

## Assignment 7 Q3

Find all solutions to the system:

$$2x \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$3x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$7x \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$



Since

$$3 \cdot 2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$5 \cdot 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$2 \cdot 7 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

then equivalently, we rewrite the system as

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$$

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{13}$$

Since  $m_1 = 5, m_2 = 7, m_3 = 13$  are pairwise relatively prime, then  $[M_k]_{m_k} \in (\mathbb{Z}/m_k\mathbb{Z})^*$ . Now  $m = 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 = 455$  and consider

$$M_1 = \frac{455}{5} = 91, M_2 = \frac{455}{7} = 65, M_3 = \frac{455}{13} = 35$$

Note that  $y_1 = 1, y_2 = 4, y_3 = 3$ , then

$$x = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k M_k y_k = 2 \cdot 91 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 65 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot 35 \cdot 3 = 1642 \equiv 277 \pmod{455}$$

Due to the uniqueness of solutions  $\pmod{455}$ , all the solutions to this system are

$$x = 455k + 277, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**★★★Get familiar with the procedure! Speed up your calculation!**

## Assignment 8 Q1

Prove that if  $(a_n)$  is a sequence that satisfies a linear homogeneous recurrence relation of degree 2 whose characteristic polynomial has only one real root  $\alpha$ , then there exists  $q_1, q_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$a_n = q_1 \alpha^n + q_2 n \alpha^n$$



*Proof.* Suppose that the characteristic equation of  $a_n$  is  $(\lambda - \alpha)^2 = 0$ , then we have a linear homogeneous recurrence relation

$$a_n = 2\alpha a_{n-1} - \alpha^2 a_{n-2}, \quad n \geq 2$$

with  $a_0 = u$  and  $a_1 = v$ .

Now we only consider that  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Otherwise,  $0^0$  does not make sense. Then we prove that there exists  $q_1 = u$  and  $q_2 = \frac{v-u\alpha}{\alpha}$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$a_n = u\alpha^n + \frac{v-u\alpha}{\alpha}n\alpha^n$$

First, it's easy to see that  $a_0 = u\alpha^0 + 0 = u$  and  $a_1 = u\alpha + \frac{v}{\alpha}\alpha - u\alpha = v$ .

For  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$\mathbf{LHS} = a_n = q_1\alpha^n + q_2n\alpha^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{RHS} &= 2\alpha a_{n-1} - \alpha^2 a_{n-2} \\ &= 2\alpha(q_1\alpha^{n-1} + q_2(n-1)\alpha^{n-1}) - \alpha^2(q_1\alpha^{n-2} + q_2(n-2)\alpha^{n-2}) \\ &= (2q_1 - q_1)\alpha^n + q_2(2n - 2 - n + 2)\alpha^n \\ &= q_1\alpha^n + q_2n\alpha^n \\ &= \mathbf{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

□

★★★To prove the existence? Just find it!

## Assignment 8 Q4

Find an expression for the terms of the sequence  $(a_n)$  that satisfy

$$a_n = 7a_{n-1} - 16a_{n-2} + 12a_{n-3} + n4^n$$

with  $a_0 = 3$ ,  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $a_2 = 5$ .



The characteristic equation is

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 + 16\lambda - 12 &= 0 \\ (\lambda - 2)^2(\lambda - 3) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the homogeneous part of  $(a_n)$  has the form

$$a_n = q_12^n + q_2n2^n + q_33^n$$

Since  $f'(n) = n4^n$ , then we guess the particular solution is

$$p(n) = c_0n4^n + c_14^n$$

This requires

$$\begin{aligned}
c_0 n 4^n + c_1 4^n &= 7(c_0(n-1)4^{n-1} + c_1 4^{n-1}) - 16(c_0(n-2)4^{n-2} + c_1 4^{n-2}) \\
&\quad + 12(c_0(n-3)4^{n-3} + c_1 4^{n-3}) + n 4^n \\
&= (16 + 15c_0)n 4^{n-2} + (15c_1 - 5c_0)4^{n-2} \\
\begin{cases} c_0 = 1 + \frac{15}{16}c_0 \\ c_1 = \frac{15}{16}c_1 - \frac{5}{16}c_0 \end{cases} &\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_0 = 16 \\ c_1 = -80 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

