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Final #3: Linear Recurrences

1.

$$x_0 = 1$$

$$x_1 = 2$$

$$x_2 = 3(2) + 2(1) = 8$$

$$x_3 = 3(8) + 2(2) = 28$$

$$x_4 = 3(28) + 2(8) = 100$$

$$x_5 = 3(100) + 2(28) = 356$$

$$x_6 = 3(356) + 2(100) = 1268$$

$$x_7 = 3(1268) + 2(356) = 4516$$

$$x_8 = 3(4516) + 2(1268) = 16084$$

$$x_9 = 3(16084) + 2(4516) = 57284$$

2. $\forall n \geq 0: x_{n+1} > x_n$

Assume $x_n = 3x_{n-1} + 2x_{n-2}$

Then $x_{n+1} = 3x_n + 2x_{n-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } x_{n+1} &= 3(3x_{n-1} + 2x_{n-2}) + 2x_{n-1} \\ &= 9x_{n-1} + 6x_{n-2} + 2x_{n-1} \\ &= 11x_{n-1} + 6x_{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$11x_{n-1} + 6x_{n-2} > 3x_{n-1} + 2x_{n-2} \quad \forall n \geq 0$$

3. $\forall n \geq 0: x_n \leq 4^n$

base cases: $n=0, x_n = 1 \leq 4^n \checkmark$

$n=1, x_n = 2 \leq 4^n \checkmark$

Is Assume $x_n \leq 4^n$ holds

Then, $x_{n+1} = 3x_n + 2x_{n-1} \leq 4^n + 4^{n-1}$

$$\leq 4^n + \frac{1}{4}4^n$$

$$\leq \frac{5}{4}4^n$$

$$x_{n+1} \leq \frac{5}{4}4^n \leq 4^{n+1}$$

4.

$$X_n = 3X_{n-1} + 2X_{n-2} \leq 3\beta^{n-1} + 2\beta^{n-2}$$

$$\beta^{n-2}(3\beta + 2) \leq \beta^n$$

$$3\beta + 2 \leq \beta^2$$

$$\beta^2 - 3\beta - 2 = 0$$

$$\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2} \quad -\beta = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow O\left(\left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{17}}{2}\right)^n\right)$$

$$5. \alpha \cdot \beta^0 \leq x_0, \quad \alpha \cdot \beta^1 \leq x_1$$

$$\alpha \cdot \beta^0 \leq 1, \quad \alpha \cdot \beta^1 \leq 2$$

To find the tightest lower bound of x_n they must satisfy the two inequalities produced by our base cases. Since we are trying to find the tightest bound β should be the greatest value possible to still remain valid in our inequalities. Thus, $\beta = 2$

$$\beta^0 = 2^0 \leq 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\beta^1 = 2^1 \leq 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\beta^2 = 2^2 \leq 8 \quad \checkmark$$

If β increased at all from $\beta = 2$ then the bound would fail to contain our base cases,

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6.

$$Y_0 = 1.0000000000$$

$$Y_1 = 2.0000000000$$

$$Y_2 = 1.2500000000$$

$$Y_3 = 1.8125000000$$

$$Y_4 = 1.3906250000$$

$$Y_5 = 1.7070312500$$

$$Y_6 = 1.4697265250$$

$$Y_7 = 1.6477050781$$

$$Y_8 = 1.5142211914$$

$$Y_9 = 1.6143341064$$

$$7. \forall n \geq 0: 1 \leq Y_n \leq 2$$

$$Y_n = \frac{1}{4} Y_{n-1} + \frac{3}{4} Y_{n-2}$$

$$Y_{n+1} = \frac{1}{4} Y_n + \frac{3}{4} Y_{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{4} Y_{n-1} + \frac{3}{4} Y_{n-2} \right) + \frac{3}{4} Y_{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} Y_{n-1} + \frac{3}{16} Y_{n-2} + \frac{3}{4} Y_{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{13}{16} Y_{n-1} + \frac{3}{16} Y_{n-2}$$

$$1 \leq Y_0 \leq 2 \Rightarrow 1 \leq 1 \leq 2 \checkmark$$

$$1 \leq Y_1 \leq 2 \Rightarrow 1 \leq 2 \leq 2 \checkmark$$

$$1 \leq Y_n \leq 2 \Rightarrow 1 \leq \frac{1}{4} Y_{n-1} + \frac{3}{4} Y_{n-2} \leq 2$$

$$\text{Let } n = 2 \Rightarrow 1 \leq 1.25 \leq 2$$

Assuming $Y_n = \frac{1}{4} Y_{n-1} + \frac{3}{4} Y_{n-2}$ holds

then $1 \leq Y_n \leq 2$

and $1 \leq Y_{n+1} \leq 2$

$$8. Y_{n+1} - Y_n = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$$

$$\frac{1}{16} Y_{n-1} + \frac{3}{16} Y_{n-2} - \frac{1}{4} Y_{n-1} - \frac{3}{4} Y_{n-2} = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$$

$$\frac{9}{16} Y_{n-1} - \frac{9}{16} Y_{n-2} = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$$

base cases let $n=2 \Rightarrow \frac{9}{16}(2) - \frac{9}{16}(1) = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$

$$\frac{18}{16} - \frac{9}{16} = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{9}{16} = \frac{9}{16} \checkmark$$

$$n=1 \Rightarrow \frac{9}{4} - 2 = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^1$$

$$-\frac{3}{4} = -\frac{3}{4} \checkmark$$

$$n=0 \Rightarrow 2 - 1 = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^0$$

$$1 = 1 \checkmark$$

Inductive step suppose $Y_{n+1} - Y_n = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$ is true

$$\frac{9}{16} Y_n - \frac{9}{16} Y_{n-1} = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^{n+1}$$

$$\frac{9}{16} (Y_n - Y_{n-1}) = -\frac{3}{4} \cdot \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$$

$$\frac{36}{48} (Y_n - Y_{n-1}) = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$$

$$\frac{3}{4} (Y_n - Y_{n-1}) = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$$

$$Y_n - Y_{n-1} = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$n=1 \quad 2 - 1 = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^0$$

$$1 = 1 \checkmark$$

Thus, $n+1 \Rightarrow Y_{n+1} - Y_n = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n \quad \forall n \geq 0$

$$9. Y_n = 1 + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^k$$

From the previous problem we have

$$Y_1 = -\frac{3}{4} = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^1$$

$$Y_2 = \frac{9}{16} = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$$

$$Y_3 = \frac{-27}{64} = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^3$$

From the previous problem we also have

$Y_{n+1} - Y_n = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$ which entails that the difference between the next element and the current element $= \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$

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This is simply $\sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^k$

The additional $+1$ is derived from the fact that $Y_{n+1} - Y_n$ has a minimum of $n=0$, such that we have $Y_1 - Y_0$ which does not account for our original base case.

$$\text{Thus } Y_n = 1 + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^k$$

10.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n = 1 + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^k = \text{undefined}$$

Because of our alternating positive/negative term: $\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^k$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ our value of Y_n will alternate after every term approaching 1 or 2.