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## Module 4

### Generating functions and Recurrence Relations

#### Generating function

Let  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  be a sequence of real numbers. The function

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$$

is called the generating function for the given sequence.

Example: the sequence

Consider  $\binom{n}{0}, \binom{n}{1}, \binom{n}{2}, \dots, \binom{n}{n}, 0, 0, \dots$

Corresponding generating function is

$$\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} x + \binom{n}{2} x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n} x^n$$

$$= (1+x)^n$$

Thus  $(1+x)^n$  is the generating function for the sequence  $(0), (1), (2), \dots, (n)$

2. For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+\dots+x^n$$

Thus  $\frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x}$  is the generating function

for the sequence 1, 1, ..., 1, 0, 0, ...

i.e; the first  $(n+1)$  terms are 1 and all other elements are 0

3.

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$$

Thus  $\frac{1}{1-x}$  is the generating function of

the sequence 1, 1, 1, ... called fundamental generating function

4.

$$\frac{1}{1-x^2} = 1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+5x^4+\dots$$

Thus  $\frac{1}{1-x^2}$  is the generating function of the sequence 1, 2, 3, ...

5.  $\frac{x}{(1-x)^2} = 0 + 1x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots$

Thus  $\frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$  is the generating function

of the sequence  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

6.  $\frac{x+1}{(1-x)^3} = 1 + 2^2 x + 3^2 x^2 + 4^2 x^3 + \dots$

Thus  $\frac{x+1}{(1-x)^3}$  is the generating function of  $1^2, 2^2, 3^2, 4^2, \dots$

7.  $\frac{x(x+1)}{(1-x)^3} = x + 2^2 x^2 + 3^2 x^3 + \dots$

Thus  $\frac{x(x+1)}{(1-x)^3}$  is the generating

function of  $0^2, 1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots$

Rough

$$1 + \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots$$

$$\star \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{1-x} \right] = 0 + 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{(1-x)^2} (-1) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots$$

\* multiply by  $x$  on both sides

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} = (x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + \dots)$$

$$\star \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} \right] = 1 + 2^2 x + 3^2 x^2 + 4^2 x^3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cdot \left[ \frac{-2}{(1-x)^3} \right] + \left[ \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \right] (1) = 1 + 2^2 x + 3^2 x^2 + 4^2 x^3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{(1-x)^3} + \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2^2 x + 3^2 x^2 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x + (1-x)}{(1-x)^3} = 1 + 2^2 x + 3^2 x^2 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{(1-x)^3} = 1 + 2^2x + 3^2x^2 + 4^2x^3 + \dots$$

\* multiply both sides by  $x$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x(x+1)}{(1-x)^3} = x + 2^2x^2 + 3^2x^3 + 4^2x^4 + \dots$$

\* Ex: 8 Consider  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots$

Put  $x=2y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-2y} = 1+2y+2^2y^2+2^3y^3+2^4y^4+\dots$$

$\therefore \frac{1}{1-2y}$  is the generating function of

the sequence  $1, 2, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4, \dots$

$$\Rightarrow 2^0, 2^1, 2^2, 2^3, \dots$$

9. Thus  $\frac{1+ax+a^2x^2+a^3x^3+\dots}{1-ax}$

Thus  $\frac{1}{1-ax}$  is the generating function of  
the sequence  $a^0, a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots$

10.  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots$

$$a\left[\frac{1}{1-x}\right] = a+ax+a^2x^2+a^3x^3+\dots$$

Thus  $\frac{a}{1-x}$  is the generating function of  
the sequence  $a, a, a, \dots$

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$$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 \dots$$

∴ according to  $\frac{1}{1+x}$  is the generating function of  
the sequence: 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, ...

Table 1 Useful Generating Functions.

$G(x)$	$a_k$
$(1+x)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C(n,k)x^k$ $= 1 + C(n, 1)x + C(n, 2)x^2 + \dots + x^n$	$C(n, k)$
$(1+ax)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C(n,k)a^kx^k$ $= 1 + C(n, 1)ax + C(n, 2)a^2x^2 + \dots + a^n x^n$	$C(n, k)a^k$
$(1+x^r)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C(n,k)x^{rk}$ $= 1 + C(n, 1)x^r + C(n, 2)x^{2r} + \dots + x^{rn}$	$C(n, k/r)$ if $r \mid k$ ; 0 otherwise
$\frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x} = \sum_{k=0}^n x^k = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n$	1 if $k \leq n$ ; 0 otherwise
$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$	1
$\frac{1}{1-ax} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^k x^k = 1 + ax + a^2 x^2 + \dots$	$a^k$
$\frac{1}{1-x^r} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{rk} = 1 + x^r + x^{2r} + \dots$	1 if $r \mid k$ ; 0 otherwise
$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)x^k = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots$	$k+1$
$\frac{1}{(1-x)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C(n+k-1, k)x^k$ $= 1 + C(n, 1)x + C(n+1, 2)x^2 + \dots$	$C(n+k-1, k) = C(n+k-1, n-1)$
$\frac{1}{(1+x)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C(n+k-1, k)(-1)^k x^k$ $= 1 - C(n, 1)x + C(n+1, 2)x^2 - \dots$	$(-1)^k C(n+k-1, k) = (-1)^k C(n+k-1, n-1)$
$\frac{1}{(1-ax)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C(n+k-1, k)a^k x^k$ $= 1 + C(n, 1)ax + C(n+1, 2)a^2 x^2 + \dots$	$C(n+k-1, k)a^k = C(n+k-1, n-1)a^k$
$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x^k)}{k!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$	$1/k!$
$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} x^k = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$	$(-1)^{k+1}/k$

Q Find the generating function of the sequence  $0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots$

i.e.,  $a_n = \begin{cases} 0, & n=0,1,2, \\ 1, & n \geq 3 \end{cases}$

Corresponding generating function will be

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 1x^3 + 1x^4 + \dots \\ &= x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \dots \\ &= x^3 [1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots] \end{aligned}$$

$$g(x) = x^3 \left[ \frac{1}{1-x} \right]$$

$$= \frac{x^3}{1-x}$$

Q. Find the generating function of the sequence  
 $1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$  (i.e.)  $a_n = \{(-1)^n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$

Soln

$$g(x) = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \dots$$

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$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+x}$$

Q. Find the generating function for

$$1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots$$

(i.e.)  $a_n = \begin{cases} 1, & n \text{ is even} \\ 0, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Here } f(x) &= 1 + 0x + 1x^2 + 0x^3 + 1x^4 + 0x^5 + \dots \\
 &= (1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + \dots) \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x^2)^n \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - (x^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Q. Find the generating function for the sequence  
 $0, 2, 4, 8, 16, \dots$

$$\text{Here } f(x) = 0 + 2x + 4x^2 + 8x^3 + 16x^4 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= [2x + (2x)^2 + (2x)^3 + \dots] \\
 &= \left[ \frac{1}{1-2x} \right] \text{ is the generating function}
 \end{aligned}$$

**NOTE**

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

NOTE

\* with  $n, r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $n \geq r > 0$ :

$$\boxed{\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! r!}}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}$$

\* If  $n \in \mathbb{R}$ , we use:

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \binom{-n}{r} = \frac{(-n)(-n-1)(-n-2)\dots(-n-r+1)}{r!}$$

$$= (-1)^r \left[ \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+r-1)}{r!} \right]$$

$$\boxed{\binom{-n}{r} = (-1)^r \frac{(n+r-1)!}{(n-1)! r!}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$= (-1)^r \binom{n+r-1}{r}$$

also  $\boxed{\binom{n}{0} = 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{R}}$

$$*(1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}x^k$$

$$*(1-x)^n = \binom{-n}{0} + \binom{-n}{1}x + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-n}{k}x^k$$

$$*\Rightarrow (1+x)^{-n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (n+k-1)!}{(n-1)! k!} x^k$$

$$\begin{aligned}*(1-x)^{-n} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (n+k-1)!}{(n-1)! k!} (-x)^k \\&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+k-1)!}{(n-1)! k!} x^k\end{aligned}$$

thus coefficient of  $x^k$  in  $(1-x)^{-n}$

$$\text{is } \frac{(n+k-1)!}{(n-1)! k!}$$

1 Q Find the coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $(1-2x)^{-7}$

$$(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+k-1)!}{(n-1)! k!} x^k$$

$$\therefore (1-(2x))^{-7} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(7+k-1)!}{(7-1)! k!} (2x)^k$$

Coefficient of  $x^5$  ie when  $\underline{k=5}$

$$\text{Coefficient} \Rightarrow \frac{(7+5-1)!}{(7-1)! 5!} 2^5$$

$$= \left[ \frac{(7+5-1)!}{(7-1)! 5!} \right] (32)$$

$$= \frac{[11!]}{6!5!} (-3)^2$$

$$= 32 \times 11!$$

$$\times \frac{1}{6!5!}$$

$$= 32 \times \frac{7 \times 8 \times 9 \times 10 \times 11}{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5} = 32 \times 7 \times 6 \times 11$$

$$= \underline{\underline{14784}}$$

Q: Determine the coefficient of  $x^{15}$  in

$$(x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots)^4$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) (x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots) &= x^2 [1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots] \\ &= x^2 \left[ \frac{1}{1-x} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots)^4 &= \left[ \frac{x^2}{1-x} \right]^4 \\ &= x^8 [1-x]^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the coefficient of  $x^{15}$  in  
 $x^8 [1-x]^{-4}$  can be obtained by

finding the coeff. of  $x^7$  in the expansion of  $(1-x)^{-4}$

$$(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+k-1)!}{(n-1)! k!} x^k$$

$$(1-x)^{-4} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(4+k-1)!}{(4-1)! k!} x^k$$

$k \rightarrow 7$   
 $n \rightarrow 4$

Coeff. of  $x^k$  is  $\frac{(n+k-1)!}{(n-1)! k!}$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{x-1} \right] x^k =$$

$\therefore$  coefficient of  $x^7$  is  $\frac{(4+7-1)!}{(4-1)! 7!}$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{x-1} \right]^8 x^7 =$$

$$= \frac{[10!]}{3! 7!} = \frac{8 \times 9 \times 10}{1 \times 2 \times 3}$$

cd bimdo addie,  $[x-1]^3 x$

$$= \underline{\underline{120}}$$

### NOTE

$$(1+x+x^2+\dots)^n = \frac{1}{(1-x)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{k} x^k$$

$\therefore$  Coefficient of  $x^k$  is the expansion

$$\text{of } \frac{1}{(1-x)^n} \text{ is } \binom{n+k-1}{k}$$

3Q Determine the coefficient of  $x^8$  in

$$\frac{1}{(x-3)(x-2)^2} = \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x-2} + \frac{C}{(x-2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(x-2)^2 + B(x-3)(x-2) + C(x-3)$$

Put.  $x=2$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 0 + 0 + C(-1) \Rightarrow C = \underline{\underline{-1}}$$

Put.  $x=3$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(3-2)^2 + 0 + 0 \Rightarrow A = \underline{\underline{1}}$$

Put  $x = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(-2)^2 + B(-3)(-2) + C(-3)$$

$$\cancel{1} = \cancel{4} + 6B + 3 \quad \begin{matrix} A=1 \\ C=-1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6B = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{(x-3)(x-2)^2} = \frac{1}{x-3} - \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{1}{(x-2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{3-x} + \frac{1}{2-x} - \frac{1}{(2-x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{3\left[1-\frac{x}{3}\right]} + \frac{1}{2\left[1-\frac{x}{2}\right]} - \frac{1}{2^2\left[1-\frac{x}{2}\right]^2}$$

$$\text{We know } \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$= \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)\left[\frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{3}}\right] + \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{2}}\right] - \frac{1}{4}\left[\frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{2}}\right]^2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^k + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^k - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2+k-1)!}{(k+1)k!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^k$$

$\therefore$  coeff. of  $x^8$  will be.

$\frac{-1}{3} \left[ \text{coeff. of } x^8 \text{ is the expansion of } \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^k \right]$

$+ \frac{1}{2} \left[ \text{coeff. } x^8 \text{ is } \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^k \right] - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \text{coeff. of } x^8 \text{ is } \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k+1)!}{k!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^k \right]$

$x^8$  is  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k+1)!}{k!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^k$

$k=8$

$$= \frac{-1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{3^8} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2^8} \right] - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{(8+1)!}{8!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{3^9} + \frac{1}{2^9} - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{9}{2^8} \right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{3^9} + \frac{1 \times 2}{2^9 \times 2} - \frac{9}{2^{10}}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{3^9} - \frac{7}{2^{10}}$$

4. Determine the constant (ie; coefficient of  $x^0$ ) in  $(4x^3 - \frac{5}{x})^{16}$

We have the result

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

i.e; coefficient of  $x^k$  is  $\binom{n}{k} y^{n-k}$

$$\left(4x^3 - \frac{15}{x}\right)^{16} = \sum_{k=0}^{16} \binom{16}{k} (4x^3)^k \left(\frac{-5}{x}\right)^{16-k}$$

i.e. Coeff. of  $x^0$  means

$$\text{here } 3k - (16-k) = 0$$

Since  
here  $\sum_{k=0}^{16} \binom{16}{k} 4^k x^{3k} (-5)^{16-k} x^{-(16-k)}$

$$\text{i.e. } 3k - 16 + k = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 4k - 16 = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{-5}{x}\right)^k = 4$$

When  $k=4$  we get the coeff. of  $x^0$

Thus coeff. of  $x^0$

$$= \binom{16}{4} 4^4 (-5)^{16-4}$$

$$= \frac{16!}{12! 4!} \times \underline{\underline{4^4 \times (-5)^{12}}}$$

5 Find the coefficient of  $x^{60}$  in

$$(x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + \dots)^7.$$

$$x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + \dots = x^8 [1 + x + x^2 + \dots]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore [x^8 + x^9 + \dots]^7 &= [x^8 [1 + x + x^2 + \dots]]^7 \\ &= x^{56} \left[ \frac{1}{1-x} \right]^7\end{aligned}$$

$$= x^{56} \left[ (1-x)^{-7} \right]$$

We need the coefficient of  $x^{60}$ .

