경우의 수는?

(sol)  $n = 3$  인 경우,  $((()))$ ,  $()(())$ ,  $(())()$ ,  $(())()$ ,  $()()()$

The first few *Catalan numbers* are:

$n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$C_n$	1	1	2	5	14	42	132	429	1430	4862	16796	58786



## 1.4 The pigeonhole principle

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▶ THM:  $|\text{Dom}(f)|=n$        $|\text{Ran}(f)|=m$

If **n pigeons** are assigned to **m pigeonsholes**, ( if  $n>m$ ) then at least one pigeonhole contains two or more pigeons

▶ If  $X$  and  $Y$  are finite sets with  $|X| > |Y|$  and  $f:X \rightarrow Y$  is a function, then  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  for some  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,  $x_1 \neq x_2$ .

ex) 8명이 있을때, 그들중 2명은 (적어도) 같은 요일에 태어남

ex) 1 부터 8 까지의 수로부터 임의의 다섯개의 숫자를 고르면, 그중 한쌍의 수의 합이 9가 될 수 있는가? 또한 4개의 숫자를 고른다면 9가 될 수 있는가?

pigeonhole ->

pigeons ->

Ex) 151개의 교과목이 있고, 각 교과목의 학수 번호가 1~300 사이로 한정되어 있다면, 적어도 두개의 교과목은 연속적일 것이다.



## 2. Recurrence Relation (점화관계)

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- ▶ A sequence can be defined in a variety of different ways
    - Informal way: with expectation, but may misleading.  
ex) 2,5,7,.. next term may be 9 (odd), or 11 (prime)
  - ▶ **Recurrence Relation:** defines a sequence by giving  $n$ th value in terms of certain of its predecessors (relates later terms to earlier terms)
    - **specification:** initial condition (first few terms of sequence)
- ex) start with 5, and add 3 to get the next term    5,8,11,14,....
- ▶ if rephrase,  $a_1=5$ , (initial condition)  $a_n=a_{n-1} + 3$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) (recurrence relation)

Ex) Define sequence  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots$  recursively as follows  $\forall k \geq 2$ . Find  $c_2, c_3$ ?

- 1)  $c_k = c_{k-1} + k \cdot c_{k-2} + 1$  (recurrence relation)    2)  $c_0 = 1, c_1 = 2$  (initial condition)
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## Ex) Compound interest

- ▶ Given :  $P$  = initial amount (principal)    $n$  = number of years  
 $r$  = annual interest rate    $A$  = amount of money at the end of  $n$  years

At the end of:

□ 1 year:  $A_1 = P + rP = P(1+r)$ ,   2 years:  $A_2 = A_1 (1+r) = P(1+r)^2$

- ▶ Obtain the formula  $A_n = P(1+r)^n$

ex) A person invests \$1000 at 12% compounded annually. If  $A_n$  represents the amount at the end of  $n$  years, find a recurrence relation and initial conditions that define the sequence  $\{A_n\}$ .

$$A_n = A_{n-1} + (0.12)A_{n-1} = (1.12)A_{n-1} \quad \rightarrow \text{recurrence relation}$$

If the initial amount is  $A_0 = \$1000$     $\rightarrow$  initial condition

$$A_n = (1.12)^n(1000)$$

▶ **Recursive Algorithm**

Procedure compound-interest ( $n$ )

if  $n=0$  then return (1000)

return ( $1.12 * \text{compound-interest}(n-1)$ )

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▶ end

# Towers of Hanoi (E. Lucas)

Start with three pegs numbered 1, 2 and 3 mounted on a board, n disks of different sizes.

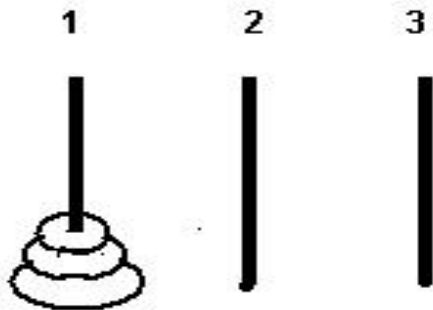
**(1) can move one disk at a time**

**(2) Only a disk of smaller diameter can be placed on top of another disk**

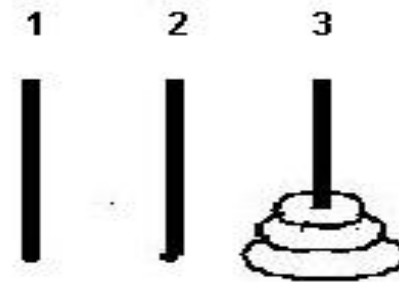
► Object of the game: find the minimum number of moves needed to have all n disks stacked in the same order in peg number 3.

