

## ch-9. Recurrence Relations (C.L. Liu).

e.g. For the numeric function  $a = (3^0, 3^1, 3^2, \dots, 3^r, \dots)$

# the  $f^n$  can be specified by expression,

$$a_x = 3^x, x \geq 0$$

# Also the  $f^n$  can be specified by generating function,

$$A(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 3z}$$

# The Recurrence Relation describes the same  $f^n$ ,

$$a_x = 3a_{x-1} \quad \text{with } \boxed{a_0 = 1}$$

e.g. Sequence of Fibonacci Nos.:-

$$\# a_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{x+1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{x+1}$$

$$\# \text{ or } A(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z - z^2}$$

$$\# \text{ or } a_x = a_{x-1} + a_{x-2} \quad \text{with } \boxed{a_0 = 1, a_1 = 1} \rightarrow \text{boundary conditions.}$$

# Recurrence Relation :- Also termed as difference equation.

## Linear Recurrence Relations with constant coefficients

A Recurrence Relation of the form

$$c_0 a_r + c_1 a_{r-1} + c_2 a_{r-2} + \dots + c_k a_{r-k} = f(r)$$

where  $c_i$ 's are constants, is called Linear Rec. Rel. with constant coefficients.

The Eq. above is known as  $k^{\text{th}}$ -order Rec. Relation provided that both  $c_0$  &  $c_k$  are non-zero.

for eq. 1)  $2a_r + 3a_{r-1} = r^2 \rightarrow \text{first order.}$

eq. 2)  $3a_r - 5a_{r-1} + 2a_{r-2} = r^2 + 5 \rightarrow \text{second order}$

eq. 3)  $a_r + 7a_{r-2} = 0 \rightarrow \text{second order.}$

In second eq.

$$3a_r - 5a_{r-1} + 2a_{r-2} = r^2 + 5, \boxed{a_3 = 3, a_4 = 6}$$

then  $a_5 = -\frac{1}{3} [-5 \cdot 6 + 2 \cdot 3 - (5^2 + 5)] = 18$  (given).

then  $a_6 = -\frac{1}{3} [-5 \cdot 18 + 2 \cdot 6 - (6^2 + 5)] = \frac{119}{3}$

& so on.

Also, we can compute,  $a_2, a_1, \& a_0$ .

# For a  $k$ -th order LRRWCC,  $k$ -boundary values are req. to determine numeric  $f^n$  uniquely.

## Homogeneous Solutions ( $f(r)$ should be = 0)

e.g.  $a_r = a_{r-1} + a_{r-2}$

$$\Rightarrow a_r - a_{r-1} - a_{r-2} = 0$$

characteristic Eq. is  $\alpha^2 - \alpha - 1 = 0$

$$\alpha_1 = \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right), \quad \alpha_2 = \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right).$$

Homogeneous sol<sup>n</sup>, given by,

$$a_r = A_1 \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^r + A_2 \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^r$$

Now, if  $\boxed{a_0 = 1}$  &  $\boxed{a_1 = 1}$  then  $A_1$  &  $A_2$  are evaluated.

If some roots are multiple roots.

e.g.  $a_r + 6a_{r-1} + 12a_{r-2} + 8a_{r-3} = 0$

characteristic eq. is :-

$$\alpha^3 + 6\alpha^2 + 12\alpha + 8 = 0$$

Put  $\alpha = -2$ ,  $-8 + 24 - 24 + 8 = 0$ .

$$\therefore (\alpha+2)(\alpha^2 + 4\alpha + 4) = 0$$

$$\alpha = -2, -2, -2.$$

Thus,

$$a_r = (A_1 r^2 + A_2 r + A_3) (-2)^r$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \alpha^2 + 4\alpha + 4 \\
 \hline
 (\alpha+2)\alpha^3 + 6\alpha^2 + 12\alpha + 8 \\
 -\alpha^3 - 2\alpha^2 \\
 \hline
 4\alpha^2 + 12\alpha \\
 -4\alpha^2 - 8\alpha \\
 \hline
 4\alpha + 8 \\
 -4\alpha - 8 \\
 \hline
 0
 \end{array}$$