Now, Coefficient of  $x^4$  in  $(1-x)^{-7}$

Coefficient of  $x^k$  in the expansion

$$\text{of } (1+x)^{-n} \text{ is } \frac{(n+k-1)!}{(n-1)! k!}$$

$$\text{Here } n=7, k=4$$

$$\text{Coefficient is } \frac{(7+4-1)!}{(7-1)! 4!} = \frac{10!}{6! 4!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{7 \times 8 \times 9^3 \times 10}{(x^8 + x^9 + \dots)^7} \\
 &= \frac{210}{\cancel{(x^8 + x^9 + \dots)^7}}
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ coeff. of  $x^{60}$  is  $(x^8 + x^9 + \dots)^7$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c}
 x^8 & 210 \\
 \hline
 x - 1 & 
 \end{array} \right]$$

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Find the sequence generated by

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$= x \left[ \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \right]$$

$$= x \left[ (1-x)^{-2} \right]$$

$$= x \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2+k-1)!}{(2-1)! k!} x^k \right]$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k+1)!}{k!} x^{k+1}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)x^{k+1}$$

$$= 1 \cdot x + 2 \cdot x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots$$

$\therefore$  Corresponding sequence is  $0, 1, 3, 3, \dots$

10 Find the sequence generated by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3-x}$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3-x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3 \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{3} \right]}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{x}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{x}{3} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{x}{3} \right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} x + \frac{1}{3^3} x^2 + \dots$$

$\therefore$  Corresponding sequence is  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3^2}, \frac{1}{3^3}, \dots$

II. Obtain the generating sequence of

Ans

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{1-x^2}$$

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$$= x^3 \left[ \frac{1}{1-x^2} \right]$$

$$= x^3 \left[ 1 + (x^2) + (x^2)^2 + (x^2)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= x^3 + x^5 + x^7 + x^9 + \dots$$

∴ Sequence is 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, ...

8. Determine the sequence generated by  
the function  $f_j(x) = \frac{2}{1-4x^2}$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{1-4x^2}$$

$$= \frac{2}{(1-2x)(1+2x)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{(1-2x)(1+2x)}$$

$$\frac{3}{(1-2x)(1+2x)} = \frac{A}{1-2x} + \frac{B}{1+2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = A(1+2x) + B(1-2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{put } x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2 = A(0) + B\left[1 - (2)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= B[1+1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{B = 1}}$$

$$\text{put } x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = A[1+1] + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A = 1}}$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-2x)} + \frac{1}{(1+2x)}$$

$$= \left[1 + (2x) + (2x)^2 + (2x)^3 + \dots\right] + \left[1 - (2x) + (2x)^2 - \dots\right]$$

$$= 2 + 2(2x)^2 + 2(2x)^4 + \dots$$

$$= 2 [1 + (2x)^2 + (2x)^4 + \dots]$$

$$= 2 + 2^3 x^2 + 2^5 x^4 + 2^7 x^6 + \dots$$

Corresponding sequence  $a_0 = 2$

$$a_1 = 0$$

$$a_2 = 2^3$$

$$a_3 = 0$$

$$a_4 = 2^5$$

$$\{2, 0, 2^3, 0, 2^5, 0, \dots\}$$

- \* Show that  $(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  generates the sequence  $\binom{2n}{n}$
- 9 Determine the sequence generated by  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

We know

$$(1+x)^{-n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-n}{k} x^k$$

$$(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{k} (-4x)^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{k} (-4)^k x^k$$

Now coefficient of  $x^k$  will be  $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{k \text{ terms}}$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \binom{k}{k} (-4)^k = \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2}-1)(-\frac{1}{2}-2)\dots(-\frac{1}{2}-k+1)}{(-4)^k} k!$$

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Thus  $e^x$  is the exponential generating function of the sequence 1, 1, 1, ...

#### NOTE

$e^x$  is the generating function of the sequence 1, 1,  $\frac{1}{2!}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3!}$ , ...

\* 
$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

\* 
$$e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

are the MacLaurin series expansion of  $e^x$  and  $e^{-x}$  respectively

$$* e^x + e^{-x} = \left[ 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right] +$$

$$\left[ 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= 2 + 2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + 2 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$= 2 \left[ 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \right]$$

Thus

$$\boxed{\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots}$$

$$\text{Also } e^x - e^{-x} = \left[ 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots \right] - \left[ 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \dots \right]$$

$$\dots + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$= 2x + 2 \frac{x^3}{3!} + 2 \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$\boxed{\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots}$$

Q. Determine the exponential generating function  
of the sequence a) 1, -1, 1, -1, ...

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + a_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$= \underline{\underline{e^{-x}}}$$

b) 1, 2,  $2^2$ ,  $2^3$ , ...

$$f(x) = 1 + 2x + 2^2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + 2^3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + (2x) + \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= \underline{\underline{e^{2x}}}$$

c) 1, -a,  $a^2$ ,  $-a^3$ ,  $a^4$ , ...,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = 1 - ax + \frac{a^2 x^2}{2!} - \frac{a^3 x^3}{3!} + \frac{a^4 x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$= 1 + (-ax) + \frac{(-ax)^2}{2!} + \frac{(-ax)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= e^{-ax}$$

d)  $1, a^2, a^4, a^6, \dots, a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = 1 + a^2x + a^4 \frac{x^2}{2!} + a^6 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

**Ktunotes**

$$= 1 + (a^2x) + \frac{(a^2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(a^2x)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= e^{a^2x}$$

e)  $a, a^3, a^5, a^7, \dots, a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = a + a^3x + a^5 \frac{x^2}{2!} + a^7 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= a \left[ 1 + a^2x + \frac{a^4x^2}{2!} + a^6 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= a \left[ 1 + (a^2x) + \frac{(a^2x)^2}{2!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= a e^{a^2 x}$$

f)  $0, 1, 2(2), 3(2^2), 4(2^3), \dots$

$$f(x) = 0 + x + 2(2) \frac{x^2}{2!} + 3(2^2) \frac{x^3}{3!} + 4(2^3) \frac{x^4}{4!}$$

$\dots$

$$= x \left[ 1 + \frac{(2^2)x}{2!} + 3(2^2) \frac{x^2}{3!} + 4(2^3) \frac{x^3}{4!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= x \left[ 1 + 2x + \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= x e^{2x}$$

II Determine the sequence generated by each of the following exponential generating functions.

1.  $f(x) = 5e^{5x}$

$$= 5 \left[ 1 + (5x) + \frac{(5x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(5x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(5x)^4}{4!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= 5 + 5^2 x + 5^3 \frac{x^2}{2!} + 5^4 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

Corresponding Sequence  $5, 5^2, 5^3, \dots$

$$2. f(x) = 7e^{8x} - 4e^{3x}$$

$$= 7 \left[ 1 + (8x) + \frac{(8x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(8x)^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$- 4 \left[ 1 + (3x) + \frac{(3x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(3x)^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \left[ 7 + 7(8)x + 7(8^2) \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots \right]$$

$$+ \left[ -4 + (-4)3x + (-4)3^2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots \right]$$

Corresponding sequence

$$(7-4), 7(8)-4(3), 7(8^2)-4(3^2), 7(8^3)-4(3^3)$$

$$= 3, 44, 412, 3476, \dots$$

$$3. f(x) = 2e^x + 3x^2$$

$$= 2 \left[ 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right] + 3x^2$$

$$= 2 + 2x + \left( 2 + (3) \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{2x^3}{3!} + \dots \right)$$

$\therefore$  corresponds to sequence

$$2, 2, 5, 2, \dots$$

$$4. f(x) = e^{3x} - 28x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x$$

$$= \left( 1 + (3x) + \frac{(3x)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) - 28x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x$$

$$= 1 + (3+9)x + \left[ \frac{3^2}{2!} - 6 \right] x^2 + \left( \frac{3^3}{3!} - 28 \right) x^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 12x + \left( \frac{3^2 - 6(2!)}{2!} \right) x^2 + \left( \frac{27 - 28(3!)}{3!} \right) x^3 +$$

$$\frac{(3x)^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 12x + [9 - 12] \frac{x^2}{2!} + \left[ 27 - 168 \right] \frac{x^3}{3!} + 3^4 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

Sequence is  $1, 12, -3, 74, 1, 3^4, 3^5, \dots$

## Recurrence Relation.

Consider a sequence of numbers  
 $5, 15, 45, 135, \dots$

Let  $a_0 = 5$

$$a_1 = 15 = 3 \times 5$$

$$a_3 = 45 = 3 \times 15$$

$$a_4 = 135 = 3 \times 45$$

⋮

Generally  $a_{n+1} = 3a_n$  defines a recurrence relation. Thus we can calculate the value of  $a_n$  from  $a_{n-1}$ , value of  $a_{n-1}$  using  $a_{n-2}$  and so on. Provided that the value of the function at one or more points are given. Those given points are called boundary points.

Example: Consider the Fibonacci sequence of numbers.

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...

i.e; Sequence with  $q_0 = 1$   
 $q_1 = 1$

(boundary conditions)

Generally we can write the relation

$$a_s = q_{s-1} + q_{s-2} \quad s \geq 2$$

$$\text{with } q_0 = 1 \text{ & } q_1 = 1$$

Linear Recurrence Relation with  
Constant Coefficients.

First Order linear recurrence relation  
with constant coefficients  
(Homogeneous)

\* The general first order

linear recurrence relation with constant

Coefficients has the form

$$a_{n+1} + c a_n = f(n), \quad n \geq 0$$

where  $c$  is a constant and

$f(n)$  is a function on the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of non negative integers.

\* When  $f(n) = 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

the selection is called homogeneous

\* Otherwise it is called Non Homogeneous

\*  $a_{n+1} + c a_n = f(n)$  is called a sequence selection of 1st order, since the value of  $a_{n+1}$  depends only on its immediate predecessor.

First Order Homogeneous Sequence Selection with constant coefficient.

The unique solution of the sequence selection  $a_{n+1} = d a_n$  where  $d$  is a const-coef &  $a_0 = A$

+ is given by  $a_n = Ad^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$

Thus the solution  $a_n = Ad^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$  defines  
a discrete function whose domain is the  
set of all non negative integers.

1. Solve the sequence relation

$$a_n = 7a_{n-1} \text{ where } n \geq 1, a_2 = 98$$

Soln

$$\text{Given } a_n = 7a_{n-1}, n \geq 1, a_2 = 98$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} = 7a_n, n \geq 0, a_2 = 98$$

Then here  $d = 7$

$$a_2 = 98$$

Let  $n=1$  in

①

$$\Rightarrow 7a_1 = 98 \quad \text{Using } ①$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \frac{98}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7a_0 = 98 \quad n=0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = \frac{98}{7^2} \\ = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

Thus  $d=7$  and  $a_0=2=A$   
unique

Thus the solution of the given sequence  
selection is  $a_n = Ad^n$

$$a_n = 2(7)^n, n \geq 0$$

i.e., 2, 14, 98, 686, ... is the solution

Q. Find a unique solution for the sequence

selection  $a_{n+1} - (3)a_n = 0, n \geq 0, a_0 = 5$

Soln Given  $a_{n+1} - (3)a_n = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} = (3)a_n, n \geq 0, a_0 = 5$$

Here  $d = 3 A = 5$

∴ Unique solution is given by

$$a_n = 5(3^n), n \geq 0$$

i.e; 5, 15, 45, 135, ... is the solution

3. Solve  $a_{n+1} = 3a_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$  &  $a_1 = 21$

Here  $a_1 = 21$

$$\Rightarrow 3a_0 = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = \frac{21}{3} = 7$$

$$\text{i.e. } A = 7$$

$$d = 3$$

$\therefore$  Unique solution is given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= A d^n \\ &= 7(3^n), n \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

i.e., 7, 21, 63, ... is the unique sol

4. Find the solution of

$$a_{n+1} - 1.5 a_n = 0, n \geq 0$$

Let  $a_0 = A$

here  $d = 1.5$

∴ Solution is given by

$$a_n = A d^n$$

$$= \underline{A(1.5)^n} \quad \text{is the solution}$$

$$n > 0$$

5. Find the unique solution of

$$3a_{n+1} - 4a_n = 0 \quad n > 0, \quad a_1 = 5$$

Soln  $3a_{n+1} - 4a_n = 0$

$$3a_{n+1} = 4a_n$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{4}{3} a_n \quad n > 0$$

$$n=0 \Rightarrow a_1 = \frac{4}{3} a_0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = \frac{3}{4} a_1$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} (5) = \frac{15}{4}$$

