

Properties of integers: Mathematical Induction

Given any two distinct integers x, y , we know that we must have either $x < y$ or $y < x$.

However, this is also true if x and y are rational numbers or real numbers.

What makes \mathbb{Z} special in this situation?

Suppose we try to express the subset \mathbb{Z}^+ of \mathbb{Z} , using inequality symbol $>$ and \geq .

We can define the set of positive elements of \mathbb{Z} as

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x > 0\} \text{ or}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \geq 1\}.$$

However, if we try to do likewise for rational numbers or real numbers, we find that $\mathbb{Q}^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid x > 0\}$ and $\mathbb{R}^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 0\}$, but we can't express \mathbb{Q}^+ and \mathbb{R}^+ using \geq as in the case of \mathbb{Z}^+ .

The set \mathbb{Z}^+ is different from the sets \mathbb{Q}^+ & \mathbb{R}^+ in such a way that every nonempty subset X of \mathbb{Z}^+ contains an integer $a \leq x$, for all $x \in X$. That is X contains a smallest integer.

That is X contains a smallest element.

This is not the case in either \mathbb{Q}^+ or \mathbb{R}^+ .

The Well Ordering Principle:

"Every non empty subset of \mathbb{Z}^+ contains a smallest element" (\mathbb{Z}^+ is well ordered).

This principle differentiates \mathbb{Z}^+ from \mathbb{Q}^+ or \mathbb{R}^+ .

Does this principle is useful in anywhere in mathematics?

YES: Useful in mathematical induction.

Finite induction principle or principle of mathematical induction:

Let $S(n)$ denotes an open mathematical statement (or set of such open statements) that involves one or more occurrences of the variable n , which represents a positive integer.

- If $S(1)$ is true; and
- If whenever $S(k)$ is true, where $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then $S(k+1)$ is true, then $S(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Proof : Let $S(n)$ be such an open statement satisfying conditions (a) and (b), and let $F = \{t \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid S(t) \text{ is false}\}$. We need to prove that $F = \emptyset$, so to obtain a contradiction we assume that $F \neq \emptyset$.

By the principle of well-ordering, F has a least element s . Since $S(1)$ is true it follows that $s \neq 1$, so $s > 1$, and consequently

$s-1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. With $s-1 \notin F$, we have $S(s-1)$ true.

By condition (b) it follows that $S(s-1+1) = S(s)$ is true, which contradicts that $s \in F$.

This contradiction arises from the assumption that $F \neq \emptyset$. Consequently $F = \emptyset$. //

In the above statement, the condition (a) is referred to as the base step. The condition (b) is called the inductive step.

for example consider the following statement

the sum of first n natural numbers is

equal to $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

we can prove this statement by induction

for $n=1$ the statement is true

now assume that the statement is true for $n=k$ then for $n=k+1$

Ex(1): For all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1+2+3+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

Proof: For $n=1$, the open statement

$$S(n): \sum_{i=1}^n i = 1+2+3+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \text{ becomes}$$

$$S(1): \sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1.$$

∴ $S(1)$ is true and we have our basis step.

∴ $S(1)$ is true and (for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$).

Assume the result is true for $n=k$. We want to establish our inductive step by showing how the truth of $S(k)$ "forces" us to accept the truth of $S(k+1)$.

To establish the truth of $S(k+1)$, we need to show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

we proceed as follows

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i = 1+2+\dots+k+(k+1) = \sum_{i=1}^k i + k+1 = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + k+1$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{2(k+1)}{2} = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

Ex(2): A wheel of fortune has the numbers 1 to 36 painted on it in a random manner. Show that regardless of how the numbers are situated, three consecutive numbers total 55 or above.

Let x_1 be any number on the wheel, counting clockwise from x_1 , label the other numbers x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{36} . For the result to be false, we must have

$$x_1+x_2+x_3 < 55, x_2+x_3+x_4 < 55, \dots, x_{34}+x_{35}+x_{36} < 55,$$

$$x_{35}+x_{36}+x_1 < 55, \text{ and } x_{36}+x_1+x_2 < 55.$$

There are 36 inequalities each of terms x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{36} appears (exactly) 3 times, so, each integers 1, 2, ..., 36 appears exactly 3 times. Adding all 36 inequalities

$$3 \sum_{i=1}^{36} x_i = 3 \sum_{i=1}^{36} i < 36(55) = 1980. \text{ But } \sum_{i=1}^{36} i = \frac{36(37)}{2} = 666$$

$$\therefore 3 \sum_{i=1}^{36} x_i < 1980 \Rightarrow 3 \sum_{i=1}^{36} x_i < 1980 \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Ex(3): prove that for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$.

proof: Let the open statement is $S(n)$

$$S(n): \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = (n)(n+1)(2n+1)/6.$$

Basis: $n=1$

$$S(1): \sum_{i=1}^1 i^2 = 1^2 = (1)(1+1)(2(1)+1)/6 = 6/6 = 1$$

so $S(1)$ is true.

