

# Math 239 Tutorial 3

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1)

a)

$$\frac{6 - x + 5x^2}{1 - 3x^2 - 3x^3} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$\iff 6 - x + 5x^2 = (1 - 3x^2 - 2x^3) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$\iff 6 - x + 5x^2 = a_0 + a_1 x + (a_2 - 3a_0)x^2 + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (a_n - 3a_{n-2} - 2a_{n-3})x^n$$

## Equating Coefficients

$$a_0 = 6$$

$$a_1 = -1$$

$$a_2 - 3a_0 = 5$$

$$a_2 = 5 + 18 = 23$$

$$a_n - 3a_{n-2} - 2a_{n-3} = 0$$

Taking  $n = 5$

$$a_5 = 3a_3 + 2a_2$$

$$\implies a_5 = 9a_1 + 6a_0 + 2a_2 = 73$$

b)

Observe that  $1 - 3x^2 - 2x^3 = (1 - 2x)(1 + x)^2$

And hence

$$A(x) = \frac{6 - x + 5x^2}{(1 - 2x)(1 + x)^2} = \frac{C_1}{1 - 2x} + \frac{C_2}{1 + x} + \frac{C_3}{(1 + x)^2}$$

Find  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  and use them to find an explicit formula for  $a_n$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{6-x+5x^2}{(1-2x)(1+x)^2} &= \frac{C_1}{1-2x} + \frac{C_2}{1-x} \\ &= \frac{C_1(1+x)^2 + C_2(1-2x)(1+x) + C_3(1-2x)}{(1-2x)(1+x)^2}\end{aligned}$$

after expanding

$$\frac{(C_1 + C_2 + C_3) + (2C_1 - C_2 - 2C_3)x + (C_1 - 2C_2)x^2}{(1-2x)(1+x)^2}$$

Equating Coefficients:

$$C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 6$$

$$2C_1 - C_2 - 2C_3 = -1$$

$$C_1 - 2C_2 = 5$$

$$C_1 = 3$$

$$C_2 = -1$$

$$C_3 = 4$$

So

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

$$\begin{aligned}&= 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^n x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n + 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [3 \cdot 2^n + (4n+3)(-1)^n] x^n \\ &a_n = 3 \cdot 2^n + (4n+3)(-1)^n\end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n = 5$

$$\begin{aligned}a_5 &= 3 \cdot 32 + 23 - 1 \\ &= 73\end{aligned}$$

**2)**

By Binomial Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [x^n](1-x)^k &= (-1)^n \binom{-k}{n} \\
 \binom{-k}{n} &= \frac{(-k)(-k-1)\dots(-k-n+1)}{n!} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^n k(k+1)\dots(n+k-1)}{n!} \\
 &= (-1)^k \frac{(n-k-1)!}{n!(k-1)!} \\
 &= (-1)^n \binom{n+k-1}{k-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 [x^n](1-x)^{-k} &= (-1)^n \binom{-k}{n} \\
 &= (-1)^n (-1)^n \binom{n+k-1}{k-1} \\
 &= (-1)^{2n} \binom{n+k-1}{k-1} \\
 &= \binom{n+k-1}{k-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

**3)**

**a)**

Define  $\alpha: \{0,1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
 $\text{len} \rightarrow \text{len} + 1$

Observe that if  $\sigma = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_n \in S_n$  then  
 $w(\sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha(\sigma_i)$

Then  $S_n = \{0,1\}^n$  and so by the product lemma

$$\begin{aligned} &= \Phi_{S_n}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \Phi_{\{0,1\}}(x) \\ &= (\Phi_{\{0,1\}}(x))^n \\ &= (x + x^2)^n \end{aligned}$$

**b)**

Observe that i)  $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$

ii)  $T = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} S_i$

$\therefore$  by the sum lemma  $\therefore \Phi_T(x) = \frac{1}{1-(x+x^2)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_T(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{S_n}(x) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x + x^2)^n \end{aligned}$$

B/c  $[x^0](x + x^2) = 0$

We can convert it to the power series above

**4)**

**a)**

We can think of  $S$  as  $\{0, \dots, 9\}^6$  by appending leading zeros to "too short" integers."

Define  $\alpha = \{0, \dots, 9\} \rightarrow N$   $x \rightarrow x$

Then if  $\sigma \in S$  we write  $\sigma = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_6$  and note that  $w(\sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^6 \alpha(\sigma_i)$

$\therefore$  by the product lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_S(x) &= \prod \Phi_{\{0, \dots, 9\}}(x) \\ &= (\Phi_{\{0, \dots, 9\}}(x))^6 \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that:

$$\Phi_{\{0, \dots, 9\}}(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^9$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_S(x) &= (1 + x + x^2 + \dots x^9)^6 \\ &= \left(\frac{1 - x^{10}}{1 - x}\right)^6\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the number of integers in  $S$  whose digits sum to  $k$  should be:

$$[x^k] \left(\frac{1 - x^{10}}{1 - x}\right)^6$$

**b)**

For each length  $l$  between 2 and 6 the string looks like this:

$$(\sigma, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{l-1}, \sigma_{l+1})$$

For each  $l$  define  $T_l$  to be the set of all strings of length  $l$  within the desired property.

Then:

$$F_T(x) = (x^3 + x^5 + \dots x^{17})(1 + x + \dots x^9)^{l-2}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_T(x) &= \sum_{l=2}^6 \Phi_{T_l}(x) \\ &= \sum_{l=2}^6 x^3 \left(\frac{1 - x^{10}}{1 - x^2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - x^{10}}{1 - x}\right)^l\end{aligned}$$

The number we need is  $[x^k] \Phi_T(x)$