Unique solution is given by

$$A = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$d = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$a_n = A d^n$$

$$= 15 \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n, \quad n > 0$$

(Q) find a sequence selection with initial  
conditions that uniquely determines each  
of the following sequences that begin

with the given terms

a)  $3, 7, 11, 15, 19, \dots$

Here  $a_0 = 3$

$$a_1 = 7 = 3 + 4 = a_0 + 4$$

$$a_2 = 11 = 7 + 4 = a_1 + 4$$

$$a_3 = 15 = 11 + 4 = a_2 + 4$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + 4, n \geq 0$$

is the recurrence relation

b)  $8, \frac{24}{7}, \frac{72}{49}, \frac{216}{343}, \dots$

Here  $a_0 = 8$

$$a_1 = \frac{24}{7} = \frac{3}{7}(8) = \frac{3}{7}a_0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{72}{49} = \frac{3}{7} \left[ \frac{24}{7} \right] = \frac{3}{7} a_1$$

$$\therefore \text{Then } a_{n+1} = \frac{3}{7} a_n, n \geq 0.$$

Q: Find the unique solution of the recurrence relation.  $6a_n - 7a_{n-1} = 0, n \geq 1$

$$\text{And } a_3 = 343.$$

$$6a_n - 7a_{n-1} = 0 \quad n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 6a_{n+1} - 7a_n = 0, n \geq 0.$$

$$6a_{n+1} = 7a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} = \frac{7}{6} a_n$$

$$\text{here } d = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$a_3 = 343$$

$$\text{ie; } \frac{7}{6} a_2 = 343$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{7}{6}\right) \left(\frac{7}{6} a_1\right) = 343$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^3 a_0 = 343$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = 343 \times \frac{6^3}{7^3}$$

$$= 6^3 = 216$$

(e)  $A = 216$

$$d = \frac{7}{6}$$

∴ Unique solution is  $a_n = A \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 216 \cdot \left[\frac{7}{6}\right]^n, n \geq 0$$

- Q: A person invests Rs 100,000 at 12% interest compounded monthly
- ↪ find the amounts at the end of 1st, 2nd and 3rd years
- ↪ write the general explicit formula

c) How long will it take to double the investment.

Let  $a_n$  denote the amount at the end of  $n$  years.

$$\text{Then } a_n = a_{n-1} + (0.12)a_{n-1}$$

$$a_n = 1.12 a_{n-1} \quad n \geq 1$$

where  $a_{n-1}(0.12)$  is the interest received

g).  $a_0 = 100,000$

$$a_1 = a_0 + (0.12)a_0$$

$$= 100,000 + (0.12)100,000$$

$$= (1.12)(100,000)$$

$$= 112,000$$

$$a_2 = 1.12(a_1)$$

$$= 1.12(112,000)$$

$$= 125,440$$

$$a_3 = a_2(1.12)$$

$$= 140,492.8$$

The amounts at the end of  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year are given  
by  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  and  $a_3$  respectively

5)

$$a_n = (1.12) a_{n-1}$$

$$a_{n-1} = (1.12) a_{n-2}$$

$$a_{n-2} = (1.12) a_{n-3}$$

:

$$a_3 = (1.12) a_2$$

$$a_2 = (1.12) a_1$$

$$a_1 = (1.12) a_0$$

} in terms

Thus  $a_n = (1.12)(1.12) \dots (1.12) a_0$

$a_n = (1.12)^n a_0$  is the

general solution

$$c) a_0 = 100,000$$

$$\text{Let } a_n = 2(100,000) = 200,000$$

i.e; Let the amount will double  
in  $n$  years, we need to  
find  $n$ .

$$\text{Thus } a_n = (1.12)^n a_0$$

$$\Rightarrow 200,000 = (1.12)^n 100,000$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = (1.12)^n$$

$$\ln 2 = \ln (1.12)^n$$

$$\ln 2 = n \ln (1.12)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln (1.12)}$$

$$= 6.116$$

$$= \underline{6.12 \text{ years}}$$

Q: solve  $a_n = n \cdot a_{n-1}$ , where  $n \geq 1$ .  
and  $a_0 = 1$ .

Sol. Thus  $a_n = n \cdot a_{n-1}$ ,  $n \geq 1$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} = (n+1) a_n, \quad n \geq 0$$

here  $d = (n+1)$ , a variable

$a_0 = 1 = A$  not a constant

~~Thus unique solution~~

$$\begin{aligned} \text{is } a_n &= A(d^n) \\ &= (n+1)^n \end{aligned}$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 1 \cdot a_0 = 1 = 1!$$

$$a_2 = 2 \cdot a_1 = 2 = 2!$$

$$a_3 = 3 \cdot a_2 = 6 = 3!$$

$$a_4 = 4 \cdot a_3 = 24 = 4!$$

Thus  $a_n = n!$   $n \geq 0$  is the  
unique solution

Q: find  $a_{12}$ , if  $a_{n+1}^2 = 5 a_n^2$  where  
 $a_n > 0$  for  $n \geq 0$  and  $a_0 = 2$

Here  $a_{n+1}^2 = 5 a_n^2$  is not linear

but let  $\boxed{a_n^2 = b_n}$  then ①

$\Rightarrow b_{n+1} = 5 b_n$  which is a linear

homogeneous recurrence relation

Here  $d = 5$ .

$$b_0 = A = a_0^2 = 4$$

Thus unique solution of  
 $b_{n+1} = 5 b_n$  is given by

$$b_n = A(d^n)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = 4(5)^n, n \geq 0$$

$$\text{Thus } a_n^2 = 4(5)^n$$

Taking square root on both sides

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 2(\sqrt{5})^n \quad n > 0$$

$$\text{Thus } a_{12} = 2(\sqrt{5})^{12}$$

$$= 31,250$$

Q: A bank pays 6% (annual) interest on savings / compounding the interest monthly. If Bonnie deposits 1000/- on the first day of May. How much will this deposit be worth a year later?

Annual interest = 6%

$$\therefore \text{monthly interest} = \frac{6\%}{12}$$

$$= 0.5\%$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.005}}$$

For  $0 \leq n \leq 12$ , let  $P_n$  denote the value of Bonnie's deposit at the end of  $n$  months.

$$\text{Then } P_{n+1} = P_n + 0.005 P_n$$

where  $0.005 P_n$  is the interest earned on  $P_n$  during the  $(n+1)^{th}$  month for  $0 \leq n \leq 11$ .

$$\text{Now } P_0 = 1000$$

$$P_{n+1} = (1.005) P_n \quad n \geq 0$$

$$\text{Thus here } A = 1000$$

$$d = 1.005$$

$\therefore$  Unique solution

$$P_n = A(d)^n$$

$$= (1000)(1.005)^n, \quad n \geq 0$$

Consequently, at the end of one year.

$$\text{ie; } P_{12} = 1000(1.005)^{12}$$

$$= 1061.6778 \text{ Rs}$$

~~b/w~~ solve  $4q_n - 5q_{n-1} = 0$ ,  $n \geq 1$

$$2q_n - 3q_{n-1} = 0 \quad n \geq 1 \quad q_4 = 8$$

Second order linear sequence

Selection with const. coefficients.

(Homogeneous)

General form of a second order  
linear homogeneous sequence selection  
with constant coefficients is given by

$$c_0 a_n + c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} = 0, n \geq 2$$

→ ①

Step 1 Substitute  $a_n = cr^n$   $c \neq 0, r \neq 0$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow C_0 cr^n + C_1 cr^{n-1} + C_2 cr^{n-2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_0 r^n + C_1 r^{n-1} + C_2 r^{n-2} = 0$$

divide L.H.S by smallest power of  $r$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{C_0 r^n + C_1 r^{n-1} + C_2 r^{n-2}}{r^{n-2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_0 r^2 + C_1 r + C_2 = 0 \quad \text{is } *$$

Called the characteristic equation

of  $\textcircled{1}$ , which is a quadratic equation let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  be the roots of \*

Now the solution of  $\textcircled{1}$  depends on the nature of  $r_1$  and  $r_2$

## Case I [Distinct and real roots]

If  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are distinct real roots then the corresponding solution is given by

$$a_n = C_1 \lambda_1^n + C_2 \lambda_2^n$$

Now using the given boundary conditions find  $C_1$  and  $C_2$

- Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_n + a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0 \text{ where}$$

$$n \geq 2 \quad a_0 = -1 \quad a_1 = 8$$

Soln

$$a_n + a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0$$

Corresponding characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^n + \lambda^{n-1} - 6\lambda^{n-2} = 0$$

divide throughout by least power of  $\lambda$

$$x^2 + x - 6 = 0$$

which is a quadratic equation

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - (4)(1)(-6)}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{25}}{2}$$

$$(x_1 + x_2) = \frac{-1 \pm 5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -3 \text{ and } x_2 = 2$$

i.e. real and distinct roots

∴ general solution

$$a_n = c_1 x_1^n + c_2 x_2^n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = c_1 (-3)^n + c_2 (2)^n \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now using the boundary conditions

$$a_0 = -1 \text{ and } a_1 = 8$$

find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$

$$\text{Consider } a_0 = -1$$

$$\text{i.e. put } n=0 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$q_0 = c_1 (-3)^0 + c_2 (2)^0$$

$$-1 = c_1 + c_2 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Put.  $n=1$  in ①  $c_1 = 8$

$$q_1 = c_1 (-3)^1 + c_2 (2)^1$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 = -3c_1 + 2c_2 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

Solve equations ② & ③

$$\textcircled{3} \times -3 \Rightarrow 3 = -3c_1 - 3c_2$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow 8 = -3c_1 + 2c_2$$

$$\hline -5 = 0 - 5c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{c_2 = 1}}$$

$$\text{From } \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + 1 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = -2$$

: The required solution is

$$a_n = c_1(-3)^n + c_2(2)^n$$

$$= -2(-3)^n + (2)^n, n \geq 0$$

which is the unique solution of the  
gives recurrence relation

2. Solve the recurrence relation

$$f_{n+2} = f_{n+1} + f_n \text{ where } n \geq 0 \text{ and}$$

$$f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1$$

Sol  $f_{n+2} = f_{n+1} + f_n$

Corresponding characteristic equation will

$$\text{be } \Rightarrow r^{n+2} = r^{n+1} + r^n$$

divide throughout by  $r^n$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = r + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - r - 1 = 0 \text{ is the characteristic eqn}$$

$$\therefore r = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - (4)(1)(-1)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$s_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad s_2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

are real and distinct roots

$\therefore$  general solution is given by

$$f_n = c_1(s_1)^n + c_2(s_2)^n$$

$$f_n = c_1 \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^n + c_2 \left[ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^n \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$n \geq 0$$

$$f_0 = 0$$

$$\text{put } n=0 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$f_0 = c_1 \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^0 + c_2 \left[ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = c_1 + c_2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$F_1 = 1 \quad \text{put } n=1 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_1 = c_1 \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right] + c_2 \left[ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{c_1(1+\sqrt{5}) + c_2(1-\sqrt{5})}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = c_1(1+\sqrt{5}) + c_2(1-\sqrt{5}) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Solving eqns (2) & (3) we get

$$(2) \times (1+\sqrt{5}) \Rightarrow c_1(1+\sqrt{5}) + c_2(1+\sqrt{5}) = 0$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow c_1(1+\sqrt{5}) + c_2(1-\sqrt{5}) = 2$$

$$0 + c_2 \left[ (1+\sqrt{5}) - (1-\sqrt{5}) \right] = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{5} c_2 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\text{Now } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = -c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Thus the unique solution of the given sequence relation is

$$f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^n$$

Q. Solve  $a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2}$ ,  $n \geq 2$

$$a_0 = 1 \text{ and } a_1 = 0$$

$$a_n = c_1 2^n + c_2 3^n$$

$$c_2 = -2 \quad \& \quad c_1 = 3$$

3. Solve  $a_n = 10a_{n-1} + 29a_{n-2}$ ,  $n \geq 2$

$a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = 10$

Sol.  $a_n = 10a_{n-1} + 29a_{n-2}$

Ch. eqn

$$s^n = 10s^{n-1} + 29s^{n-2}$$

divide throughout by  $s^{n-2}$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 - 10s - 29 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}s &= \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - (4)(-29)}}{2} = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100+116}}{2} \\&= \frac{10 \pm 6\sqrt{6}}{2} = \underline{\underline{5 \pm 3\sqrt{6}}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2(216) \\ - 2(108) \\ \hline 2(54) \\ - 2(27) \\ \hline 3(9) \\ - 3(3) \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$$

$$\vartheta_1 = 5 + 3\sqrt{6} \quad \vartheta_2 = 5 - 3\sqrt{6}$$

Soln  $a_n = c_1(5+3\sqrt{6})^n + c_2(5-3\sqrt{6})^n \quad \text{--- } ①$

$$a_0 = 0 \quad n=0 \text{ in } ①$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- } ②$$

$$a_1 = 10 \quad n=1 \text{ in } ①$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1(5+3\sqrt{6}) + c_2(5-3\sqrt{6}) = 10 \quad \text{--- } ③$$

$$③(5+3\sqrt{6}) \Rightarrow (5+3\sqrt{6})c_1 + (5+3\sqrt{6})c_2 = 0$$

$$(5+3\sqrt{6})c_1 + (5-3\sqrt{6})c_2 = 10$$

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$$0 + (\cancel{5+3\sqrt{6}} - \cancel{5+3\sqrt{6}})c_2 = -10$$

$$\Rightarrow 6\sqrt{6} c_2 = -10$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{-10}{6\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \frac{-5}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\text{Now } ③ \Rightarrow c_1 = -c_2 \\ = \frac{5}{3\sqrt{6}}$$