# If  $\alpha$  is the root of multiplicity  $m$  (in above  $\Rightarrow m=3$ ),  
then the corresponding homogeneous sol<sup>n</sup>. is.

$$a_{\gamma} = (A_0 \gamma^{m-1} + A_1 \gamma^{m-2} + \dots + A_{m-1} \gamma + A_m) \alpha^{\gamma}$$

e.g.  $4a_{\gamma} - 20a_{\gamma-1} + 17a_{\gamma-2} - 4a_{\gamma-3} = 0$

the char. Eq. is :-

$$4\alpha^3 - 20\alpha^2 + 17\alpha - 4 = 0$$

$(\alpha-4)$	$\frac{4\alpha^2 - 4\alpha + 1}{4\alpha^3 - 20\alpha^2 + 17\alpha - 4}$
$\underline{-4\alpha^2 + 16\alpha}$	$\frac{-4\alpha^2 + 17\alpha}{-4\alpha^2 + 16\alpha}$
$\underline{+4\alpha^2 - 16\alpha}$	$\frac{\alpha - 4}{\alpha - 4}$
	$\underline{\alpha - 4}$
	$\alpha$

Put  $\alpha=4$ ,  $256 - 320 + 68 - 4$   
 $= 324 - 324 = 0$ .

thus  $(\alpha-4)(4\alpha^2 - 4\alpha + 1) = 0$

$\alpha=4, \pm\frac{1}{2}, \mp\frac{1}{2}$ .

(Here  $m=2$ ) thus

$$a_{\gamma} = (A_0 \gamma + A_1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\gamma} + A_3 4^{\gamma}$$

## Particular Solution

To find Particular sol<sup>n</sup>, we set up general form acc. to the form of  $f(x)$ .

# When  $f(x)$  is of the form of a polynomial of degree  $t$  in  $x$ ,

$f_1 x^t + f_2 x^{t-1} + \dots + f_t x + f_{t+1}$ , the corresponding particular solution will be of the form,

$$P_1 x^t + P_2 x^{t-1} + \dots + P_t x + P_{t+1}.$$

$$a_x + 5a_{x-1} + 6a_{x-2} = 3x^2 - 2x + 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Here  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 1$

thus, corr. Particular sol<sup>n</sup> is

$$a_x = P_1 x^2 + P_2 x + P_3 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

sols. (2) in (1), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 x^2 + P_2 x + P_3 + 5P_1(x-1)^2 + 5P_2(x-1) + 5P_3 + 6P_1(x-2)^2 \\ + 6P_2(x-2) + 6P_3 = 3x^2 - 2x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12P_1 x^2 - (34P_1 - 12P_2)x + (29P_1 - 17P_2 + 12P_3) = 3x^2 - 2x + 1$$

Equating both sides,

$$12P_1 = 3, \quad 34P_1 - 12P_2 = 2, \quad 29P_1 - 17P_2 + 12P_3 = 1$$

thus,  $P_1 = \frac{1}{4}, \quad P_2 = \frac{13}{24}, \quad P_3 = \frac{71}{288}$ . Hence the Particular Sol.

is,

$$a_x = \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{13}{24}x + \frac{71}{288}$$

$$\text{eg. } a_x + 5a_{x-1} + 6a_{x-2} = 3x^2 \quad -\textcircled{1}$$

Here  $f(x) = 3x^2$   
or

$$= 3x^2 + 0x + 0$$

Hence, Particular sol<sup>n</sup> is,

$$a_x = P_1 x^2 + P_2 x + P_3 \quad -\textcircled{2}$$

Put  $\textcircled{2}$  in  $\textcircled{1}$ , & simplifying

$$P_1 x^2 + P_2 x + P_3 + 5P_1(x-1)^2 + 5P_2(x-1) + 5P_3 + 6P_1(x-2)^2 + 6P_2(x-2) + 6P_3 = 3x^2$$