Inductive step: Assume the truth of $S(k)$, for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^k i^2 = k(k+1)(2k+1)/6$$

From the deduce the truth of

$$S(k+1): \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^2 = (k+1)((k+1)+1)(2(k+1)+1)/6 \\ = (k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)/6.$$

Using the inductive hypothesis $S(k)$, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^2 &= 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k i^2 + (k+1)^2 \\ &= [k(k+1)(2k+1)/6] + (k+1)^2 \\ &= (k+1)[(k)(2k+1)/6 + k+1] = (k+1)[(2k^2+7k+6)/6] \\ &= (k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)/6. \end{aligned}$$

hence the general result follows from the principle of mathematical induction.

Recursive definitions :-

Consider the integer sequence $b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots$, where $b_n = 2^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Here we find that $b_0 = 2^0 = 0$, $b_1 = 2^1 = 2$, $b_2 = 2^2 = 4$ and $b_3 = 2^3 = 8$. If, for instance, we need to determine b_6 , we simply calculate $b_6 = 2^6 = 64$ without the need to calculate other b_n for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

We can perform each calculations, because we have an explicit formula, $b_n = 2^n$.

Consider another integer sequence $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$, where $a_0 = 1$, $a_1 = 2$, $a_2 = 3$ and $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}$; for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ where $n \geq 3$. In this case, we don't have explicit formula that determines a_n in terms of n for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For example if we want calculate a_6 , we need to know the values a_5 , a_4 and a_3 and these values require that we also know the values of a_2 , a_1 and a_0 .

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_6 &= a_5 + a_4 + a_3 \\
 &= (a_4 + a_3 + a_2) + (a_3 + a_2 + a_1) + (a_2 + a_1 + a_0) \\
 &= [(a_3 + a_2 + a_1) + (a_2 + a_1 + a_0) + a_2] + [(a_2 + a_1 + a_0) + a_1 + a_0] \\
 &\quad + (a_1 + a_0 + a_0) \\
 &= [(a_2 + a_1 + a_0) + a_1 + a_0] + [(a_2 + a_1 + a_0) + a_2] + [(a_2 + a_1 + a_0) + \\
 &\quad a_1 + a_0] + (a_1 + a_0 + a_0) \\
 &= [(3+2+1) + 3 + 2] + [(3+2+1) + 3] + [(3+2+1) + 3+2] \\
 &= [(3+2+1) + 3 + 2] + [(3+2+1) + 3] + [(3+2+1) + 3+2]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) = 37$$

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Ex(4):

$$S(n) : \sum_{i=1}^n 2(i-1) = n^2 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Ex(5): for every well defined arithmetic expressions the number of left brackets ~~is~~ is equal to the number of right brackets.

Ex(6): Prove each of the following by mathematical induction.

$$(i) 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = (n)(2n-1)(2n+1)/3$$

$$(ii) 1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 5 + \dots + n(n+1) = (n)(n+1)(2n+7)/6$$

Ex(7): Consider the following program segment

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for i := 1 to 123 do
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    for j := 1 to i do
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        print i*j
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(i) How many times is the print statement of the third line executed?

(ii) Replace i in the second loop by i^2 , how many times the print statement is executed?

$$\frac{123(123+1)}{2} = 123 * 62 = 7626$$

$$\frac{123(124)(246+1)}{6} = 627,874$$

This can be computed in another easier manner,

$$a_3 = a_2 + a_1 + a_0 = 3 + 2 + 1 = 6$$

$$a_4 = a_3 + a_2 + a_1 = 6 + 3 + 2 = 11$$

$$a_5 = a_4 + a_3 + a_2 = 11 + 6 + 3 = 20$$

$$a_6 = a_5 + a_4 + a_3 = 20 + 11 + 6 = 37$$

No matter how we arrive at a_6 , we realize that the two integers $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$ are more than that they are numerically distinct.

The integers $0, 2, 4, 6, \dots$ are readily listed because we have explicit formula, $b_n = 2 \cdot n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

But to list the integers in the sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots we might find it difficult, because we don't have explicit formula.

What is happening here for a sequence of integers can also occur for other mathematical concepts such as sets and binary operations. Some times it is difficult to define a mathematical concept in an explicit manner.