Thus unique solution is given by

$$a_n = \frac{5}{3\sqrt{6}} (5+3\sqrt{6})^n - \frac{5}{3\sqrt{6}} (5-3\sqrt{6})^n \quad n \geq 0$$


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4. Solve  $P_n = 2P_{n-2}$   $n \geq 3$ ,  $P_1 = 1$  and  
 $P_2 = 2$

Sol:  $P_n - 2P_{n-2} = 0$

Ch. eqn.  $r^n - 2r^{n-2} = 0$

$\Rightarrow r^2 - 2 = 0$  is the characteristic eqn

$$r^2 = 2 \\ r = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$r_1 = \sqrt{2} \quad \text{and} \quad r_2 = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore P_n = c_1(\sqrt{2})^n + c_2(-\sqrt{2})^n \quad n \geq 0$$

(1)

Now  $P_1 = 1 \quad n=1$  in (1)

$$\Rightarrow c_1\sqrt{2} + c_2(-\sqrt{2}) = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{2}c_1 - \sqrt{2}c_2 = 1 \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

also  $P_2 = 2 \quad n=2$  in (1)

$$2 = c_1(\sqrt{2})^2 + c_2(-\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2c_1 + 2c_2 = 2$$

$$\rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 1 \quad \dots \quad (3)$$

Solving (2) & (3)

$$(3) \times \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}c_1 + \sqrt{2}c_2 = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \rightarrow \sqrt{2}c_1 - \sqrt{2}c_2 &= 1 \\ \hline \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{2}c_1 + 0 = (\sqrt{2} + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \underline{\underline{\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}}{}}}$$

$$③ \Rightarrow c_2 = 1 - c_1$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} - \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}}}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}}{}}}$$

Thus  $P_n = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right) (\sqrt{2})^n + \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right] (\sqrt{2})^n$

where  $n \geq 0$  is the

unique solution

Now solve  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$ ,  $n \geq 3$

$$a_1 = 2 \text{ and } a_2 = 3$$

How to solve the recurrence relation

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$$2a_n = 7a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2}, a_0 = 2$$

and  $a_1 = 5$

So;

$$\lambda_1 = 3 \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{8}{5} \quad c_2 = \frac{3}{5}$$

## Case II [Complex roots]

De Moivre's Theorem

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta, n \geq 0$$

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Let  $\alpha_1 = x+iy$  and  $\alpha_2 = x-iy$

then the general solution will be of

the form  $a_n = c_1(x+iy)^n + c_2(x-iy)^n$

where  $n \geq 0$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  can be obtained using the given boundary conditions

\* If  $z = x + iy$ , then it can be expressed as

$$z = r [\cos \theta + i \sin \theta] \text{ where}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\text{and } r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

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if

$z = y_i$  form then it can be  
expressed as

$$z = y_i \left[ \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$= y \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

1. Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_n = 2(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \quad n \geq 2, a_0 = 1$$

and  $a_1 = 2$ , final answer should not involve complex numbers.

Sol  
Here  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2}$

$$\Rightarrow r^n = 2r^{n-1} - 2r^{n-2}$$

divide throughout by  $r^{n-2}$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = 2r - 2$$

$x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$  is the characteristic equation

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - (4 \times 2)}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2}$$
$$= \frac{2 \pm 2i}{2}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1+i \quad \lambda_2 = 1-i$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1+i \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = 1-i$$

General solution is given by

$$a_n = C_1(1+i)^n + C_2(1-i)^n - \textcircled{1}$$

$$1+i \Rightarrow x=1, y=1 \xrightarrow{1+i} \Rightarrow (1,1)$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \tan^{-1}(1) = \underline{\underline{\frac{\pi}{4}}}$$

$$\therefore x+iy = r [\cos \theta + i \sin \theta]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+i = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{2} \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right]}}$$

$$1-i \Rightarrow x=1, y=-1 \xrightarrow{1-i} \Rightarrow (1,-1)$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \tan^{-1}(-1) \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\underline{1-i \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \left[ \cos \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right]}}$$

Now,

$$1+i = \sqrt{2} \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$$

$$1-i = \sqrt{2} \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$$

Thus,

$$a_n = c_1 (1+i)^n + c_2 (1-i)^n$$

$$= c_1 \left[ \sqrt{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right]^n +$$

$$c_2 \left[ \sqrt{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right]^n$$

Using De Moivre's Theorem

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$$

$$= c_1 \left[ (\sqrt{2})^n \left( \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right) \right] +$$

$$c_2 \left[ (\sqrt{2})^n \left( \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[ c_1 \left[ (\sqrt{2})^n \right] \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + c_2 (\sqrt{2})^n \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} \right] \\
 &\quad + \left[ c_1 i (\sqrt{2})^n \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} + c_2 (-i) \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right] \\
 &= (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ (c_1 + c_2) \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + (c_1 - c_2)i \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } k_1 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$k_2 = (c_1 - c_2)i$$

$$\therefore a_n = (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ k_1 \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + k_2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now, } a_0 = 1 \quad \text{and } a_1 = 2$$

$$\text{Put } n=0 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (\sqrt{2})^0 \left[ k_1 \cos 0 + k_2 \sin 0 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 = 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Put } n=1 \text{ in (1)}$$

$$a_1 = (\sqrt{2})^1 \left[ k_1 \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + k_2 \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$$

$$2 = \sqrt{2} \left[ k_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + k_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 + k_2 = 2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + k_2 = 2 \quad (\text{using 2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{k_2 = 1}$$

Thus the unique solution of the given sequence relation is

$$a_n = (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ \cos \left( \frac{n\pi}{4} \right) + \sin \left( \frac{n\pi}{4} \right) \right]$$

$$n \geq 0$$

2 Solve  $a_{n+2} + a_n = 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$

$$a_0 = 0 \quad a_1 = ? \quad \text{find}$$

Answer should not involve complex numbers?

$$a_{n+2} + a_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s^{n+2} + s^n = 0$$

divide throughout by  $s^n$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 + 1 = 0 \text{ is the characteristic equation}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-0 \pm \sqrt{0 - (4)(1)}(1)}{2} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{\pm 2i}{2}$$

$$\lambda_1 = i \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = -i \\ (0, 1) \qquad \qquad \qquad (0, -1)$$

∴ general solution is given by

$$a_n = c_1 \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ i \end{array} \right]^n + c_2 \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -i \end{array} \right]^n$$

$$y_i = y_i \left[ \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

Now

$$i = i \left[ \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$= \left[ c_1 \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$( ; i )^n = \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right]^n$$

Similarly

$$\begin{bmatrix} & -i \end{bmatrix}^n = \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right]^n$$

Thus

$$a_n = c_1 \left[ \left( \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \right] +$$

$$c_2 \left[ \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right] \right]$$

$$= \left[ (c_1 + c_2) \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + (c_1 - c_2) i \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right]$$

Let  $k_1 = c_1 + c_2$

$k_2 = (c_1 - c_2)i$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \left[ k_1 \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + k_2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right] \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Now  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = 3$

put  $n=0$  in ①

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \left[ k_1 \cos 0 + k_2 \sin 0 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 = 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Put.  $n=1$  in ①

$$a_1 = \left[ k_1 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + k_2 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$3 = [0 + k_2]$$

$$\Rightarrow k_2 = 3.$$

$$k_2 = 3$$

$$\therefore a_n = \left[ 3 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right], n \geq 0$$

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$$\text{Solve } a_n + 2a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} = 0$$

for

$$n \geq 2, a_0 = 1, a_1 = 3$$

$$r^n + 2r^{n-1} + 2r^{n-2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - (4)(1)(2)}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$= -1 \pm i$$

$$-1+i \rightarrow x = -1 \quad y = 1$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \tan^{-1}(-1) = -\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

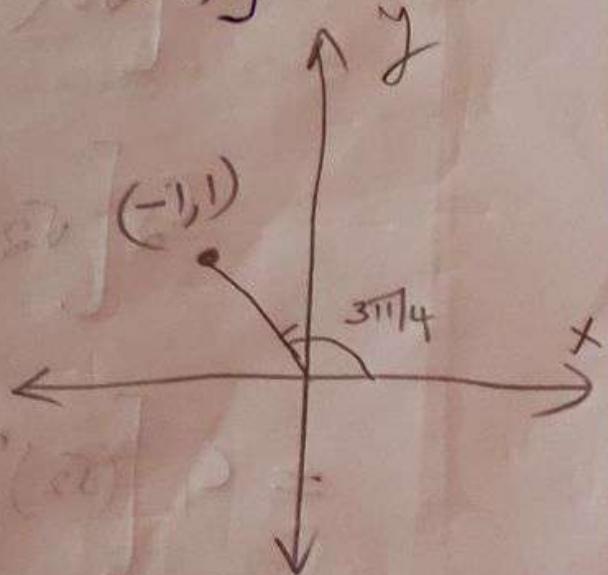
here  $-1+i$  is a point on second quadrant

$$-1+i \Rightarrow r[\cos\theta + i\sin\theta]$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) \right]$$

$z = x+iy$  corresponds to the point  $(x, y)$  in the  $x-y$  plane.



$$\tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -1$$

Now,

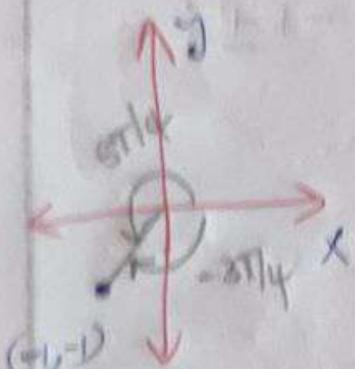
$$-1-i \rightarrow x = -1 \quad y = -1$$

(-1,-1)

$$r = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \tan^{-1}(1)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, -\frac{3\pi}{4}$$



$$= \left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\therefore q_n = C_1 q_1^n + C_2 q_2^n$$

$$= C_1 \left[ \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right) \right]^n +$$

$$C_2 \left[ \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \left( -\frac{3\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left( -\frac{3\pi}{4} \right) \right) \right]^n$$

$$= C_1 \left[ (\sqrt{2})^n \left( \cos \frac{3n\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3n\pi}{4} \right) \right] +$$

$$(\sqrt{2})^n \left[ \cos \left( \frac{3n\pi}{4} \right) - i \sin \left( \frac{3n\pi}{4} \right) \right]$$

$$a_n = (\sqrt{2}) \left[ (c_1 + c_2) \cos \frac{3n\pi}{4} + (c_1 - c_2) i \sin \frac{3n\pi}{4} \right]$$

$n \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ k_1 \cos \frac{3n\pi}{4} + k_2 \sin \frac{3n\pi}{4} \right] \quad n \geq 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$a_0 = 1 \quad \text{put } n=0 \text{ in } \textcircled{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (\sqrt{2})^0 \left[ k_1 \cos 0 + 0 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 3 \quad \text{put } n=1 \text{ in } \textcircled{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \sqrt{2} \left[ \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + k_2 \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right]$$

$$\cos \frac{3\pi}{4} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = \sqrt{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + k_2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + 1 = k_2 \Rightarrow k_2 = 4$$


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$$\therefore a_n = (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ \cos \left( 3n \frac{\pi}{4} \right) + 4 \sin \left( 3n \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right]$$

$$n \geq 0$$

Q: Determine  $(1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{10}$

Here  $1 + \sqrt{3}i \Rightarrow x = 1$   
 $y = \sqrt{3}$

$$\therefore r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{1+3} = 2$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore (1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{10} = \left[ 2 \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right]^{10}$$

\*  $x+iy = r [\cos \theta + i \sin \theta]$  where

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \text{ and } \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$= (2)^{10} \left[ \cos \frac{10\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{10\pi}{3} \right]$$

$$= 2^{10} \left[ \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) - i \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right] \right]$$

$$= 2^{10} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \right] - i 2^{10} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right]$$

$$= (2)^9 \left[ -i\sqrt{3} (2)^9 - 1 \right]$$

$$= \underline{(2)^9 \left[ i\sqrt{3} + 1 \right]}$$

$$\cos \frac{10\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin \frac{10\pi}{3} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

### Case III [Repeated Real roots]

If  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$ , then the solution is given by

$$a_n = C_1 \lambda^n + C_2 n \lambda^n$$

Now using the given boundary conditions find  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

1. Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_{n+2} = 4a_{n+1} - 4a_n; n \geq 0$$

$$a_0 = 1 \text{ and } a_1 = 3$$

Sol2  $a_{n+2} = 4a_{n+1} - 4a_n$

$$\Rightarrow r^{n+2} = 4s^{n+1} - 4s^n$$

divide throughout by  $s^n$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 - 4s + 4 = 0 \text{ is the characteristic equation}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16-16}}{2} = 2, 2$$

$$\underline{\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2}$$

∴ solution is given by

$$a_n = c_1(2)^n + c_2 \cdot n \cdot (2)^n, n \geq 0$$

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$$a_0 = 1 \quad \text{put } n=0 \text{ in ①}$$

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$$\Rightarrow 1 = c_1 + 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{c_1 = 1}}$$

$$a_1 = 3 \quad \text{put } n=1 \text{ in ①}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 2^1 + c_2(1)(2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 2 + 2c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 2c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore$  The unique solution is  
given by

$$a_n = 2^n + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n(2)^n$$

$$= 2^n + n(2)^{n-1}, n \geq 0$$

$$2. \text{ Solve } a_n - 6a_{n-1} + 9a_{n-2} = 0$$

$$n \geq 2, a_0 = 5, a_1 = 12$$

$$x^n - 6x^{n-1} + 9x^{n-2} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$  is the characteristic equation

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(9)}}{2} = 3, 3$$

$$x_1 = x_2 = 3$$

$$\therefore a_n = c_1 (3)^n + c_2 n (3)^n, n \geq 0$$

$$a_0 = 5 \quad \text{put } n=0$$

$$5 = c_1 \quad \dots \textcircled{3}$$

$$a_1 = 12 \quad \text{put } n=1$$

$$12 = 3c_1 + 3c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 = 15 + 3c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 = 3c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{c_2 = -1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore a_n &= 5(3^n) + (-1)n 3^n \\ &= (5-n)3^n, \quad n \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

is the unique solution.

