

Non-homogeneous Recurrences (Linear First/Second Order)

$$C_1 a_n + C_2 a_{n-1} + C_3 a_{n-2} = f(n)$$

(Today)

① Method of undetermined coefficients
(Later)

② Method of generating functions

A particular solution $a_n^{(p)}$
Solve the underlying homogeneous
recurrence $a_n^{(p)}$

General solution

$$\lambda_1 a_n^{(p)} + \lambda_2 a_n^{(p)}$$

Example

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1} + h \quad a_h = 1$$

$$a_n^{(1)} = A_n + B$$

$$A_n + B = 3(A_{n-1} + B) + h$$

$$\Rightarrow n(A - 3A - 1) + B[1 - 3] + 3A = 0$$

$$A = -1/2 \quad -2B - 3/2 = 0 \quad B = -3/4$$

$$a_n^{(p)} = \frac{-1}{2}h - 3/4$$

$$a_n^{(h)} = A B^n$$

$$a_0 = A - 3/4 = 1 \quad A = 7/4$$

$$a_n = \frac{7}{4} 3^n - \frac{n}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$$

Ex $a_n = 5a_{n-1} + 2 \cdot 7^n$

$f(n) = K \cdot 7^n$

Case 1 7^n is not a solution in $a_n^{(h)}$

$a_n^{(p)} = A \cdot 7^n$

Case 2 If 7^n is a soln of $a_n^{(h)}$

$a_n^{(p)} = B n 7^n$

Ex $a_n = 5a_{n-1} + 2 \cdot 7^n \quad a_0 = 1$

$a_n^{(p)} = K \cdot 7^n$

$K \cdot 7^n = 5K \cdot 7^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 7^n$

$K \cdot 7 = 5K + 14 \Rightarrow K = 7$

$a_n^{(p)} = 7^{n+1}$

$a_n^{(h)} = A \cdot 5^n$

$a_n = A \cdot 5^n + 7^{n+1}$

$a_0 = 1 = A + 7; A = -6$

$a_n = -6 \cdot \frac{5^n}{5} + 7^{n+1}$

Ex $a_0 = 1 \quad a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 7 \cdot 3^n$

$a_n^{(h)} = A \cdot 3^n$

$a_n^{(p)} = K \cdot n \cdot 3^n$

$K \cdot n \cdot 3^n = 3K(n-1)3^{n-1} + 7 \cdot 3^n$

$$3hK = 3Kh - 3K + 21$$

$$K = 7$$

$$a_h = A \cdot 3^h + 7h \cdot 3^h$$

$$a_0 = 1 = A$$

$$a_1 = 3^1 + 7 \cdot 1 \cdot 3^1 = (2 \cdot 1 + 1) \cdot 3^1$$

Ex: $a_h = 2a_{h-1} + 3a_{h-2} + 4 \cdot 5^h$

$$x^h = 2x^{h-1} + 3x^{h-2}$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4+12}}{2} = 3 \text{ or } -1$$

$$a_h^{(H)} = A \cdot 3^h + B(-1)^h$$

$$a_h^{(P)} = K \cdot 5^h = \frac{5^{h+2}}{3}$$

$$K \cdot 5^h = 2 \cdot K \cdot 5^{h-1} + 3K \cdot 5^{h-2} + 4 \cdot 5^h$$

$$a_h = A \cdot 3^h + B(-1)^h + \frac{1}{3} 5^{h+2}$$

$$a_0 = 1 = A + B + \frac{25}{3} \Rightarrow A + B = -\frac{22}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$a_1 = 2 = 3A - B + \frac{125}{3} \Rightarrow 3A - B = -\frac{119}{3} \quad (2)$$

$$4A = -\frac{141}{3} = -47$$

$$B = -\frac{22}{3} + \frac{47}{4} = \frac{53}{12}$$

$$a_h = \left(\frac{-47}{4}\right) 3^h + \left(\frac{53}{12}\right) (-1)^h + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 5^{h+2}$$

Ex: $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + 4 \cdot \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

$$a_n^{(H)} = A \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + B \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

$$a_n^{(P)} = K n \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

$$K n \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n = K(n-1) \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1} + K(n-2) \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-2} + 4 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

Solve for K

$$K n \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n = K(n-1) \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1} + K(n-2) \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-2} + 4 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$$

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} + 3$$

$$a_n^{(h)} = A(1^n) + Bn(1^n)$$

$$a_n^{(p)} = C \cdot n^2 (1^n) = \frac{3}{2} n^2$$

$$C n^2 = 2C(n-1)^2 - C(n-2)^2 + 3$$

$$C n^2 = 2C n^2 - 4C n + 2C - C n^2 + 4C n - 4C + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C = 3/2}$$

$$a_n = A + Bn + \frac{3}{2} n^2$$

put $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$

$$\boxed{a_n = 1 - \frac{n}{2} + \frac{3}{2} n^2}$$

$$C_1 a_n + C_2 a_{n-1} + C_3 a_{n-2} = f(n)$$

(same)

Given $a_n^{(p)}$ = form of $f(n)$

Substitute and solve for coefficients

in $a_n^{(p)}$

$$a_n = A a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$$