But for the sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots we may be able to define what we want in terms of similar prior results. This concept is called recursively defined.

Therefore, although we don't have explicit formula for the sequence $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$, we do have a way of defining the integers a_n , for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, by recursion. The assignments

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2, a_2 = 3$$

provide a base for recursion

The equation $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}$, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, where $n \geq 3$

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The first order linear Recurrence Relation

A geometric progression is an infinite sequence of numbers, such as 5, 15, 45, 135, ..., where the division of each term, other than the first, by its immediate predecessor is a constant, called the common ratio. In the above sequence the common ratio is 3. $15 = 3(5)$, $45 = 3(15)$, and so on.

If a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots is a geometric progression,

then $\frac{a_1}{a_0} = \frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{a_3}{a_2} = \dots = \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}}$, $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \dots = r$,
the common ratio.

The geometric progression 5, 15, 45, 135, ..., we have

$$a_{n+1} = 3a_n, n \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{is the recurrence relation}$$

This relation does not represent a unique geometric progression. The progression 7, 21, 63, 189, ... also satisfies the relation $a_{n+1} = 3a_n, n \geq 0$.

To pinpoint a particular sequence described by $a_{n+1} = 3a_n$ we need to know one of the terms of that sequence.

Hence, $a_{n+1} = 3a_n, n \geq 0 \quad a_0 = 5$

This relation uniquely defines a sequence 5, 15, 45, ... The relation $a_{n+1} = 3a_n, n \geq 0, a_0 = 21$ identifies 7, 21, 63,

The equation $a_{n+1} = 3a_n$, $n \geq 0$ is called recurrence relation because the value a_{n+1} dependent on a_n .

If the value of a_{n+1} depends only on its immediate predecessor a_n , the relation is called first order.

In particular, this is a "first-order linear homogeneous recurrence relation with constant coefficients".

The general form is $a_{n+1} = da_n$, $n \geq 0$ where d is constant. The values such as a_0 or a_1 are called boundary conditions. The expression $a_0 = A$ is referred as initial condition.

Ex: $a_{n+1} = 3a_n$, $n \geq 0$, $a_0 = 5$

First few terms in the sequence are

$$a_0 = 5$$

$$a_1 = 3a_0 = 3(5)$$

$$a_2 = 3a_1 = 3(3a_0) = 3^2(5)$$

$$a_3 = 3a_2 = 3(3^2(5)) = 3^3(5)$$

for each $n \geq 0$ $a_n = 5(3^n) \Rightarrow$ This is called a general solution.

Now if we want to know $a_{10} = 5(3^{10}) = 2915935$ no need to start at a_0 and build up to a_9 .

In general if $a_{n+1} = da_n$, $n \geq 0$ & $a_0 = A$ the unique solution is

$$a_n = A \cdot d^n, \quad n \geq 0$$

Ex 1: Solve the recurrence $a_n = 7a_{n-1}$, where $n \geq 1$ and $a_2 = 98$

This is just an alternative form of $a_{n+1} = 7a_n$ for $n \geq 0$ and $a_2 = 98$.

Therefore the general solution is

$$a_n = a_0(7^n). \text{ Since } a_2 = 98 = a_0(7^2) = 2(7^2).$$

$$\therefore a_0 = 2, \text{ and } a_n = 2 \cdot (7^n), n \geq 0 \text{ is the unique solution.}$$

Non-linear homogeneous recurrence relation

The recurrence relation $a_{n+1} - da_n = 0$ is called linear because each subscripted term appears to the first power (as do variables x and y in line equations). In a linear relations there are no terms like $a_m a_n$, which appears in nonlinear recurrence relations.

Ex: Find a_2 if $a_{n+1}^2 = 5a_n^2$, where $a_n > 0$ for $n \geq 0$ and $a_0 = 2$.

Although this is not linear in a_n , if we let $b_n = a_n^2$, then the new relation becomes $b_{n+1} = 5b_n$ where $n \geq 0$ & $b_0 = (2)^2 = 4$.
is a linear recurrence relation.