## Non homogeneous Recurrence Relation

General solution for a non homogeneous Recurrence Relation with

Constant coefficients [1st and 2nd Order]

is given by

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

where  $a_n^h$  is the general

solution of the corresponding  
to homogeneous equation and

$a_n^P$  is the particular

solution of the

corresponding non homogeneous part.

To find  $a_n^P$  we use the

form of  $f(n)$  in the given relation

Type I  $f(n)$

$$a_n^P$$

$c$ , a constant

$$A, nA, n^2A, \dots$$

$$n$$

$$A_1 n + A_0$$

$$n^2$$

$$A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0$$

$$n^t, t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$A_t n^t + A_{t-1} n^{t-1} + \dots + A_0$$

$$r^n, r \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$A r^n$$

$$A n r^n, A n^2 r^n, \dots$$

$$\sin n\theta$$

$$A \sin n\theta + B \cos n\theta$$

$$\cos n\theta$$

$$A \sin n\theta + B \cos n\theta$$

$$r^n n^t$$

$$r^n [A_t n^t + A_{t-1} n^{t-1} + \dots + A_0]$$

$$r^n \sin n\theta$$

$$A r^n \sin n\theta + B r^n \cos n\theta$$

$$r^n \cos n\theta$$

$$A r^n \sin n\theta + B r^n \cos n\theta$$

## Problems.

1. Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_{n+2} - 4a_{n+1} + 3a_n = -200 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$n \geq 0, \quad a_0 = 3000, \quad a_1 = 3300.$$

Here the required solution is

of the form  $a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

Consider  $a_{n+2} - 4a_{n+1} + 3a_n = 0$

$$r^{n+2} - 4r^{n+1} + 3r^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 4r + 3 = 0 \text{ is the}$$

Characteristic equation

$$\therefore r = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - (4)(3)}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 2}{2} = 3, 1$$

$$\therefore a_n^h = c_1 s_1 + c_2 s_2$$

$$= c_1(3)^n + c_2(1)^n$$

$$= c_1(3)^n + c_2$$

\* Now to find  $a_n^P$

Here  $f(n) = -200$ , a constant

$$\text{So let } a_n = A$$

$$\text{put } a_n = A \text{ in } ①$$

$$a_n = A$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+2} = A$$

$$a_{n+1} = A$$

$$\Rightarrow A - 4A + 3A = -200$$

$$\Rightarrow -3A + 3A = -200$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = -200 \quad \text{fibre statement}$$

$$\text{So put } a_n = nA \text{ in } ①$$

$$(n+2)A - 4(n+1)A + 3(nA) = -200$$

$$\Rightarrow n\cancel{A} + 2A - 4n\cancel{A} - 4A + 3n\cancel{A} = -200$$

$$\Rightarrow -2A = -200$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 100$$

$$\therefore q_n^P = n A \\ = n(100)$$

Thus the required solution is

$$q_n = C_1(3^n) + C_2 + 100n \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{with } q_0 = 3000, \quad q_1 = 3300$$

P.t.  $n=0$  in (2)

$$\Rightarrow q_0 = C_1(3^0) + C_2 + 100(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3000 = C_1 + C_2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

P.t.  $n=1$  in (2)

$$\Rightarrow 3300 = C_1(3) + C_2 + 100$$

$$\Rightarrow 3C_1 + C_2 = 3200 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Solve (3) & (4)

$$(4) - (3) \Rightarrow 2C_1 = 200$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = 100$$

3. Solve

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + 1, n \geq 2$$

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 19$$

Given  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$

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

$$\Rightarrow a_n - a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^n - x^{n-1} - x^{n-2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-(4)(-1)}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \& \quad x_2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_n = C_1 \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^n + C_2 \left[ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^n$$

$$\stackrel{n \geq 0}{\longrightarrow} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now  $f(x) = 1$

(i.e.)  $a_n^P = A$ , a constant.

$$\text{put } a_n = A \text{ in } ①$$

$$\Rightarrow A - A - A = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -A = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \underline{\underline{-1}}$$

$$\text{Thus } a_n^P = -1$$

$$\text{Thus } a_n = c_1 \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^n + c_2 \left[ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^n - 1$$

$$n \geq 0 \quad \text{--- } ③$$

$$a_0 = 0 \quad \& \quad a_1 = 0$$

$$n=0 \text{ in } ③$$

$$0 = c_1 + c_2 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 1 \quad \text{--- } ④$$

$$n=1 \quad \text{in } ③$$

$$0 = c_1 \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right] + c_2 \left[ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right] - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right] + C_2 \left[ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1(1+\sqrt{5}) + C_2(1-\sqrt{5}) = 2 \quad \textcircled{5}$$

Solve \textcircled{4} & \textcircled{5}

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{4} \times (1+\sqrt{5}) \Rightarrow (1+\sqrt{5})C_1 + (1+\sqrt{5})C_2 = 1+\sqrt{5}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \Rightarrow (1+\sqrt{5})C_1 + (1-\sqrt{5})C_2 = 2$$

$$(1+\sqrt{5}-1+\sqrt{5})C_2 = 1+\sqrt{5}-2$$

**KUANTUM NOTES**

$$C_2 \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{5} C_2 = \sqrt{5}-1$$

$$C_2 = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\text{Now } C_1 = 1 - C_2$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

Thus  $\alpha_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}}$  &  $\alpha_2 = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2\sqrt{5}}$

Thus

$$a_n = \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \right] \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^n + \left[ \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2\sqrt{5}} \right] \left[ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^{n+1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right]^{n+1}$$

$$= \dots$$

$$n \geq 0$$

is the required solution

$$\text{Now } ③ \Rightarrow c_2 = 3000 - 100 \\ = \underline{\underline{2900}}$$

$\therefore$  Unique solution of the gives hom  
homogeneous recurrence relation is

gives by  $a_n = 100(3^n) + 2900 + 100n$

$$n \geq 0$$

?  
HW  
Solve  $a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 5$ ,  $n \geq 0$ ,  $a_0 = 1$

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P.$$

\* Consider  $a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 0$ , 1st order

homogeneous

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

$$d=2$$

$$\therefore a_n^h = A(d^n) = A2^n, n \geq 0.$$

\* To find  $a_n^P$ .

$$\text{here } f(n) = 5$$

$$\text{Let } a_n = A.$$

$$\text{We have } a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 5 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$a_n = A$$

$$\Rightarrow A - 2A = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow -A = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A}} = -5$$

$$\therefore a_n^P = -5$$

Thus the required solution is

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

$$a_n^h = A 2^n - 5, \quad n \geq 0$$

$$a_0 = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = A(2^0) - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1$$

## Result

Consider the non homogeneous second-order  
selection of the form

$$a_n + c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} = k \varrho^n$$

where  $k$  is a constant. Then

- $a_n^P = A \varrho^n$ , for a constant  $A$

(if  $\varrho^n$  is not a solution of  
the associated homogeneous selection),

- $a_n^P = A n \varrho^n$ , where  $A$  is a constant

(if  $\varrho_1 = \varrho$  and  $\varrho_2 \neq \varrho$

where  $\varrho_1$  and  $\varrho_2$  are roots of the  
corresponding characteristic equation of  
homogeneous selection) i.e; if  $a_n^h = c_1 \varrho^n + c_2 \varrho_1^n$

- $a_n^P = A n^2 \varrho^n$ , where  $A$  is a constant

(if  $\varrho_1 = \varrho_2 = \varrho$  are the  
roots of the corresponding homogeneous eqn)

Re) when  $a_n^h = (c_1 + c_2 n) r^n$

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4. Solve  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(7^n)$   $n \geq 1$

$$a_0 = 2$$

Here  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(7^n) \dots ①$

Consider  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0$

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1}, n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} = 3a_n, n \geq 0$$

$$\text{Here } d = 3$$

$$A = a_0 = 2$$

$$\therefore a_n^h = A(d^n)$$

$$= A(3^n), n \geq 0$$

$$\text{Now } f(n) = 5(7^n)$$

Since  $a_n^h = A(3^n)$   
 $8 \neq 3$  here.

$$\therefore \text{let } a_n^p = B(7^n),$$

$$\therefore ① \Rightarrow B(7^n) - 3B(7^{n-1}) = 5(7^n)$$

$$\Rightarrow B7^n - \frac{3B7^n}{7} = 5(7^n)$$

divide throughout by  $7^n$

$$\Rightarrow B - \frac{3}{7}B = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{7}B = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{35}{4}$$

$$\therefore a_n^P = B(7^n)$$

$$= \frac{35}{4}(7^n) = \frac{5 \times 7}{4}(7^n)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\frac{5}{4}(7^{n+1})}}$$

Thus required solns

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

$$= A(3)^n + \frac{5}{4}(7)^{n+1} \quad n \geq 0$$

Now by using the boundary condition

$$\text{i.e., } a_0 = 2$$

$$\text{Put- } n=0 \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$2 = A(3)^0 + \frac{5}{4}(7)^{0+1}$$

$$2 = A + \frac{35}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 2 - \frac{35}{4} = \frac{8-35}{4} = -\frac{27}{4}$$

$$\therefore a_n = \left(-\frac{27}{4}\right) 3^n + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right) 7^{n+1}$$

$$= -\frac{3^2}{4}(3^n) + \frac{5}{4}(7^{n+1})$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) 3^{n+3} + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right) 7^{n+1} \quad n \geq 0$$

5. Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(3^n) \quad n \geq 1 \quad a_0 = 2$$

Here  $a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$

$$a_n^P = 3 \cdot 3^n$$

$$d = 3$$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

$$\text{Consider } a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0$$

$$\implies a_{n+1} = 3a_n \quad d = 3$$

$$\implies a_n^h = A(d)^n$$

$$= A(3)^n$$

\* To find  $a_n^P$

$$\text{Hence } f(n) = 5(3)^n$$

$$\text{Let } a_n^P = B(3)^n$$

we have

$$a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(3)^n \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Put } \boxed{a_n = B(3)^n} \text{ in } (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow B(3)^n - 3B(3)^{n-1} = 5(3)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow B(3)^n - B(3)^n = 5(3)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 5(3)^n \quad n \geq 0$$

Now  $\Leftarrow$  true statement

$$\text{So here } \boxed{a_n = Bn(3)^n} \text{ in } (1)$$

Since  $a_n^h = A(3)^n$

$$\Rightarrow Bn3^n - 3B(n-1)3^{n-1} = 53^n$$

$\div 3^{n-1}$

$$\Rightarrow Bn(3) - 3B(n-1) = 5(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3Bn - 3Bn + 3B = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{15}{3} = 5$$

$$\therefore \text{Ans } q_n^P = 5n(3)^n$$

Thus the required solution

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

$$Ktunotes.in \quad a_n = A(3)^n + 5n(3)^n \quad n \geq 0$$

→ ②

$$\text{Now } a_0 = 2$$

At  $n=0$  in ②

$$\Rightarrow 2 = A(3)^0 + 5(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A = 2}}$$

$$\therefore \text{solution is } a_n = 2(3)^n + 5.n(3)^n \\ = (2+5n)3^n, n \geq 0$$

∴ Required solution is given by

$$a_n = \left(\frac{11}{6}\right) 3^n - n - \frac{3}{\varphi}, n \geq 0$$

6 Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_{n+2} - 8a_{n+1} + 16a_n = 8(5^n) + 6(4^n) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

where  $n \geq 0$  and  $a_0 = 12, a_1 = 5$ .