Equating,

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{4}, \quad P_2 = \frac{17}{24}, \quad P_3 = \frac{115}{288}$$

∴ Particular sol<sup>n</sup> is  $a_x = \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{17}{24}x + \frac{115}{288}$ .

$$\text{eg. } a_x - 5a_{x-1} + 6a_{x-2} = 1 \quad -\textcircled{1}$$

Here,  $f(x) = 1$

or  
 $f(x) = 1 \cdot x^0$ , Thus, Part. sol<sup>n</sup> is  $a_x = P \quad -\textcircled{2}$

Put  $\textcircled{2}$  in  $\textcircled{1}$ , we get,

$$P - 5P + 6P = 1$$

$$xP = 1, \quad P = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, 
$$\boxed{a_x = \frac{1}{2}}$$

(II)

When  $f(x)$  is of the form  $\beta^x$ , the corresponding particular solution is of the form  $P\beta^x$ , if  $\beta$  is not a characteristic root of the difference equation.

If  $f(x)$  is of the form,

$(f_1 x^t + f_2 x^{t-1} + \dots + f_t x + f_{t+1}) \beta^x$ , the corresponding particular sol. is of the form,

$(P_1 x^t + P_2 x^{t-1} + \dots + P_t x + P_{t+1}) \beta^x$ , if  $\beta$  is not characteristic root of difference eq.

e.g.  $a_x + a_{x-1} = 3x \cdot 2^x$  — (1) char. eq =  $\alpha + 1 = 0$   
 $\alpha = -1 \neq \beta$

The general form of particular sol. is:-

$$a_x = (P_1 x + P_2) 2^x \quad [i.e. (3x + 0) 2^x] - (2)$$

Put (2) in (1), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} & (P_1 x + P_2) 2^x + (P_1 (x-1) + P_2) 2^{x-1} = 3x \cdot 2^x \\ & = P_1 x 2^x + P_2 2^x + \underbrace{(P_1 (x-1) + P_2)}_{\frac{1}{2} P_1 x 2^x} 2^x = 3x \cdot 2^x \\ & = \underbrace{P_1 x 2^x}_{\frac{3}{2} P_1 x 2^x} + P_2 2^x + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} P_1 x 2^x}_{\frac{P_1}{2} \cdot 2^x} - \underbrace{\frac{P_1}{2} \cdot 2^x}_{\frac{P_1}{2} 2^x} + \underbrace{\frac{P_2}{2} 2^x}_{0 \cdot 2^x} = 3x \cdot 2^x \\ & = \frac{3}{2} P_1 x 2^x + 2^x \left( P_2 + \frac{P_1}{2} + \frac{P_1}{2} \right) = 3x \cdot 2^x \\ & = \frac{3}{2} P_1 x 2^x + \left( \frac{3}{2} P_2 - \frac{P_1}{2} \right) 2^x = 3x \cdot 2^x + 0 \cdot 2^x \end{aligned}$$

Equating both sides,  $\frac{3}{2} P_1 = 3$  &  $\left( \frac{3}{2} P_2 - \frac{P_1}{2} \right) = 0$

$$\therefore P_1 = 2, P_2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

∴ Particular sol. is  $a_x = \left( 2x + \frac{2}{3} \right) 2^x$

(III) for the case that  $\beta$  is a characteristic root of multiplicity  $m$ , when  $f(x)$  is of the form,