The solution is

$$b_n = 4 \cdot (5)^n$$

$$\therefore a_n = \sqrt{4 \cdot (5)^n} = 2 \cdot (\sqrt{5})^n \text{ for } n \geq 0 \text{ and } a_2 = 2 \cdot (\sqrt{5})^2 = [31, 250]$$

First order linear nonhomogeneous recurrence relations

(Ex: Bubble-sort:

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + (n-1), \quad n \geq 2 \quad a_1 = 0 \quad \text{and } O(n^2)$$

$$a_1 = 0$$

$$a_2 = a_1 + (2-1) = 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$a_3 = a_2 + (3-1) = 1 + 2$$

$$a_4 = a_3 + (4-1) = 1 + 2 + 3$$

⋮

$$a_n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1) = \frac{(n-1)n}{2} = \frac{n^2 - n}{2}$$

$$f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \therefore f(n) = a_n = \frac{(n^2 - n)}{2} \quad \boxed{f \in O(n^2)}$$

Ques 2: Consider the sequence

$$0, 2, 6, 12, 20, 30, 42, \dots$$

⇒ Here

$$a_0 = 0, a_1 = 2, a_2 = 6, a_3 = 12, a_4 = 20, a_5 = 30, a_6 = 42$$

$$\text{and } a_1 - a_0 = 2, a_3 - a_2 = 6, a_5 - a_4 = 10$$

$$a_2 - a_1 = 4, a_4 - a_3 = 8, a_6 - a_5 = 12$$

These calculations suggest the recurrence relation

$$a_n - a_{n-1} = 2n, n \geq 1 \text{ and } a_0 = 0$$

Consider the following n -equations

$$a_1 - a_0 = 2$$

$$a_2 - a_1 = 4$$

$$a_3 - a_2 = 6$$

⋮

⋮

⋮

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

Add these equations

$$\begin{aligned} a_n - a_0 &= 2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 10 + \dots + 2n \\ &= 2(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + \dots + n) \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) = n^2 + n \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_n = a_0 + n^2 + n \quad \text{since } a_0 = 0$$

$$a_n = n^2 + n \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Ques 3: $a_n = n \cdot a_{n-1}$, where $n \geq 1$ & $a_0 = 1$.

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

$$a_2 = 2 \cdot a_1 = 1 \cdot 2$$

$$a_3 = 3 \cdot a_2 = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$$

$$a_4 = 4 \cdot a_3 = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4$$

$$a_n = n(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (n-1)) = n!$$

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The Second-order Linear Homogeneous Recurrence Relation With Constant Co-efficient.

Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $c_n, c_{n-1}, c_{n-2}, \dots, c_{n-k} (\neq 0)$ are real numbers. If a_n for $n \geq 0$ is a discrete function, then

$$c_n a_n + c_{n-1} a_{n-1} + c_{n-2} a_{n-2} + \dots + c_{n-k} a_{n-k} = f(n) \quad (1)$$

$n \geq k$

is called a linear recurrence relation with constant coefficients of order k .
 When $f(n) = 0$ for all $n \geq 0$, the relation is called homogeneous; otherwise it is called non-homogeneous.

Consider a homogeneous relation of order 2.

$$c_n a_n + c_{n-1} a_{n-1} + c_{n-2} a_{n-2} = 0 \quad n \geq 2 \quad (2)$$

We need a general solution in the form

$$a_n = C r^n \quad \text{where } C \neq 0 \text{ & } r \neq 0.$$

Substitute $a_n = C r^n$ in eqy (2), we get

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

With $C \neq 0$ & $r \neq 0$, this eqy becomes

$$C_n r^n + C_{n-1} r^{n-1} + C_{n-2} r^{n-2} = 0 \quad n \geq 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} n=2 \\ C_2 r^2 + C_1 r^1 + C_0 r^0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$C_2 r^2 + G r + C_0 = 0 \rightarrow \text{quadratic eqy which is called a characteristic equation.}$$

The unique sol of the recurrence relation
is found as follows.

(1) Find the roots of the Characteristic eqn, let them be r_1 & r_2 .
Three cases.

- (i) r_1, r_2 are real & distinct
- (ii) r_1, r_2 are complex
- (iii) r_1, r_2 are real & equal.

Real and Distinct roots:

Gen soln: $a_n = C_1(r_1)^n + C_2(r_2)^n$ where r_1, r_2 & C_1, C_2 are constants.

Ex(1): Solve the recurrence relation
 $a_n + a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0$ where $n \geq 2$ and
 $a_0 = -1$, $a_1 = 8$.

Sol: If $a_n = cr^n$ with $C \neq 0$ is referred.

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

The characteristic eqn is

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

Find the roots of this eqn.

$$r_1 = 2 \quad \& \quad r_2 = -3$$

$\therefore a_n = C_1(2)^n + C_2(-3)^n$

$$a_0 = -1 = C_1(2^0) + C_2(-3)^0 = C_1 + C_2$$

$$8 = a_1 = C_1(2^1) + C_2(-3)^1 = 2C_1 - 3C_2$$

$$C_1 = 1, C_2 = -2$$

$\therefore a_n = 2^n - 2(-3)^n$

$n \geq 0$ is a unique soln
of the given recurrence relation.