►  $M_k = 2M_{k-1} + 1 \quad (k > 1), \quad M_1 = 1$       Then  $M_n = 2^n - 1$  for  $n \geq 1$

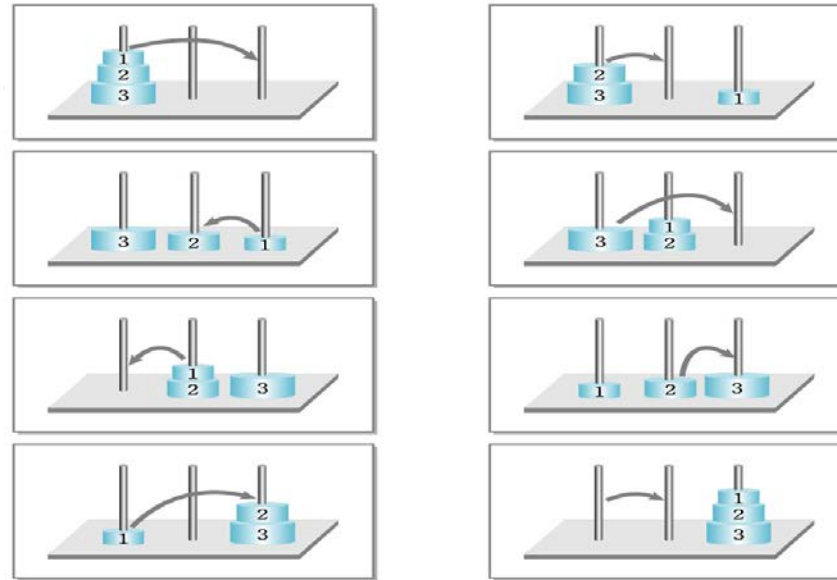
Start



End



## Ex) 3 disks



## Ex) Fibonacci

Initial conditions:  $f_1 = 1, f_2 = 2$

Recursive formula:  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 3$



## Ex) A problem in Economics -cobweb (p: price, q: quantity, a,b: constant)

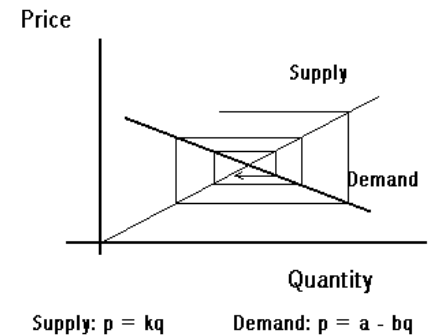
- ▶ Demand equation:  $p = a - bq$       Supply equation:  $p = kq$

Given:  $p_n = a - bq_n$  (demand)       $p_n = kq_{n+1}$  (supply)

- ▶ The recurrence relation obtained is:  $p_{n+1} = a - bp_n/k$

(sol)  $p_n = a - b/k \cdot p_{n-1}$  (let  $s = -b/k$ )

$$\begin{aligned} p_n &= a + s \cdot p_{n-1} = a + s(a + s p_{n-2}) = a + as + s^2 p_{n-2} \\ &= a + as + s^2(a + s p_{n-3}) = \dots = a + as + as^2 + \dots + as^{n-1} + s^n p_0 \\ &= (a - as^n)/(1 - s) + s^n p_0 = (-b/k)^n (-ak/(k+b) + p_0) \end{aligned}$$



- ▶ Recurrence relation – uses prior values in a sequence to compute the current value
- ▶ Recursive algorithm – uses smaller instances of current input to process the current input
- ▶ Mathematical induction – assumes prior instances of the statement to prove the truth of the current statement



