

Since  $r^2 - c_1r - c_2 = 0$  has only one root  $r_0$ , we have  $\Delta = c_1^2 + 4c_2 = 0$ ,  $r_0^2 = c_1r_0 + c_2$ , then  $r_0 = \frac{c_1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1a_{n-1} + c_2a_{n-2} &= c_1(\alpha_1r_0^{n-1} + \alpha_2(n-1)r_0^{n-1}) + c_2(\alpha_1r_0^{n-2} + \alpha_2(n-2)r_0^{n-2}) \\ &= \alpha_1r_0^{n-2}(c_1r_0 + c_2) + \alpha_2r_0^{n-2}(c_1(n-1)r_0 + c_2(n-2)) \\ &= \alpha_1r_0^n + \alpha_2r_0^{n-2}((n-1)(c_1r_0 + c_2) - c_2) \\ &= \alpha_1r_0^n + \alpha_2r_0^{n-2}((n-1)r_0^2 - (-\frac{(2r_0)^2}{4})) = \alpha_1r_0^n + \alpha_2nr_0^n \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $\{a_n\}$  is a solution of the recurrence relation, and the initial conditions  $a_0 = C_0$  and  $a_1 = C_1$  hold.

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= C_0 = \alpha_1 \\ a_1 &= C_1 = \alpha_1r_0 + \alpha_2r_0 \end{aligned}$$

Then we solve these two equations

$$\alpha_1 = C_0, \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{C_1 - r_0C_0}{r_0}$$

Since we know that the theorem is true when  $c_2 \neq 0$ , which shows that  $(r^2 - c_1r - c_2)|_{r=0} = -c_2 \neq 0$ . Hence  $r_0 \neq 0$ , with these values for  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ , the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  with  $\alpha_1r_1^n + \alpha_2r_2^n$  satisfies the two initial conditions.

When  $n = 1$ ,  $a_1 = sf_{1-1} + tf_1 = t$ .

When  $n = 2$ ,  $a_2 = sf_{2-1} + tf_2 = s + t = a_1 + a_0$ .

Let  $k \geq 2$ . Assume  $\forall 1 \leq j \leq k$ ,  $a_j = sf_{j-1} + tf_j$  is true;

When  $n = k + 1$ , we know that

$$\begin{aligned} a_{k+1} &= a_k + a_{k-1} = sf_{k-1} + tf_k + sf_{k-2} + tf_{k-1} \\ &= s(f_{k-1} + f_{k-2}) + tf_k + f_{k-1} = sf_{k+1-1} + tf_k \end{aligned}$$

is true as well.

By mathematical induction,  $\forall n \geq 1$ ,  $a_n = sf_{n-1} + tf_n$  is true.

a)  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 100, (n \geq 2) \quad a_1 = 2$

b)  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 100 = 2(2a_{n-2} + 100) + 100 = 2^2(2a_{n-3} + 100) + 2 * 100 + 100 = 2^3(2a_{n-4} + 100) + 2^2 * 100 + 2 * 100 + 100 = \dots = 2^{n-2}(2a_1 + 100) + 100 \sum_{i=0}^{n-3} 2^i = 2^n + 100 \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} 2^i = 51 * 2^n - 100 \quad (n \geq 1)$

c)  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - n, (n \geq 3) \quad a_2 = 4, a_1 = 2$

d) The associated linear homogeneous recurrence relation is  $a_n = 2a_{n-1}$ , with the solution  $a_n^{(h)} = \alpha 2^n$ . Since  $F(n) = -n$  is a polynomial in  $n$  of degree 1, a particular solution is a linear function in  $n$ , say,  $a_n = cn + d$ . Substituting it into the recurrence relation implies that  $(c - 1)n - (2c - d) = 0$ . It follows that  $c = 1, d = 2$ . So the particular solution is  $a_n^{(p)} = n + 2$  and the general solution is  $a_n = \alpha 2^n + n + 2$ . Let  $n = 2$ , then we have  $a_2 = \alpha 2^2 + 2 + 2 = 4$ . Hence  $\alpha = 0$ , the recurrence relation is  $\forall n \geq 2, a_n = n + 2, a_1 = 2$ .