Ex(2): Solve the recurrence relation

Given $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$, where $n \geq 0$ and $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$.

Solu: From this relation we can write as

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, \quad n \geq 2, \text{ with } F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1.$$

The characteristic eqn is

$$r^2 - r - 1 = 0$$

The characteristic roots are

$$r_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \quad r_2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

The general solution is

$$F_n = A \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + B \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

Solve for A & B.

$$\begin{aligned} n=0 \\ F_0 = 0 = A + B \quad \therefore B = -A \end{aligned}$$

$$n=1 \quad F_1 = 1 = A \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) + B \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)$$

$$1 = A \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) - A \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)$$

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

$$1 = A[1 + \sqrt{5} - 1 + \sqrt{5}] = 2A\sqrt{5}$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

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

$$F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right], \quad n \geq 0$$

Repeated real roots: (2) (6.2.18)

Let $c_0 a_n + c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + c_{n-k} a_{n-k} = 0$
 with $c_0 (\neq 0), c_1, \dots, c_{n-k} (\neq 0)$ real constants, and
 if the characteristic root of multiplicity m , where
 $2 \leq m \leq k$, then the general solution that involves
 r has the form

$$A_0 r^n + A_1 n \cdot r^{n-1} + A_2 n(n-1) \cdot r^{n-2} + A_3 n(n-1)(n-2) \cdot r^{n-3} + \dots + A_{m-1} n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-m+2) \cdot r^{n-m+1}$$

$$= r^n [A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2 + A_3 n^3 + \dots + A_{m-1} n^{m-1}]$$

where $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{m-1}$ are arbitrary constants.

Ex: If $k=2$, a quadratic eqM, with equal roots.

$$a_n = r^n [A_0 + A_1 n], n \geq 0$$

Ex: solve the recurrence relation

$$a_{n+2} - 4a_{n-1} + 4a_n = 0, \text{ where } n \geq 0$$

$$\text{or } a_n - 4a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} = 0, \text{ where } n \geq 0 \quad a_0 = 1, a_1 = 3$$

The characteristic eqM is

$$r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0, \text{ The roots are } r = r_1 = r_2 = 2.$$

r is a root of multiplicity 2.

∴ The general solution is

$$a_n = 2^n [c_0 + q \cdot n], n \geq 0$$

$$n=0 \quad a_0 = 1 = 1 [c_0 + 0] \therefore 1 = c_0$$

$$n=1 \quad a_1 = 2 [c_0 + 1 \cdot q] \therefore c_0 + q = 3/2$$

$$q = \frac{3}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

~~$$\frac{5}{8}, \frac{13}{16}, \dots, \frac{2^{n-1} + 1}{2^n}$$~~

$$\therefore a_n = (2)^n \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \right] = \boxed{2^n + \frac{1}{2} \cdot n \cdot 2^n} \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

Second order linear homogeneous recurrence relation
with constant coefficients.

Complex roots:

DeMoivre's Theorem:

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta, n \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

If $z = x+iy \in \mathbb{C}$, $z \neq 0$, we can write

$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta), \text{ where } r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\text{and } \tan \theta = y/x, \text{ for } x \neq 0.$$

If $x=0$, then

case ① $y > 0$

$$z = yi = y i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = y \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)$$

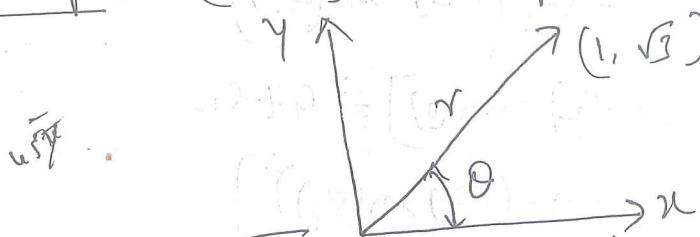
case ② $y < 0$

$$z = yi = |y| i \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = |y| \left(\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)\right)$$

In all the cases

$$z^n = (x+iy)^n = r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta), \text{ for } n \geq 0$$

Example: $(1+\sqrt{3}i)^{10}$ compute.



$$\text{Hence } r = \sqrt{1+(\sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2 \quad \& \quad \theta = \pi/3$$

$$1+\sqrt{3}i = 2 \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right)$$

$$(1+\sqrt{3}i)^{10} = 2^{10} \left(\cos\left(10\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(10\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right) = 2^{10} \left(\cos\left(4\pi\frac{4}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(4\pi\frac{4}{3}\right)\right)$$

$$= 2^{10} \left(-\frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)i\right) = \boxed{(-2^9)(1+\sqrt{3}i)}$$