## 2.2 Solving recurrence relations

- ▶ Solving Recurrence relation is to find an **explicit formula** for the general term.
- ▶ Method for finding explicit formula: **iteration / linear method**,
- ▶ Problem: Given a recursive expression with **initial conditions**  $a_0, a_1$  and try to **express  $a_n$**

procedure power(x, n)

if (n == 0) return 1;

$T(0) = c_1$  for some constant  $c_1$

else return  $x * \text{power}(x, n-1)$ ;

$T(n) = c_2 + T(n-1)$  for some constant  $c_2$

If we know  $T(n-1)$ , we could solve  $T(n)$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + c_2 \quad T(n-1) = T(n-2) + c_2$$

$$= T(n-2) + c_2 + c_2 = T(n-2) + 2c_2 = \dots = T(n-k) + k*c_2$$

▶ If we set  $k=n$ ,  $T(n) = T(n-n) + nc_2 = T(0) + nc_2 \Rightarrow \theta(n)$



# examples

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ex)  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 3$ ,  $a_1 = 2$  (Using iteration method)

(sol)  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 3$

$$= a_{n-2} + 3 + 3 \quad (\text{since } a_{n-1} = a_{n-2} + 3)$$

$$= a_{n-3} + 3 + 3 + 3 \quad (\text{since } a_{n-2} = a_{n-3} + 3)$$

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$$= a_{n-k} + k \cdot 3$$

if we set  $k = n - 1$ , we have,  $a_n = a_1 + (n - 1) \cdot 3$

since  $a_1 = 2$ , we obtain explicit formula  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{a_n = 2 + 3(n-1)}$



# More examples

ex)  $a_k = a_{k-1} + 2$  (R.R)  $a_0 = 1$  (I.C)

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(sol)  $a_0 = 1 \quad \text{--->} 1 + 0.2$

$a_1 = a_0 + 2 = 1 + 2 \quad \text{--->} 1 + 1.2$

$a_2 = a_1 + 2 = 1 + 2 + 2 \quad \text{-->} 1 + 2.2$

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$a_n = a_{n-1} + 2 = 1 + (2 + \dots + 2) \text{ ---> } 1 + n.2$

Therefore,  $a_n = 1 + 2n$

ex) Find explicit formula for  $C_n$ .  $C_n = 2C_{n-1} + 1$  (R.R),  $C_1 = 1$  (I.C)

(sol)  $C_n = 2C_{n-1} + 1$

$= 2(2.C_{n-2} + 1) + 1 = 2^2.C_{n-2} + 2 + 1$

$= 2(2.(2.C_{n-3} + 1) + 1) + 1 = 2^3.C_{n-3} + 2^2 + 2 + 1$

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$= 2^{n-1}.C_1 + 2^{n-2} + 2^{n-3} + \dots + 2 + 1 = 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + 2^{n-3} + \dots + 2 + 1 = \mathbf{2^n - 1}$

{because  $1.(2^{n-1+1} - 1) / (2 - 1) = 2^n - 1$ }

Ex) Find explicit formula from the following complete graphs. Use the relation for the edges of the graphs. (K1, K2,..)

# Solving Linear Homogeneous recurrences

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## Examples)

- ▶  $a_n = (1.11) a_{n-1}$  : a linear homogeneous recurrence relation of degree 1
- ▶  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$  : a linear homogeneous recurrence relation of degree 2
- ▶  $a_n = a_{n-6}$  : a linear homogeneous recurrence relation of degree 6
  
- ▶  $a_n = a_{n-1} + \mathbf{a^2}_{n-2}$  : not linear
- ▶  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1$  : not homogeneous

## \*Solving Linear Homogeneous recurrences

- 1) Guess and Verify using Mathematical Induction
- 2) Look for the pattern (polynomial sequence, geometric sequence,...)
- 3) Repeated Substitution
- 4) ▶ Using Linear Recurrences (one term is a linear function of earlier terms)

# Solving Linear Homogeneous Recurrences (LHR)

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- ▶ Recurrence relation  $\mathbf{a_n = c_1a_{n-1} + c_2a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k}}$
- ▶ Suppose we have solution in **geometric sequence**  $\mathbf{a_n = r^n}$  for some  $r$ .
- ▶ Try to find a solution of form  $\mathbf{r^n}$   
$$\mathbf{r^n = c_1r^{n-1} + c_2r^{n-2} + \dots + c_k r^{n-k} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r^n - c_1r^{n-1} - c_2r^{n-2} - \dots - c_k r^{n-k} = 0}$$
$$r^k - c_1r^{k-1} - c_2r^{k-2} - \dots - c_k = 0 \quad (\text{This equation is called } \underline{\text{characteristic equation}})$$