$$(f_1 x^t + f_2 x^{t-1} + \dots + f_t x + f_{t+1}) \beta^x$$

the corresponding particular sol<sup>n</sup> is of the form,

$$x^m (p_1 x^t + p_2 x^{t-1} + \dots + p_t x + p_{t+1}) \beta^x$$

e.g.  $a_x - 2a_{x-1} = 3 \cdot 2^x \quad \text{--- (1)}$

$$f(x) = 3 \cdot 2^x \text{ or } 3 \cdot x^0 \cdot 2^x \quad [\beta = 2]$$

characteristic Eqn. :-  $\alpha - 2 = 0$

$$\boxed{\alpha = 2 = \beta} \quad \& \quad \boxed{m = 1}$$

then Particular sol<sup>n</sup> is :-

$$a_x = P x \cdot 2^x \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Put (2) in (1), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} & P x 2^x - 2(P(x-1) \cdot 2^{x-1}) = 3 \cdot 2^x \\ \Rightarrow & P x 2^x - \frac{(2P x - 2P) 2^x}{2} = 3 \cdot 2^x \\ \Rightarrow & P x 2^x - (P x - P) 2^x = 3 \cdot 2^x \\ \Rightarrow & P x 2^x - P x 2^x + P 2^x = 3 \cdot 2^x \\ & \boxed{P = 3} \end{aligned}$$

∴ the Particular sol<sup>n</sup> is

$$\boxed{a_x = 3x \cdot 2^x}$$

$$\text{eq. } a_x - 4a_{x-1} + 4a_{x-2} = (x+1)x^2 \quad - (1)$$

$$\text{char. eq. is } x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$$

$$x = 2, 2 = \beta \quad [m=2] \quad \text{hence (III case)}$$

Particular sol<sup>n</sup> is

$$a_x^P = x^2(p_1 x + p_2) x^2 \quad - (2)$$

Put (2) in (1), we get,

$$6p_1 x^2 = x \cdot 2^2$$

$$(-6p_1 + 2p_2) x^2 = 2^2$$

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{6}, \quad p_2 = 1$$

$$\therefore a_x^P = x^2 \left( \frac{x}{6} + 1 \right) x^2.$$

$$\text{eq. } a_x = a_{x-1} + 7$$

$$\therefore a_x - a_{x-1} = 7x^0 \cdot 1^x \quad - (1)$$

$$\text{char. Eq. is } x - 1 = 0$$

$$[x = 1 = \beta], \quad m=1.$$

$$a_x = a_{x-1} + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow a_x - a_{x-1} = 7 \quad - (1)$$

$$\text{here } f(x) = 7 \cdot x^0$$

∴ the Part. sol<sup>n</sup> is

$$a_x = 9 \quad - (2)$$

$$9 - 9 = 7 \quad (\text{Not true})$$

hence consider

$$f(x) = 7 \cdot x^0 \cdot 1^x$$

case III,

$$a_x^P = x \cdot P \cdot 1^x \quad - (2)$$

Put (2) in (1),

$$xP - P(x-1) = 7$$

$$xP - xP + P = 7$$

$$P = 7$$

$$a_x^P = 7x$$

$$\text{Eq. } a_r - 2a_{r-1} + a_{r-2} = 7 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Here  $f(x) = 7 \cdot x^0$

Part. sol' is  $a_r = P \quad \text{--- (2)}$

Put (2) in (1)

$$P - 2P + P = 7 \quad (\text{Not true})$$

$\therefore$  Consider  $f(x) = 7 \cdot x^1$

now  $\beta = 1$ , find char. root.

char. eqn. is  $x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$

$$x^2 - x - x + 1 = 0$$

$$x(x-1) - x(x-1) = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x-1) = 0 \quad \boxed{x=1, 1=f} \quad \boxed{m=2}$$

$$\therefore a_r = r^2 (P) \cdot 1^r \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Put (3) in (1)

$$r^2 P - 2(r(r-1)^2) + P(r-2)^2 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 P - 2r(r^2 - r + 1) + P(r^2 + 4 - 4r) = 7$$

$$= \cancel{r^2 P} - \cancel{2r^3} + \cancel{2r^2} - \cancel{2r} + \cancel{P r^2} + \cancel{4P} - \cancel{4Pr} = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow -2Pr + 2P = 7 \quad , \text{Equating,}$$

$$2P = 7, \quad \boxed{P = \frac{7}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{a_r = r^2 \cdot \frac{7}{2}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -2Rz = 0 \\ -2 \cdot 7 \cdot z = 0 \\ 7z = 0 \end{array}$$