Solve the following recurrence relation

$$a_n = 2(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}), \text{ where } n \geq 2 \quad a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$$

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

The characteristic eqn is $r^2 - 2r + 2 = 0$

The roots of this eqn are

$$r_1 = 1+i, r_2 = 1-i$$

The general solution is

$$a_n = C_1(r_1)^n + C_2(r_2)^n = C_1(1+i)^n + C_2(1-i)^n$$

where C_1 and C_2 are arbitrary constant (complex).

$$r+iy = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta) \text{ where } r = \sqrt{x^2+y^2}$$

$$1+i = \sqrt{2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right) \quad r = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1-i &= \sqrt{2} \left(\cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right) \\ &= \sqrt{2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

This yields

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= C_1(1+i)^n + C_2(1-i)^n \\ &= C_1 \left[\sqrt{2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right) \right]^n + C_2 \left[\sqrt{2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) \right) \right]^n \\ &= C_1 \left[(\sqrt{2})^n \left(\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right) \right) \right] + C_2 \left[(\sqrt{2})^n \left(\cos\left(\frac{(n+8)\pi}{4}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{(n+8)\pi}{4}\right) \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = (C_1 + C_2) \left((\sqrt{2})^n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right) \right) + (C_1 - C_2) i \left((\sqrt{2})^n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right) \right)$$

$$n=0, a_0 = 1 = [(C_1 + C_2) \cos(0) + (C_1 - C_2) i \sin(0)] = C_1 + C_2$$

$$n=1, a_1 = 2 = [(C_1 + C_2) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + (C_1 - C_2) i \left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right)]$$

$$2 = \sqrt{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + (C_1 - C_2) i \left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right)$$

$$2 = \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + (C_1 - C_2) i \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = (1 + (C_1 - C_2) i)$$

$$2 = 1 + (C_1 - C_2) i \quad \therefore (C_1 - C_2) i = 1 \Rightarrow (C_1 - C_2) i = 1$$

Third order Linear homogeneous relations (1)

① Solve the recurrence relation

$$2a_{n+3} - a_{n+2} - 2a_{n+1} + a_n = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

$$\text{with } a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2.$$

\Rightarrow we can rewrite this eqn as

$$2a_n - a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} + a_{n-3} = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 3$$

The characteristic eqn is $2r^3 - r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0$

$$\text{i.e. } (2r-1)(r^2-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore 2r-1=0, \quad 2r=1, \quad r=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\& r^2-1=0 \text{ give us } r_2=1 \& r_3=-1.$$

All the three roots are real distinct.

\therefore The general soln is

$$a_n = C_1(r_1)^n + C_2(r_2)^n + C_3(r_3)^n$$

Let $n=0$,

$$a_0 = 0 = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

$$n=1 \quad a_1 = 1 = C_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + C_2 + C_3(-1)$$

$$n=2 \quad a_2 = 2 = C_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + C_2(1)^2 + C_3(-1)^2$$

$$C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}C_1 + C_2 - C_3 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{4}C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 2$$

Solving these 3 simultaneous eqns we get

$$C_1 = -\frac{8}{3}, \quad C_2 = \frac{5}{2} \quad \& \quad C_3 = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\therefore a_n = \left(-\frac{8}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)(1)^n + \frac{1}{6}(-1)^n \text{ is the required solution. //}$$

⑨ find the general solution of the relation

$$a_n - 7a_{n-2} + 10a_{n-4} = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 4$$

we can rewrite this as

$$a_n + 0a_{n-1} - 7a_{n-2} + 0a_{n-3} + 10a_{n-4} = 0$$

∴ the characteristic eqm is

$$r^4 + 0r^3 - 7r^2 + 0r + 10 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } r^4 - 7r^2 + 10 = 0$$

This yields

$$r^2 = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49-40}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(7 \pm 3)$$

$$\therefore r_1 = 5 \quad \& \quad r_2 = 2$$

$$\therefore r_1 = \pm \sqrt{5} \quad \& \quad r_2 = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

∴ $\sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{2} \text{ & } -\sqrt{2}$ are the distinct real roots of the eqm.

$$\therefore a_n = C_1(\sqrt{5})^n + C_2(-\sqrt{5})^n + C_3(\sqrt{2})^n + C_4(-\sqrt{2})^n$$

where C_1, C_2, C_3 & C_4 are constants.