➔  $r^n$  is solution of  $\mathbf{a_n = c_1a_{n-1} + c_2a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k}}$

Ex) Fibonacci recurrence is  $\mathbf{F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}}$  Its characteristic equation is  $\mathbf{r^2 - r - 1 = 0}$

- ▶ Thm: consider characteristic equation  $\mathbf{r^k - c_1r^{k-1} - c_2r^{k-2} - \dots - c_k = 0}$  and relation  $\mathbf{a_n = c_1a_{n-1} + c_2a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k}}$ . Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \dots$  be any constants  
So,  $\mathbf{a_n = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n + \dots + \alpha_m r_m^n}$  satisfies the recurrence for some constant  $\alpha$



# Examples using characteristic equation $\mathbf{a_n = r^n}$

$$\mathbf{a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k} \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_n = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n + \dots + \alpha_m r_m^n}$$

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Ex) What is the solution of the recurrence relation (

$$\mathbf{a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} \text{ with } a_0=2 \text{ and } a_1=7}$$

(sol) find characteristic equation,  $r^2-r-2=0$ ,  $(r+1)(r-2)=0$

$$r_1=2 \text{ and } r_2=-1. \text{ By the Theorem, } a_n = \alpha_1 2^n + \alpha_2 (-1)^n$$

$$n=0: \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 2, \quad (a_0=2)$$

$$n=1: 2\alpha_1 + (-1)\alpha_2 = 7 \quad (a_1=7) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha_1 = 3 \quad \alpha_2 = -1 \quad \underline{\underline{a_n = 3 \cdot 2^n - (-1)^n}}$$

**Ex)**  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2}$ , with  $a_0=3$  and  $a_1=5$ ?

(sol)  $r^2-2r-3 = (r-3)(r+1)$ ,  $r_1=3$ ,  $r_2=-1$   $a_n = \alpha_1 3^n + \alpha_2 (-1)^n$

$$n=0: a_0 = \alpha_1 3^0 + \alpha_2 (-1)^0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 3$$

$$n=1: a_1 = \alpha_1 3^1 + \alpha_2 (-1)^1 \Rightarrow 3\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = 5$$

$$4\alpha_1 = 8 \quad \alpha_1 = 2, \quad \alpha_2 = 1 \quad \text{Therefore, } \underline{\underline{a_n = 2 \cdot 3^n + (-1)^n}}$$

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# More examples on LHR

**Ex)  $a_n = -a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} + 4a_{n-3}$  with  $a_0=8, a_1=6, a_2=26$ ?**

$$r^3 + r^2 - 4r - 4 = 0, \Rightarrow (r+1)(r+2)(r-2), \quad r_1=-1, r_2=2, r_3=-2 \quad a_n = \alpha_1(-1)^n + \alpha_2(-2)^n + \alpha_3(2)^n$$

$$\mathbf{n=0:} \quad \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 8, \quad \mathbf{n=1:} \quad -\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 = 6 \quad \mathbf{n=2:} \quad \alpha_1 + 4\alpha_2 + 4\alpha_3 = 26$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 2 \quad \alpha_2 = 1 \quad \alpha_3 = 5$$

$$a_n = \alpha_1(-1)^n + \alpha_2(-2)^n + \alpha_3(2)^n \Rightarrow \underline{2(-1)^n + (-2)^n + 5(2)^n}$$

**THM:** Assume  $r$  is solution of C.E with **multiplicity**, then  $\mathbf{n^m r^n}$  is a solution

$$a_n = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n + \dots + \alpha_m r_m^n \Rightarrow$$

$$a_n = (\alpha_{10} + \alpha_{11}n + \dots + \alpha_{1,m1-1}n^{m1-1})r_1^n + (\alpha_{20} + \alpha_{21}n + \dots + \alpha_{2,m2-1}n^{m2-1})r_2^n + \dots + \alpha_{t0}r_t^n$$