Here  $\textcircled{1}$  is a second order  
homogeneous linear recurrence relation

$$\therefore a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

Consider  $a_{n+2} - 8a_{n+1} + 16a_n = 0$

$$r^{n+2} - 8r^{n+1} + 16r^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 8r + 16 = 0 \text{ if the characteristic eqn}$$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 = 4, \alpha_2 = 4$$

Case III, seek & repeated root

$$\therefore a_n^h = C_1 4^n + C_2 n 4^n$$

$$= C_1 4^n + C_2 n(4)^n$$

\* To find  $a_n^P$

$$\text{Here } f(n) = 8(5^n) + 6(4^n)$$

$$\therefore a_n^P = a_n^{P_1} + a_n^{P_2}$$

\* where  $a_n^{P_1}$  corresponds to  $8(5)^n$

and  $a_n^{P_2}$  corresponds to  $6(4)^n$

$$a_n^h = C_1 4^n + C_2 n(4)^n$$

$$\text{Let } a_n^P = A(5^n) + B(n^2)(4)^n$$

$$\text{Since } a_n^h = C_1 4^n + C_2 n 4^n$$

So put  $a_n = A(5^n) + Bn^2 4^n$  in

①

Thus  $a_{n+2} - 8a_{n+1} + 16a_n = 8(5^n) + 6(4^n)$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ A 5^{n+2} + B(n+2)^2 4^{n+2} \right] -$$

$$8 \left[ A 5^{n+1} + B(n+1)^2 4^{n+1} \right] +$$

$$16 \left[ A 5^n + Bn^2 4^n \right] = 8(5^n) + 6(4^n)$$

Compare the coefficients of  
 $5^n$  on both sides

$$A(5^2) - 8A(5) + 16A = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 25A - 40A + 16A = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A}} = 8$$

Compare the coefficients of  $4^n$  on both sides

$$16B(4) - 32B = 6$$

$$64B - 32B = 6$$

$$\underline{\underline{32B}} = 6$$

$$\underline{\underline{B}} = \frac{6}{32} = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{LHS} \\ & [B(n+2)^2 4^n 4^2 - \\ & 8(B(n+1)^2 4^n \cdot 4 \\ & + 16Bn^2 + 7)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (B[n^2 + 4n + 4] 4^2) 4^n - 32B(n^2 + 2n + 1) 4^n + 16Bn^2 4^n$$

Coeff of  $4^n$

$$\underline{\underline{B(4)(4^2) - 32B}}$$

## RESULT

\* If  $f(n) = n^t$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  then

$$a_n^P = A_t n^t + A_{t-1} n^{t-1} + \dots + A_0$$

\*  $t=1$ , if  $f(n) = n$

$$a_n^P = A_1 n + A_0$$

\*  $t=2$ , if  $f(n) = n^2$

$$a_n^P = A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0$$

⋮

Use boundary conditions & find

the constants  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_t$

If arrived in false statement

then  $a_n^P = n \left[ A_t n^t + A_{t-1} n^{t-1} + \dots + A_0 \right]$

again, if it fails to find the const<sup>b</sup>

8) For  $n \geq 2$ , suppose that there are  $n$  people at a party and that each of these people shakes hands (exactly one time) with all the other people there (and no one shakes hand with himself)

Solve the corresponding recurrence relation?

Let  $a_n$  denotes the count of total number of handshakes of  $n$  people.

If  $(n+1)$ th person arrives, then

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + (n) \quad n \geq 2$$

$$a_2 = 1$$

$$\text{Thus } a_{n+1} - a_n = n, \quad a_2 = 1, \quad n \geq 2$$

is the required generating function

which is a 1st-order non-homogeneous

recurrence relation

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^p.$$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

Consider  $a_{n+1} = a_n$

i.e;  $d = 1$

$$\therefore a_n^h = A(d^n)$$
$$= A(1)^n$$

\* To find  $a_n^p$

here  $f(n) = n$

$$a_n^p = A_1 n + A_0.$$

Put  $a_n = A_1 n + A_0 \quad \text{so} \quad \textcircled{1}$

Thus  $a_{n+1} - a_n = n$

$$\Rightarrow (A_1(n+1) + A_0) - (A_1 n + A_0) = n$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 n + A_1 + A_0 - A_1 n - A_0 = 0$$

Compare the coefficients of  $n$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 - A_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0 & = 1 \\ \hline \end{array}, \text{ false statement}$$

$$\therefore \text{choose } a_n^P = n [A_1 n + A_0]$$

$$\text{Put. } a_n = n [A_1 n + A_0] \text{ B } ①$$

$$① \Rightarrow a_{(n+1)} = [A_1(n+1) + A_0] - n[A_1 n + A_0] = n$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1(n+1)^2 + A_0(n+1) - A_1 n^2 - A_0 n = n$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 n^2 + 2A_1 n + A_1 + A_0 n + A_0 - A_1 n^2 - A_0 n = n$$

Compare the like terms

\* Coefficient of  $n^2$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 - A_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = A_1 \quad \checkmark$$

Coeff. of  $n^0$

$$2A_1 + A_0 - A_0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A_1 = 1$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Coeff. of  $n^0$  (ie; const. term)

$$A_1 + A_0 = 0$$

$$A_0 - [oA = -A]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2}$$

Thus  $a_n^P = n[A_1, 0 + A_0]$

$$= n \left[ \frac{1}{2}(n) - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) n^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) n$$

Thus the general solution is given by

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

$$= A(1)^n + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{where } a_2 = 1$$

$$\text{Put. } n=2 \text{ in (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(2)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)2 \\ = A + 2 - 1 \\ = A + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A = 0}}$$

∴ Required solution is given by

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

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n[n-1], \quad n \geq 3$$

Q. Derive the formula for the sum of the cubes of the first  $n$  natural numbers using a recurrence relation?

We need  $\sum_{i=0}^n i^3$

$$\text{Let } a_n = \sum_{i=0}^n i^3$$

$$\text{Thus } a_{n+1} = a_n + (n+1)^3, n \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and  $a_0 = 0$ .

Which is a non-homogeneous recurrence relation.

$$\therefore a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

$$\text{Consider } a_{n+1} - a_n = 0$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n$$

$$d=1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = A(d^n)$$

$$= A(1)^n$$

$$= A$$


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\* To find  $a_n^P$

$$\text{here } f(n) = (0+1)^3$$

$$= n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1$$

**K:**  $a_n^P = A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0$

Put.  $a_n = A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0$

in ①

$$\Rightarrow [A_3(n+1)^3 + A_2(n+1)^2 + A_1(n+1) + A_0] - [A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0] = (n+1)^3$$

Compute the coeff. of  $n^3$

$$\Rightarrow A_3 - A_3 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow 0 = 1$ , false statement

$$\therefore \text{choose } a_n = n [A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0]$$

$$\text{Put } a_n = n [A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0]$$

in ①

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow (n+1) \left[ A_3 (n+1)^3 + A_2 (n+1)^2 + A_1 (n+1) + A_0 \right] \\ &- n [A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0] \\ &= (n+1)^3 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the like coefficients on both sides

$$10 \quad A_3 (n+1)^4 + A_2 (n+1)^3 + A_1 (n+1)^2 + A_0 (n+1)$$

$$- A_3 n^4 - A_2 n^3 - A_1 n^2 - A_0 n = (n+1)^3$$

effort

$$(n^4) \rightarrow A_3 - A_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow & A_3 [n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1] + A_2 [n^3 + \\
 & 3n^2 + 3n + 1] + A_1 [n^2 + 2n + 1] + \\
 & A_0(n+1) - A_3 n^4 - A_2 n^3 - A_1 n^2 - A_0 n \\
 & = n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Coeff. of  $n^3$

$$\Rightarrow 4A_3 + A_2 - A_2 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow 4A_3 &= 1 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A_3 = \frac{1}{4}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Coeff. of  $n^2$

$$\Rightarrow A_3(6) + A_2(3) + A_1 - A_1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 6A_3 + 3A_2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6}{4} + 3A_2 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow A_2 &= \frac{(3 - \frac{3}{2})}{3} = \frac{6-3}{6} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Coeff. of  $\eta$

$$\Rightarrow 4A_3 + 3A_2 + 2A_1 + A_0 - A_0 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4A_3 + 3A_2 + 2A_1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2A_1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{3}{2} + 2A_1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{2} + 2A_1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A_1 = 3 - \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

comparing the constant terms

$$\Rightarrow A_3 + A_2 + A_1 + A_0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + A_0 = 1$$

$$= \frac{1+2+1}{4} + A_0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A_0 = 0}}$$

Thus  $a_n^P = n \left[ \frac{1}{4}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{4}n + 0 \right]$

$$= \frac{1}{4}n^4 + \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{4}n^2$$

Thus  $a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$

$$= A + \frac{1}{4}n^4 + \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{4}n^2$$

$$a_0 = 0$$

$$n \geq 0$$

$$\text{Put } n=0 \text{ so}$$

$$0 = A$$

Thus the required solution is given by

$$a_n = \frac{1}{4}n^4 + \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{4}n^2, n \geq 0$$

$$= \frac{n^2}{4} [n^2 + 2n + 1]$$

$$= \frac{n^2}{4} (n+1)^2$$

$$= \left[ \frac{n}{2} (n+1) \right]^2$$

Thus  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^3 = \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2$

find the solution of  $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2^n$

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where  $a_1 = 3$ .

Here  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 2^n$  is ①

The given recurrence relation

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

Consider  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} = 3a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = A(d^n)$$

$$(0) \underset{d}{\cancel{-}} + (1) A \quad d = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \underline{\underline{A(3)^n}}$$

\* To find  $a_n^P$

$$\text{If } f(n) = 2^n$$

$$f(n) = n \Rightarrow a_n^P = A_1 n + A_0$$

here choose  $a_n = A_1 n + A_0$ .

Substitute in ①

$$\Rightarrow (A_1 n + A_0) - 3(A_1(n-1) + A_0) = 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 n + \underline{A_0} - 3A_1 n + 3A_1 - \underline{3A_0} = 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow -2A_1 n - 2A_0 + 3A_1 = 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow (-2A_1)n + (-2A_0 + 3A_1) = 2n + 0 \quad \text{--- } ②$$

Comparing terms of  $n$  in ②

$$\Rightarrow -2A_1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A_1}} = -1$$

Comparing the constant terms in ②

$$\Rightarrow -2A_0 + 3A_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2A_0 + 3(-1) = 0$$

$$-2A_0 = 3$$

$$A_0 = \frac{-3}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_n^P = (-1) n - \frac{3}{2}$$

$$= -n - \frac{3}{2}$$

4x4

1x2x3x4

Thus the general solution is

$$a_n = A(3)^n - n - \frac{3}{2}, n \geq 0$$

③

$$\text{Now } a_1 = 3$$

$$\text{Put } n = 1 \text{ in } ③$$

$$3 = A(3) - 1 - \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{3+1+\frac{3}{2}}{3} = \frac{\frac{11}{2}}{3} = \frac{8+3}{6} = \frac{11}{6}$$

$\therefore$  required solution is given by

$$a_n = \left(\frac{11}{6}\right) 3^n - n - \frac{3}{\varphi}, n \geq 0$$

?  
HW  
Solve  $a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 5$ ,  $n \geq 0$ ,  $a_0 = 1$

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P.$$

\* Consider  $a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 0$ , 1st order

homogeneous

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

$$d=2$$

$$\therefore a_n^h = A(d^n) = A2^n, n \geq 0.$$

\* To find  $a_n^P$ .

$$\text{here } f(n) = 5$$

$$\text{Let } a_n = A.$$

$$\text{We have } a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 5 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$a_n = A$$

$$\Rightarrow A - 2A = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow -A = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A}} = -5$$

$$\therefore a_n^P = -5$$

Thus the required solution is

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

$$a_n^h = A 2^n - 5, \quad n \geq 0$$

$$a_0 = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = A(2^0) - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1$$

## Result

Consider the non homogeneous second-order  
selection of the form

$$a_n + c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} = k \varrho^n$$

where  $k$  is a constant. Then

- $a_n^P = A \varrho^n$ , for a constant  $A$

(if  $\varrho^n$  is not a solution of  
the associated homogeneous selection),

- $a_n^P = A n \varrho^n$ , where  $A$  is a constant

(if  $\varrho_1 = \varrho$  and  $\varrho_2 \neq \varrho$

where  $\varrho_1$  and  $\varrho_2$  are roots of the  
corresponding characteristic equation of  
homogeneous selection) i.e; if  $a_n^h = c_1 \varrho^n + c_2 \varrho_1^n$

- $a_n^P = A n^2 \varrho^n$ , where  $A$  is a constant

(if  $\varrho_1 = \varrho_2 = \varrho$  are the  
roots of the corresponding homogeneous eqn)

Re) when  $a_n^h = (c_1 + c_2 n) r^n$

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4. Solve  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(7^n)$   $n \geq 1$

$$a_0 = 2$$

Here  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(7^n) \dots ①$

Consider  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0$

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1}, n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} = 3a_n, n \geq 0$$

$$\text{Here } d = 3$$

$$A = a_0 = 2$$

$$\therefore a_n^h = A(d^n)$$

$$= A(3^n), n \geq 0$$

$$\text{Now } f(n) = 5(7^n)$$

Since  $a_n^h = A(3^n)$   
 $8 \neq 3$  here.

$$\therefore \text{let } a_n^p = B(7^n),$$

$$\therefore ① \Rightarrow B(7^n) - 3B(7^{n-1}) = 5(7^n)$$

$$\Rightarrow B7^n - \frac{3B7^n}{7} = 5(7^n)$$

divide throughout by  $7^n$

$$\Rightarrow B - \frac{3}{7}B = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{7}B = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{35}{4}$$

$$\therefore a_n^P = B(7^n)$$

$$= \frac{35}{4}(7^n) = \frac{5 \times 7}{4}(7^n)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\frac{5}{4}(7^{n+1})}}$$