Nonhomogeneous Linear Relations of Second & Higher Order :-

Let $c_n a_n + c_{n-1} a_{n-1} + c_{n-2} a_{n-2} + \dots + c_{n-k} a_{n-k} = f(n)$ for $n \geq k \geq 2$ - (1)

where $c_n, c_{n-1}, \dots, c_{n-k}$ are real constants with $c_n \neq 0$ and $f(n)$ is a given real-valued function of n .

The general solution of the recurrence relation (1) is given by

$$a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(P)} \quad - (2)$$

where $a_n^{(h)}$ is the general solution of the homogeneous part of the eqy (1) i.e $f(n) = 0$.

$a_n^{(P)}$ is any particular solution of the relation (1).

Finding $a_n^{(P)}$ for arbitrary $f(n)$ is a tedious task.

In some special cases that we can find $a_n^{(P)}$ in straight forward way.

Following are the some special cases.

(1) Suppose $f(n)$ is a polynomial of degree q and 1 is not a root of the characteristic equation of the homogeneous part of the relation (1).

In this case, $a_n^{(P)}$ is taken in the form

$$a_n^{(P)} = A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2 + \dots + A_q n^q \quad - (3)$$

where A_0, A_1, \dots, A_q are constants to be evaluated using the fact that $a_n = a_n^{(P)}$

(2) Suppose $f(n)$ is a polynomial of degree q & 1 is the root of the homogeneous part then

$$a_n^{(P)} = n^m \{ A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2 + \dots + A_q n^{q-1} \}$$

(3) suppose $f(n) = \lambda b^n$, where λ is a constant & b is not a root then

$$a_n^{(P)} = A_0 b^n$$

(4) suppose $f(n) = \lambda b^n$, where λ is a constant
 b is a root of multiplicity m of the C.R.

$$a_n^{(P)} = A_0 n^m b^n$$

Ex ①: Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_n + 4a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} = 8, \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

\Rightarrow The homogeneous part of the given relation

$$k^2 + 4k + 4 = 0$$

or $(k+2)^2 = 0 \therefore$ The roots are $-2, -2$.

Hence $a_n^{(H)} = (A+Bn)(-2)^n$ where A & B are constants.

Keeping RHS of the relation in mind, we seek

$a_n^{(P)}$ in the form

$$a_n^{(P)} = A_0$$

Substitute $a_n^{(P)}$ for a_n in given relation

$$A_0 + 4A_0 + 4A_0 = 8$$

$$\therefore A_0 = 8/9$$

The general solution is

$$a_n = a_n^{(H)} + a_n^{(P)} = (A+Bn)(-2)^n + 8/9$$

$$\therefore a_0 = 1 = A + 8/9, \quad n=1 \quad a_1 = 2 = (A+B)(-2) + 8/9$$

$$\text{These give } A = 1/9 \text{ & } B = -2/3.$$

$$\text{Hence } a_n = \left(\frac{1}{9} - \frac{2}{3}n\right)(-2)^n + \frac{8}{9}$$

Ex ②: Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_{n+2} - 10a_{n+1} + 21a_n = 3n^2 - n, \quad n \geq 0$$

\Rightarrow The characteristic eqn of the given relation is

$$k^2 - 10k + 21 = 0 \quad \text{whose roots are } 3 \text{ & } 7.$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(P)} = A(3)^n + B(7)^n$$

The RHS i.e. $f(n) = 3n^2 - n$ is a polynomial of degree 2.

$$\therefore a_n^{(P)} = A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2$$

Substitute $a_n^{(P)}$ in the relation

$$\{A_0 + A_1(n+2) + A_2(n+2)^2\} - 10\{A_0 + A_1(n+1) + A_2(n+1)^2\} \\ + 21\{A_0 + A_1n + A_2n^2\} = 3n^2 - n$$

$$\{A_0 + A_1n + 2A_1 + A_2n^2 + 4A_2 + 4nA_2\}$$

$$-10\{A_0 + A_1n + A_1 + A_2n^2 + A_2 + 2nA_2\}$$

$$+ 21\{A_0 + A_1n + A_2n^2\} = 3n^2 - n$$

Equating the corresponding terms

$$12A_2 = 3, \quad -16A_2 + 12A_1 = 0, \quad -6A_2 - 8A_1 + 12A_0 = -2.$$

These give

$$A_2 = \frac{1}{4}, \quad A_1 = \frac{16}{3}, \quad A_0 = \frac{47}{9}$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(P)} = 4n^2 + \frac{16}{3}n + \frac{47}{9}$$

$$\boxed{a_n = A(3)^n + B(7)^n + \left(4n^2 + \frac{16}{3}n + \frac{47}{9}\right)} //$$