~~Eq.~~  $a_r - 5a_{r-1} + 6a_{r-2} = \gamma^2 + \gamma - 0$  L.H.S. ~~for r=0~~

char. Eqn. is  $\alpha^2 - 5\alpha + 6 = 0$

$$\alpha^2 - 3\alpha - 2\alpha + 6 = 0$$

$$\alpha(\alpha-3) - 2(\alpha-3) = 0$$

$$(\alpha-3)(\alpha-2) = 0, \boxed{\alpha = 3, \alpha = 2}$$

$$\alpha = 2 = \beta$$

since at least one root is equal to  $\beta$ , we consider  $p_m = 1$   
discard another root.

∴ The Particular sol<sup>n</sup> is :-

$$a_r = P_1 \underbrace{\gamma^2}_{\gamma} + P_2 \underbrace{\gamma}_{\gamma} + P_3 - ②$$

Put ② in ①, we get,

$$P_1 = -2, \quad P_2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P_3 = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\therefore a_r = -\gamma^2 + \frac{1}{2}\gamma + \frac{7}{4}$$

~~$$\text{Eq. } a_x - a_{x-1} = 7x \quad - \textcircled{1}$$~~

$$f(x) = 7x$$

$$\text{Part. soln. is } a_x^P = P_1 x + P_2 \quad - \textcircled{2}$$

Put \textcircled{2} in \textcircled{1}

$$P_1 x + P_2 - (P_1(x-1)) - P_2 = 7x$$

$$P_1 x + P_2 - P_1 x + P_1 - P_2 = 7x$$

$$P_1 = 7x + 0, \boxed{P_1 = 0}, P_2 = ND.$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 7x. \boxed{x} \quad \boxed{\beta = 1}$$

$$\text{char. eq: } \alpha - 1 = 0, \boxed{\alpha = 1} = \beta \quad \boxed{m = 1}$$

$$a_x^P = x(P_1 x + P_2) \quad - \textcircled{3}, \text{ Put } \textcircled{3} \text{ in } \textcircled{1}$$

$$x(P_1 x + P_2) - \left[ (x-1)(P_1(x-1) + P_2) \right] = 7x$$

$$= P_1 x^2 + P_2 x - \left( (x-1)[P_1 x - P_1 + P_2] \right) = 7x$$

$$= P_1 x^2 + P_2 x - (P_1 x^2 - P_1 x + P_2 x - P_1 x + P_1 - P_2) = 7x$$

$$= \cancel{P_1 x^2} + \cancel{P_2 x} - \cancel{P_1 x^2} + P_1 x - \cancel{P_2 x} + P_2 x - P_1 + P_2 = 7x$$

$$= 2P_1 x - P_1 + P_2 = 7x$$

Equating:-

$$2P_1 = 7, \boxed{P_1 = \frac{7}{2}}, \text{ Also, } -P_1 + P_2 = 0$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{7}{2} + P_2 = 0}$$

$$\boxed{P_2 = \frac{7}{2}}$$

$$\therefore a_x^P = \frac{7}{2}x + \frac{7}{2}$$

## 9.6. Total solutions

The total solution of a LDEWCC is the sum of two parts, the homogeneous solution & the particular solution.

$$\text{eq. } a_8 + 5a_{8-1} + 6a_{8-2} = 42.4 \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