Thus required solns

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

$$= A(3)^n + \frac{5}{4}(7)^{n+1} \quad n \geq 0$$

Now by using the boundary condition

$$\text{i.e., } a_0 = 2$$

$$\text{Put- } n=0 \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$2 = A(3)^0 + \frac{5}{4}(7)^{0+1}$$

$$2 = A + \frac{35}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 2 - \frac{35}{4} = \frac{8-35}{4} = -\frac{27}{4}$$

$$\therefore a_n = \left(-\frac{27}{4}\right) 3^n + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right) 7^{n+1}$$

$$= -\frac{3^2}{4}(3^n) + \frac{5}{4}(7^{n+1})$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) 3^{n+3} + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right) 7^{n+1} \quad n \geq 0$$

5. Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(3^n) \quad n \geq 1 \quad a_0 = 2$$

Here  $a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$

$$a_n^P = 3 \cdot 3^n$$

$$d = 3$$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

$$\text{Consider } a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0$$

$$\implies a_{n+1} = 3a_n \quad d = 3$$

$$\implies a_n^h = A(d)^n$$

$$= A(3)^n$$

\* To find  $a_n^P$

$$\text{Hence } f(n) = 5(3)^n$$

$$\text{Let } a_n^P = B(3)^n$$

we have

$$a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(3)^n \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Put } \boxed{a_n = B(3)^n} \text{ in } (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow B(3)^n - 3B(3)^{n-1} = 5(3)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow B(3)^n - B(3)^n = 5(3)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 5(3)^n \quad n \geq 0$$

Now  $\leftarrow$  true statement

$$\text{So here } \boxed{a_n = Bn(3)^n} \text{ in } (1)$$

Since  $a_n^h = A(3)^n$

$$\Rightarrow Bn3^n - 3B(n-1)3^{n-1} = 53^n$$

$\div 3^{n-1}$

$$\Rightarrow Bn(3) - 3B(n-1) = 5(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3Bn - 3Bn + 3B = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{15}{3} = 5$$

$$\therefore \text{Ans } q_n^P = 5n(3)^n$$

Thus the required solution

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

$$Ktunotes.in \quad a_n = A(3)^n + 5n(3)^n \quad n \geq 0$$

→ ②

$$\text{Now } a_0 = 2$$

Put  $n=0$  in ②

$$\Rightarrow 2 = A(3)^0 + 5(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A = 2}}$$

$$\therefore \text{solution is } a_n = 2(3)^n + 5.n(3)^n \\ = (2+5n)3^n, n \geq 0$$

∴ Required solution is given by

$$a_n = \left(\frac{11}{6}\right) 3^n - n - \frac{3}{\varphi}, n \geq 0$$

6 Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_{n+2} - 8a_{n+1} + 16a_n = 8(5^n) + 6(4^n) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

where  $n \geq 0$  and  $a_0 = 12, a_1 = 5$ .

Here  $\textcircled{1}$  is a second order  
homogeneous linear recurrence relation

$$\therefore a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

Consider  $a_{n+2} - 8a_{n+1} + 16a_n = 0$

$$r^{n+2} - 8r^{n+1} + 16r^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 8r + 16 = 0 \quad \text{if the characteristic eqn}$$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 = 4, \alpha_2 = 4$$

Case III, seek & repeated root

$$\therefore a_n^h = C_1 4^n + C_2 n 4^n$$

$$= C_1 4^n + C_2 n(4)^n$$

\* To find  $a_n^P$

$$\text{Here } f(n) = 8(5^n) + 6(4^n)$$

$$\therefore a_n^P = a_n^{P_1} + a_n^{P_2}$$

\* where  $a_n^{P_1}$  corresponds to  $8(5)^n$

and  $a_n^{P_2}$  corresponds to  $6(4)^n$

$$a_n^h = C_1 4^n + C_2 n(4)^n$$

$$\text{Let } a_n^P = A(5^n) + B(n^2)(4)^n$$

$$\text{Since } a_n^h = C_1 4^n + C_2 n 4^n$$

So put  $a_n = A(5^n) + Bn^2 4^n$  in

①

Thus  $a_{n+2} - 8a_{n+1} + 16a_n = 8(5^n) + 6(4^n)$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ A 5^{n+2} + B(n+2)^2 4^{n+2} \right] -$$

$$8 \left[ A 5^{n+1} + B(n+1)^2 4^{n+1} \right] +$$

$$16 \left[ A 5^n + Bn^2 4^n \right] = 8(5^n) + 6(4^n)$$

Compare the coefficients of  
 $5^n$  on both sides

$$A(5^2) - 8A(5) + 16A = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 25A - 40A + 16A = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A}} = 8$$

Compare the coefficients of  $4^n$  on both sides

$$16B(4) - 32B = 6 \quad \boxed{\text{LHS}}$$

$$64B - 32B = 6$$

$$32B = 6$$

$$B = \frac{6}{32} = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & B(n+2)^2 4^n 4^2 - \\ & 8(B(n+1)^2 4^n \cdot 4 \\ & + 16Bn^2 4^n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow (B[n^2 + 4n + 4] 4^2)^n \\ & - 32B(n^2 + 2n + 1) 4^n \\ & + 16Bn^2 4^n \end{aligned}$$

Coeff of  $4^n$

$$\underline{\underline{B(4)(4^2) - 32B}}$$

$$56 + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{227}{4}$$

Thus

$$a_n^P = 8(5^n) + \frac{3}{16} n^2 (4)^n$$

$$\text{Thus } a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

$$5 - \frac{227}{4}$$

$$= c_1 4^n + c_2 n 4^n + 8(5^n) + \frac{3}{16} n^2 (4)^n \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Now  $a_0 = 12$  and  $a_1 = 5$

$$\underline{a_0 = 12}$$

put  $n=0$ , in ②

$$12 = c_1 4^0 + c_2 (0) + 8(5)^0 + \frac{3}{16} (0)$$

$$12 = c_1 + 8$$

$$c_1 = 12 - 8 = \underline{\underline{4}}$$

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Now  $a_1 = 5$

put  $n=1$ , in ②

$$5 = c_1 (4)^1 + c_2 (1) 4^1 + 8(5) + \frac{3}{16} (4)$$

$$= 4c_1 + 4c_2 + 40 + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= 4(4) + 4c_2 + 40 + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= 56 + 4c_2 + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$5 - 56 - \frac{3}{4} = 4 c_2$$

$$\frac{40(-51)(4)^{-3}}{4} = 4 c_2$$

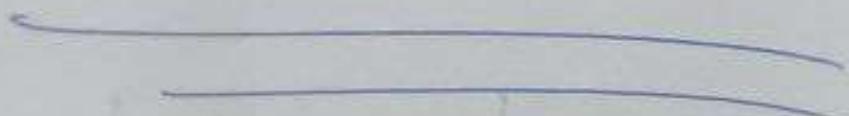
$$\Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{(-51)(4)^{-3}}{16}$$

$$= -\frac{203}{16}$$

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$$\therefore a_n = 4(4)^n + \left(-\frac{203}{16}\right)n 4^n + 8(5^n) + \frac{3}{16} n^2 (4)^n$$

$$n \geq 0$$



## RESULT

\* If  $f(n) = n^t$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  then

$$a_n^P = A_t n^t + A_{t-1} n^{t-1} + \dots + A_0$$

\*  $t=1$ , if  $f(n) = n$

$$a_n^P = A_1 n + A_0$$

\*  $t=2$ , if  $f(n) = n^2$

$$a_n^P = A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0$$

⋮

Use boundary conditions & find

the constants  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_t$

If arrived in false statement

then  $a_n^P = n \left[ A_t n^t + A_{t-1} n^{t-1} + \dots + A_0 \right]$

again, if it fails to find the const<sup>b</sup>

8) For  $n \geq 2$ , suppose that there are  $n$  people at a party and that each of these people shakes hands (exactly one time) with all the other people there (and no one shakes hand with himself)

Solve the corresponding recurrence relation?

Let  $a_n$  denotes the count of total number of handshakes of  $n$  people.

If  $(n+1)$ th person arrives, then

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + (n) \quad n \geq 2$$

$$a_2 = 1$$

$$\text{Thus } a_{n+1} - a_n = n, \quad a_2 = 1, \quad n \geq 2$$

is the required generating function

which is a 1st-order non-homogeneous

recurrence relation

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^p.$$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

Consider  $a_{n+1} = a_n$

i.e;  $d = 1$

$$\therefore a_n^h = A(d^n)$$
$$= A(1)^n$$

\* To find  $a_n^p$

here  $f(n) = n$

$$a_n^p = A_1 n + A_0.$$

Put  $a_n = A_1 n + A_0 \quad \text{so} \quad \textcircled{1}$

Thus  $a_{n+1} - a_n = n$

$$\Rightarrow (A_1(n+1) + A_0) - (A_1 n + A_0) = n$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 n + A_1 + A_0 - A_1 n - A_0 = 0$$

Compare the coefficients of  $n$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 - A_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0 & = 1 \\ \hline \end{array}, \text{ false statement}$$

$$\therefore \text{choose } a_n^P = n [A_1 n + A_0]$$

$$\text{Put. } a_n = n [A_1 n + A_0] \text{ B } ①$$

$$① \Rightarrow a_{(n+1)} = [A_1(n+1) + A_0] - n[A_1 n + A_0] = n$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1(n+1)^2 + A_0(n+1) - A_1 n^2 - A_0 n = n$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 n^2 + 2A_1 n + A_1 + A_0 n + A_0 - A_1 n^2 - A_0 n = n$$

Compare the like terms

\* Coefficient of  $n^2$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 - A_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = A_1 \quad \checkmark$$

Coeff. of  $n^0$

$$2A_1 + A_0 - A_0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A_1 = 1$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Coeff. of  $n^0$  (ie; const. term)

$$A_1 + A_0 = 0$$

$$A_0 - [oA = -A]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2}$$

Thus  $a_n^P = n[A_1, 0 + A_0]$

$$= n \left[ \frac{1}{2}(n) - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) n^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) n$$

Thus the general solution is given by

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

$$= A(1)^n + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{where } a_2 = 1$$

$$\text{Put. } n=2 \text{ in (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(2)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)2 \\ = A + 2 - 1 \\ = A + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A = 0}}$$

∴ Required solution is given by

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

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n[n-1], \quad n \geq 3$$

Q. Derive the formula for the sum of the cubes of the first  $n$  natural numbers using a recurrence relation?

We need  $\sum_{i=0}^n i^3$

$$\text{Let } a_n = \sum_{i=0}^n i^3$$

$$\text{Thus } a_{n+1} = a_n + (n+1)^3, n \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and  $a_0 = 0$ .

Which is a non-homogeneous recurrence relation.

$$\therefore a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

$$\text{Consider } a_{n+1} - a_n = 0$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n$$

$$d=1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = A(d^n)$$

$$= A(1)^n$$

$$= A$$


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\* To find  $a_n^P$

$$\text{here } f(n) = (0+1)^3$$

$$= n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1$$

**K:**  $a_n^P = A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0$

Put.  $a_n = A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0$

in ①

$$\Rightarrow [A_3(n+1)^3 + A_2(n+1)^2 + A_1(n+1) + A_0] - [A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0] = (n+1)^3$$

Compute the coeff. of  $n^3$

$$\Rightarrow A_3 - A_3 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow 0 = 1$ , false statement

$$\therefore \text{choose } a_n = n [A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0]$$

$$\text{Put } a_n = n [A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0]$$

in ①

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow (n+1) \left[ A_3 (n+1)^3 + A_2 (n+1)^2 + A_1 (n+1) + A_0 \right] \\ &- n [A_3 n^3 + A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0] \\ &= (n+1)^3 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the like coefficients on both sides

$$10 \quad A_3 (n+1)^4 + A_2 (n+1)^3 + A_1 (n+1)^2 + A_0 (n+1)$$

$$- A_3 n^4 - A_2 n^3 - A_1 n^2 - A_0 n = (n+1)^3$$

effort

$$(n^4) \rightarrow A_3 - A_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow A_3 & [n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1] + A_2 [n^3 + \\ & 3n^2 + 3n + 1] + A_1 [n^2 + 2n + 1] + \\ & A_0(n+1) - A_3 n^4 - A_2 n^3 - A_1 n^2 - A_0 n \\ & = n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Coeff. of  $n^3$

$$\Rightarrow 4A_3 + A_2 - A_2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4A_3 = 1 \Rightarrow A_3 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Coeff. of  $n^2$

$$\Rightarrow A_3(6) + A_2(3) + A_1 - A_1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 6A_3 + 3A_2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6}{4} + 3 A_2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow A_2 = \frac{\left(3 - \frac{3}{2}\right)}{3} = \frac{6-3}{6} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Coeff. of  $\eta$

$$\Rightarrow 4A_3 + 3A_2 + 2A_1 + A_0 - A_0 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4A_3 + 3A_2 + 2A_1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2A_1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{3}{2} + 2A_1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{2} + 2A_1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A_1 = 3 - \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

comparing the constant terms

$$\Rightarrow A_3 + A_2 + A_1 + A_0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + A_0 = 1$$

$$= \frac{1+2+1}{4} + A_0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A_0 = 0}}$$

Thus  $a_n^P = n \left[ \frac{1}{4}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{4}n + 0 \right]$

$$= \frac{1}{4}n^4 + \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{4}n^2$$

Thus  $a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$

$$= A + \frac{1}{4}n^4 + \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{4}n^2$$

$$a_0 = 0$$

$$n \geq 0$$

$$\text{Put } n=0 \text{ so}$$

$$0 = A$$

Thus the required solution is given by

$$a_n = \frac{1}{4}n^4 + \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{4}n^2, n \geq 0$$

$$= \frac{n^2}{4} [n^2 + 2n + 1]$$

$$= \frac{n^2}{4} (n+1)^2$$

$$= \left[ \frac{n}{2} (n+1) \right]^2$$

Thus  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^3 = \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2$

find the solution of  $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2^n$

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where  $a_1 = 3$ .