Solve the recurrence relation $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = n$, $n \geq 1$, $a_0 = 1$
 This relation represents an infinite set of eqns:

$$n=1$$

$$a_1 - 3a_0 = 1$$

$$n=2$$

$$a_2 - 3a_1 = 2$$

$$n=3$$

$$a_3 - 3a_2 = 3$$

⋮

Multiply the first eqn by x^1 , second eqn by x^2
 and third eqn by x^3 and so on, we obtain

$$n=1$$

$$a_1 x^1 - 3a_0 x^1 = 1 x^1$$

$$n=2$$

$$a_2 x^2 - 3a_1 x^2 = 2 x^2$$

$$n=3$$

$$a_3 x^3 - 3a_2 x^3 = 3 x^3$$

⋮

Adding the above equations, we find that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n - 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^n \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

We want to solve for a_n in terms of n . To accomplish this, let $(f(x)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ be the ordinary generating function for the sequence $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$

The equation (1) can be rewritten as

$$(f(x) - a_0) - 3x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^n \left(= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n x^n \right) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = f(x)$ and $a_0 = 1$, LHS of (2) becomes

$$(f(x) - 1) - 3x f(x)$$

Generating function for the sequence $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\text{is } \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} = x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots, \text{ so}$$

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$$(f(x) - 1) - 3x f(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} \quad \text{and now add 1}$$

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

Using partial fraction decomposition

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

(R)

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

By substituting $x=1$

$$1 = A(1-1)(1-3 \cdot 1) + B(1-3 \cdot 1) + C(1-1)$$

$$1 = -2B \quad \therefore B = -1/2$$

By substituting $x = \frac{1}{3}$

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

$$\frac{1}{3} = C(\frac{2}{3})^2 \quad \therefore C = 3/4$$

By substituting $x=0$

$$0 = A + B + C \quad \therefore A = -B - C = -(B+C)$$

$$= -\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\right] = \left[-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4}\right] = \left[-\frac{5}{4}\right]$$

$$A = -1/4$$

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

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

find the co-efficient of x^n , we can find a_n .

$$\text{i) } (\frac{7}{4})/(1-3x) = (\frac{7}{4}) \left[\frac{1}{(1-3x)} \right]$$

$$= (\frac{7}{4}) \left[1 + 3x + (3x)^2 + (3x)^3 + \dots \right]$$

\therefore Co-efficient of x^n is $(\frac{7}{4})^n$

$$\text{ii) } (-1/4)/(1-x) = (-1/4) \left[1 + x + x^2 + \dots \right]$$

\therefore Co-efficient of x^n is $(-1/4)$

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

$$= (-1/2) \left[\binom{-2}{0} + \binom{-2}{1}(-x) + \binom{-2}{2}(-x)^2 + \binom{-2}{3}(-x)^3 + \dots \right]$$

\therefore Co-efficient of x^n is given by

$$(-1/2) \binom{-2}{n} (-1)^n = (-1/2) (-1)^n \binom{2+n-1}{n} \cdot (-1)^n$$

$$= (-1/2) (n+1)$$

Therefore $a_n = \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}$

$$a_n = \boxed{\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right), \quad n \geq 0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n=1 \quad a_1 &= \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \\ &= \frac{21}{4} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{21-2-3}{4} = \frac{16}{4} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_0 = A(3)^0 + \frac{-3}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{-3-2}{4} = -\frac{5}{4} + A = 1$$

$$A = \frac{1+5/4}{1} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$a_n = A \cdot 3^n + B$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1+2}{4} &= A \\ 3/4 &= B \end{aligned}$$

$$a_{n+2} - 5a_{n+1} + 6a_n = 2$$

$$a_0 = 3, a_1 = 7$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

$$\gamma_1 = 3, \gamma_2 = 2$$

$$a_n^{(h)} = A(3)^n + B(2)^n$$

$$\therefore a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$$

$$a_n = A(3)^n + B(2)^n + 1$$

$$n=0$$

$$A + B + 1 = 3$$

$$A + B = 3 - 1 = 2 \quad \text{---} \textcircled{1}$$

$$n=1 \quad 3A + 2B + 1 = 7$$

$$3A + 2B = 7 - 1 = 6 \quad \text{---} \textcircled{2}$$

$$A + B = 2 \quad \times 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3A + 3B = 6 \\ 3A + 2B = 6 \\ \hline B = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore A + 0 = 2$$

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$$A = 2$$

$$a_n = 2(3)^n + 1$$