⇒ To find homogeneous sol<sup>n</sup> first, equate  $\textcircled{1}$  to 0,

$$a_8 + 5a_{8-1} + 6a_{8-2} = 0$$

char. eq. is

$$\alpha^2 + 5\alpha + 6 = 0$$

$$\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 2\alpha + 6 = 0$$

$$\alpha(\alpha+3) + 2(\alpha+3) = 0$$

$$\alpha = -3, \alpha = -2.$$

$$\text{Thus, } a_8^H = A_1(-2)^8 + A_2(-3)^8 \quad - \textcircled{2}$$

⇒ To find Particular sol<sup>n</sup>,  $\boxed{\beta = 4}$

$$a_8^P = P_8 \cdot 4^8 \quad [\text{Because } \alpha \neq \beta] \quad - \textcircled{3}$$

Put  $\textcircled{3}$  in  $\textcircled{1}$

$$P_8^8 + 5(P_8^{8-1}) + 6P_8^{8-2} = 42.4^8$$

$$\Rightarrow P_8^8 + \frac{5}{4}P_8^8 + \frac{6}{16}P_8^8 = 42.4^8$$

$$\text{Equating } P + \frac{5}{4}P + \frac{3}{8}P = 42 \Rightarrow \frac{8P + 10P + 3P}{8} = 42$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{21}{8}P = 42, \quad P = \frac{42 \times 8}{21} = 16.$$

$$\therefore a_8^P = 16.4^8$$

$$\text{Thus } a_8^t = a_8^H + a_8^P = A_1(-2)^8 + A_2(-3)^8 + 16.4^8.$$

[Now, suppose boundary values are given,  $a_2 = 278$ ,  $a_3 = 982$ .

solving, we get  $A_1 = 1$ ,  $A_2 = 2$ , Thus,  $a_8 = (-2)^8 + 2(-3)^8 + 16.4^8$ . Ans]

## 9.7 Solution by the method of Generating functions

$$\text{eq} \quad a_s = 3a_{s-1} + 2 \quad s \geq 1$$

Sol.: Multiplying both sides, by  $z^s$ , we obtain,

$$a_s z^s = 3a_{s-1} z^s + 2 z^s, \quad s \geq 1$$

Summing above eq, for all  $s \geq 1$ , we obtain,

$$\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} a_s z^s = 3 \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} a_{s-1} z^s + 2 \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} z^s \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

consider L.H.S. first.

$$\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} a_s z^s = a_1 z^1 + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots = A(z) - a_0 z^0 \quad - \textcircled{2}$$

consider R.H.S., first part,

$$3 \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} a_{s-1} z^s = 3(a_0 z^1 + a_1 z^2 + \dots)$$

or

$$3 \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} a_{s-1} z^{s-1} \cdot z = 3z(a_0 z^0 + a_1 z^1 + a_2 z^2 + \dots) -$$

$$= 3z(A(z)) \quad - \textcircled{3}$$

consider R.H.S, second part,

$$2 \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} z^s = 2(z^1 + z^2 + z^3 + \dots)$$

$$= 2z(i.z^0 + i.z^1 + i.z^2 + \dots)$$

$$= 2z \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1-z} \right) \quad - \textcircled{4}$$

Put  $\textcircled{2}$ ,  $\textcircled{3}$ , &  $\textcircled{4}$  in Eq  $\textcircled{1}$ , we get,

$$A(z) - a_0 = 3z.A(z) + \frac{2z}{1-z}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(z) - 1 = 3z(A(z)) + \frac{2z}{1-z} \quad [a_0 = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow A(z) - 3zA(z) = \frac{2z}{1-z} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A(z)(1-3z) = \frac{2z}{1-z} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A(z) = \frac{2z+1-z}{1-z} \times \frac{1}{1-3z}$$

$$= \frac{z+1}{1-z} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1-3z} \right)$$

$$= \frac{z}{1-3z} - \frac{1}{1-z} \quad [\text{Partial fractions}]$$

$$\therefore a_8 = 2 \cdot 3^8 - 1$$

or

$a_8 = 2 \cdot 3^8 - 1$