Here  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 2^n$  is ①

The given recurrence relation

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^P$$

\* To find  $a_n^h$

Consider  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} = 3a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = A(d^n)$$

$$(0) \underset{d}{\cancel{-}} + (1) A \quad d = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \underline{\underline{A(3)^n}}$$

\* To find  $a_n^P$

$$\text{If } f(n) = 2^n$$

$$f(n) = n \Rightarrow a_n^P = A_1 n + A_0$$

here choose  $a_n = A_1 n + A_0$ .

Substitute in ①

$$\Rightarrow (A_1 n + A_0) - 3(A_1(n-1) + A_0) = 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 n + \underline{A_0} - 3A_1 n + 3A_1 - \underline{3A_0} = 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow -2A_1 n - 2A_0 + 3A_1 = 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow (-2A_1)n + (-2A_0 + 3A_1) = 2n + 0 \quad \text{--- } ②$$

Comparing terms of  $n$  in ②

$$\Rightarrow -2A_1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A_1}} = -1$$

Comparing the constant terms in ②

$$\Rightarrow -2A_0 + 3A_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2A_0 + 3(-1) = 0$$

$$-2A_0 = 3$$

$$A_0 = \frac{-3}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_n^P = (-1) n - \frac{3}{2}$$

$$= -n - \frac{3}{2}$$

4x4

1x2x3x4

Thus the general solution is

$$a_n = A(3)^n - n - \frac{3}{2}, n \geq 0$$

③

$$\text{Now } a_1 = 3$$

$$\text{Put } n=1 \text{ in } ③$$

$$3 = A(3) - 1 - \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{3+1+\frac{3}{2}}{3} = \frac{\frac{11}{2}}{3} = \frac{8+3}{6} = \frac{11}{6}$$

∴ Required solution is given by

$$a_n = \left(\frac{11}{6}\right) 3^n - n - \frac{3}{\varphi}, n \geq 0$$

# Solution of recurrence relation Using Generating function.

If  $a_0, a_1, \dots$  is a sequence of numbers  
then the corresponding generating function  
is given by  $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$

i.e; 
$$G(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots$$

RESULT:

Generating function

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{1-ax}$$

$a^k$

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$(k+1)$

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{(1-ax)^2} \quad (k+1)a^k$$

$$G(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} \quad k$$

$$G(x) = \frac{ax}{(1-ax)^2}$$

$k a^k$

$$G(x) = e^x$$

$\frac{1}{k!}$

$$G(x) = R_n(1+x)$$

$\frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k}$

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{1-ax}$$

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$$G(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$$

$$(-1)^k$$

## Method

### Step 1.

Multiply both sides of the given  
relation by  $x^r$ , if  $r$  is the largest  
subscript in the given relation

### Step 2

Sum up all the values of  $r$   
(given in the question)

Step 3

Take each term from the above relation and express it in the terms of  $G(x)$  where

$$G(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$$

Step 4. Substitute those values in the expression obtained in step 2

Obtain  $G(x)$ , and then find  $a_k$  using above result

1. Solve the recurrence relation  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = n$

$$n \geq 1 \text{ and } a_0 = 1$$

$$\text{Here } a_n - 3a_{n-1} = n$$

Step 1

Multiply throughout by  $x^n$  [since  $n$  is the largest subscript]

$$\Rightarrow a_n x^n - 3a_{n-1} x^n = n x^n$$

Step 2

Here  $n \geq 1$ , so take summation on both sides for  $n \geq 1$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n - 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^n \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Step 3

here,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots$

$$= [G(x) - a_0]$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n = a_0 x + a_1 x^2 + a_2 x^3 + \dots$$

$$= [G(x)] x$$

Step 4

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^n = x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + \dots \\ = x [1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots] \\ = x \left[ \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \right] \end{array} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow [G(x) - a_0] - 3[G(x)]x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^n$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow G(x) - 1 - 3x G(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow G(x) [1 - 3x] - 1 = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$G(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2(1-3x)} + \frac{1}{(1-3x)}$$

1st part

Now, use partial fraction to decompose  $G(x)$

Thus

$$\frac{x}{(1-x)^2(1-3x)} = \frac{A}{1-x} + \frac{B}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{C}{1-3x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = A(1-x)(1-3x) + B(1-3x) + C(1-x)^2$$

Put:  $x=1$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 0 + B(-2) + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2} //$$

Put:  $x = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} = 0 + 0 + C \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right]^2$$

$$= C \left[ \frac{2}{3} \right]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

Put:  $x=0$

$$0 = A(1) + B(1) + C \Rightarrow A = -\frac{B+C}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$G(x) = \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{4}\right)}{(1-x)} + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}{(1-3x)} + \frac{1}{(1-3x)}$$

$$G(x) = \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{4}\right)}{(1-x)} + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)}{(1-3x)}$$

Now the  $k^{\text{th}}$  term will be

$$\Rightarrow q_k = \left(\frac{-1}{4}\right)[1] - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)[k+1] + \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)[3^k]$$

Thus the unique solution

$$G_n = \left(\frac{-1}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{2}(n+1) + \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)3^n$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}n - \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)3^n$$

$$= \left(\frac{-1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}n + \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)3^n$$

$$= \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{2}n + \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)3^n, n \geq 0$$

Q. Solve the recurrence relation using generating function

$$q_{n+2} - 5q_{n+1} + 6q_n = 2, n \geq 0, q_0 = 3, q_1 = 7$$

Soln

$$\text{Consider } q_{n+2} - 5q_{n+1} + 6q_n = 2$$

Multiply throughout by  $x^{n+2}$

$$x^{n+2} q_{n+2} - 5x^{n+2} q_{n+1} + 6x^{n+2} q_n = 2x^{n+2}$$

Now here  $n \geq 0$ , summing up all the terms,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_{n+2} x^{n+2} - 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_{n+1} x^{n+2} + 6 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n x^{n+2}$$

$$\left[ \dots + q_2 x^2 + q_3 x^3 + \dots \right] - 5 \left[ \dots + q_1 x^1 + q_2 x^2 + \dots \right] + 6 \left[ \dots + q_0 x^0 + q_1 x^1 + \dots \right] = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n x^{n+2} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n x^{n+2} = a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots \\ = G(x) - a_0 - a_1 x$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1} = a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots \\ = [G(x) - a_0] x$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+2} = a_0 x^2 + a_1 x^3 + a_2 x^4 + \dots$$

$$= (G(x))x^2$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{n+2} = x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots$$

$$= x^2 [1 + x + x^2 + \dots]$$

$$= x^2 \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{1-x}$$

Substitute all these values in ①

$$\Rightarrow [G(x) - a_0 - a_1 x] - 5[G(x) - a_0]x + 6[G(x)]x^2$$

$$= \frac{2x^2}{1-x}$$

$$a_0 = 3 \quad a_1 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow G(x) - 3 - 7x - 5x[G(x) + 15x + 6G(x)x^2]$$

$$= \frac{2x^2}{1-x}$$

$$G(x) \left[ 1 - 5x + 6x^2 \right] - 3 - 7x + 15x = \frac{2x}{1-x}$$

$$G(x) [1 - 5x + 6x^2] = 3 - 8x + \frac{2x^2}{1-x}$$

$$= \frac{(3-8x)(1-x) + 2x^2}{1-x}$$

$$= \frac{3 - 3x - 8x + 8x^2 + 2x^2}{1-x}$$

$$= \frac{3 - 11x + 10x^2}{1-x}$$

$$\therefore G(x) = \frac{3 - 11x + 10x^2}{(1-x)(1-5x+6x^2)}$$

$$6x^2 - 5x + 1$$

$$= \frac{3 - 11x + 10x^2}{(-x)(2x-1)(3x-1)}$$

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots  $\alpha\beta = 1 \times 6$   
 $\alpha + \beta = -5$

$$= \frac{3 - 11x + 10x^2}{(1-x)(1-2x)(1-3x)}$$

$$\because \alpha = -3$$

$$\beta = -1$$

decompose

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 - 2x - 3x + 1 \\ = 2x[3x-1] - [3x-1]$$

Now use partial fraction to split  $g(x)$

Also

$$\frac{3-11x+10x^2}{(1-5x+6x^2)(1-x)} = \frac{10x^2-11x+3}{10x^2-5x-6x+3}$$
$$= \frac{10x^2-5x-6x+3}{10x^2-5x-6x+3} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \alpha\beta = 30 \\ \alpha+\beta = -11 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha = -6 \quad \beta = -5 \end{array} \right.$$
$$= 5x[2x-1] - 3[2x-1]$$
$$= (2x-1)(5x-3)$$

Thus

$$g(x) = \frac{3-11x+10x^2}{(1-5x+6x^2)(1-x)} = \frac{(2x-1)(5x-3)}{(1-x)(1-2x)(1-3x)}$$
$$= \frac{(3-5x)}{(1-x)(1-3x)}$$

Now

$$g(x) = \frac{3-5x}{(1-x)(1-3x)} = \frac{A}{1-x} + \frac{B}{1-3x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - 5x^2 = A(1-3x) + B(1-x)$$

$$\text{Put } x=1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - 5 = A(1-3) + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 = A(-2) \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A=1}}$$

$$\text{Put } x=\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - \frac{5}{3} = A(0) + B\left(1-\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} = \frac{2}{3}B \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{B=2}}$$

Thus  $G(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} + \frac{2}{1-3x}$ .

$$\therefore g_k = (1+2[3^k]),$$

thus the required unique solution

$$G_n = 1 + 2(3^n), n \geq 0$$

3. Solve the recurrence relation by generating function

$$a) a_s - 2a_{s-1} - 3a_{s-2} = 0, s \geq 2, a_0 = 3, a_1 = 1$$

Step 1

Multiply both sides by  $x^s$  [since  $s$  is the largest subscript here]

$$a_s x^s - 2a_{s-1} x^s - 3a_{s-2} x^s = 0$$

Step 2

Since  $s \geq 2$ , summing for all  $s$ , we get

$$\sum_{s=2}^{\infty} a_s x^s - \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} 2a_{s-1} x^s - \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} 3a_{s-2} x^s = 0 \quad \text{--- I}$$

Now

$$\sum_{s=2}^{\infty} a_s x^s = a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

$$= G(x) - a_0 - a_1 x$$

①

$$\sum_{s=2}^{\infty} a_{s-1} x^s = a_1 x^2 + a_2 x^3 + a_3 x^4 + \dots$$

$$= [G(x) - a_0] x$$

②

$$\sum_{s=2}^{\infty} a_{s-2} x^s = a_0 x^2 + a_1 x^3 + a_2 x^4 + \dots$$

$$= [G(x)]x^2 \quad \text{--- } ③$$

Step 3

Substitute ①, ② and ③ in ①

Thus

$$[G(x) - a_0 - a_1 x] - 2[G(x) - a_0]x$$

$$- 3[G(x)x^2] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Now } a_0 = 3 \text{ and } a_1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow G(x) - 3 - \underline{x} - 2[G(x)x + \underline{2(3)}x]$$

$$- 3[G(x)x^2] = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } G(x) - 3 + 5x - 2G(x)x - 3G(x)x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) [1 - 2x - 3x^2] = 3 - 5x$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \frac{3 - 5x}{[1 - 2x - 3x^2]}$$

Consider the denominator

$$-3x^2 - 2x + 1$$

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots

$$\alpha \times \beta = (-3)(1) = -3$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -3 \quad \beta = 1$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & -3x^2 - 2x + 1 \\ &= -3x^2 - \underline{3x + x} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -3x[x+1] + [x+1]$$

$$= [x+1] [-3x+1]$$

$$\therefore G(x) = \frac{3-5x}{(1+x)(1-3x)}$$

$$= \frac{A}{1+x} + \frac{B}{1-3x}$$

$$\text{Thus } 3-5x = A(1-3x) + B(1+x)$$

$$\text{Put } x = -1 \Rightarrow 3+5 = A[1+3] + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 = 4A$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A = 2}}$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow 3-\frac{5}{3} = 0+B\left[\frac{1}{3}+1\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} = B\left[\frac{4}{3}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{B = 1}}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{2}{1+x} + \frac{1}{1-3x}$$

∴ Corresponding  $k^{\text{th}}$  term

$$a_k = 2 [(-1)^k] + [3^k]$$

∴ Required unique solution is

$$a_n = 2(-1)^n + 3^n \quad n \geq 0$$