**Ex)  $a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 9a_{n-2}$  with  $a_0=1, a_1=6$**

$$r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0 \quad (r-3)^2 = 0, \quad r=3 \quad \underline{a_n = (\alpha_{10} + \alpha_{11}n)(3)^n}$$

$$\mathbf{n=0:} \quad (\alpha_{10} + 0)(3)^0 = 1, \quad \alpha_{10} = 1, \quad \mathbf{n=1:} \quad 3\alpha_{10} + 3\alpha_{11} = 6, \quad \alpha_{11} = 1$$

$$\underline{a_n = 1.3^n + n.3^n}$$

**Ex)  $a_n = 8a_{n-2} - 16a_{n-4}$  with  $n \geq 4, a_0=1, a_1=4, a_2=28, a_3=32$**

$$\underline{a_n = 2^n + 2n2^n + n(-2)^n}$$

# Solving Linear NON-Homogeneous Recurrences (LNHR)

- **NLHR example:**  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2^n$ ,  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + n^2 + n + 1$ ,  $a_n = a_{n-1} + n2^n$ ,  
 $a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k} + f(n)$ ,  $c_1 \dots c_k$ : constants  $f(n)$ : function

NLHR  $\stackrel{\circ}{=}$  Solution:  $\mathbf{a}_n^{(p)} + \mathbf{b}_n$  ( $\mathbf{a}_n^{(h)}$ : LHR  $\stackrel{\circ}{=}$  solution,  $\mathbf{b}_n$ : LNHR  $\stackrel{\circ}{=}$  solution)

Ex)  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} + 2^n$   $n \geq 2$ , with  $a_0=1$ ,  $a_1=2$  ( $f(n)=c \cdot 2^n + d$ )

1) Let  $\mathbf{b}_n \Rightarrow 2\mathbf{b}_{n-1} - \mathbf{b}_{n-2} + 2^n$ ,

$$c \cdot 2^n + d = 2(c \cdot 2^{n-1} + d) - (c \cdot 2^{n-2} + d) + 2^n = c \cdot 2^n + 2d - c \cdot 2^{n-2} - d + 2^n$$

$$c \cdot 2^n + 2d - c \cdot 2^{n-2} - d + 2^n - c \cdot 2^n + d = 0$$

$$2^{n-2}(-4c + 4c - c + 4) + (-d + 2d - d) = 0 \quad (c=4, d=0) \quad \mathbf{b}_n = 4 \cdot 2^n$$

2)  $\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{a}_n^{(p)} + \mathbf{b}_n$

$$a_n^{(p)} \Rightarrow a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} = r^2 - 2r + 1 = (r-1)^2, \quad r = 1$$

$$a_n^{(p)} = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 n)(1)^n, \quad \mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{a}_n^{(p)} + \mathbf{b}_n = 4 \cdot 2^n + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 n \text{ is a solution.}$$

With initial condition:  $a_0 = 4 + \alpha_1 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_1 = -3$   $a_1 = 8 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 2$ ,  $\alpha_2 = -3$

► 
$$\mathbf{a}_n = 4 \cdot 2^n + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 n = 4 \cdot 2^n - 3n - 3$$

# Checking correctness of formula by Math Induction

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ex) Tower of Hanoi

$$\mathbf{M_k = 2M_{k-1} + 1 \quad (k \geq 2), \quad M_1 = 1 \quad \text{Then } M_n = 2^n - 1 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1}$$

(pf)  $m_1 = 1$

$$m_2 = 2m_1 + 1 = 3, \quad m_3 = 2m_2 + 1 = 7 \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

1) for  $n=1$ ,  $m_1 = 2^1 - 1$  ok

2) Suppose  $n=k$  true, then  $M_k = 2^k - 1$ , for  $k \geq 1$  is true

3) We need to prove for  $M_{k+1} = 2^{k+1} - 1$

$$M_{k+1} = 2M_{(k+1)-1} + 1, \text{ by Recurrence Relation}$$

$$= 2M_k + 1$$

$$= 2 \cdot (2^k - 1) + 1 \text{ by sub to hypothesis}$$

$$= 2^{k+1} - 2 + 1$$

$$= 2^{k+1} - 1 \quad \text{Therefore True}$$