This means that  $(a_n)$  has the form

$$a_n = q_1 2^n + q_2 n 2^n + q_3 3^n + 16n 4^n - 80 \cdot 4^n$$

Thus

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 - (-80) \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 - (-256) \\ 4 & 8 & 9 & 5 - (-768) \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 28 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{55}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 49 \end{array} \right)$$

Thus

$$a_n = 28 \cdot 2^n + \frac{55}{2} n 2^n + 49 \cdot 3^n + 16n 4^n - 80 \cdot 4^n$$

★★★For particular solutions, start from the multiplicity of  $s$

## Assignment 8 Q5

For all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ , let

$$a_n = \sum_{i=1}^n i^4$$

By finding a recurrence relation that  $(a_n)$  satisfies and solving that recurrence relation, find an expression for the terms of the sequence  $(a_n)$ .

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$$a_n = a_{n-1} + n^4, \quad a_1 = 1$$

Since  $\lambda = 1$ , then the homogeneous part of  $(a_n)$  is  $q_1 1^n = q_1$ . On the other hand, since  $n^4 = n^4 \times 1^n$ , the particular part is

$$p(n) = c_5 n^5 + c_4 n^4 + c_3 n^3 + c_2 n^2 + c_1 n$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
&c_5 n^5 + c_4 n^4 + c_3 n^3 + c_2 n^2 + c_1 n \\
&= c_5 (n-1)^5 + c_4 (n-1)^4 + c_3 (n-1)^3 + c_2 (n-1)^2 + c_1 (n-1) + c_0 + n^4 \\
&= c_5 n^5 + (c_4 - 5c_5 + 1)n^4 + (c_3 - 4c_4 + 10c_5)n^3 + (c_2 - 3c_3 + 6c_4 - 10c_5)n^2 \\
&\quad + (c_1 - 2c_2 + 3c_3 - 4c_4 + 5c_5)n - c_1 + c_2 - c_3 + c_4 - c_5
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} c_4 = c_4 - 5c_5 + 1 \\ c_3 = c_3 - 4c_4 + 10c_5 \\ c_2 = c_2 - 3c_3 + 5c_4 - 10c_5 \\ c_1 = c_1 - 2c_2 + 3c_3 - 4c_4 + 5c_5 \\ 0 = -c_1 + c_2 - c_3 + c_4 - c_5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_5 = \frac{1}{5} \\ c_4 = \frac{1}{2} \\ c_3 = \frac{1}{3} \\ c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 = -\frac{1}{30} \end{cases}$$

This means that  $(a_n)$  has the form

$$a_n = q_1 + \frac{1}{5}n^5 + \frac{1}{2}n^4 + \frac{1}{3}n^3 - \frac{1}{30}n$$

Since  $a_1 = 1$ , then  $q_1 = 0$  Thus

$$a_n = \frac{1}{5}n^5 + \frac{1}{2}n^4 + \frac{1}{3}n^3 - \frac{1}{30}n$$

★★★ When  $f'(n)$  is a polynomial, imagine  $1^n$

## Assignment 8 Q6

Q6. Solve the simultaneous recurrence relations

$$\begin{cases} a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2b_{n-1} \\ b_n = a_{n-1} + 2b_{n-1} \end{cases}$$

with  $a_0 = 1$  and  $b_0 = 2$ .



We multiply the second equation by 3

$$\begin{cases} a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2b_{n-1} \\ 3b_n = 3a_{n-1} + 6b_{n-1} \end{cases}$$

Then we subtract the difference back to the second equation

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= 3b_n - 4b_{n-1} \\ b_n &= (3b_{n-1} - 4b_{n-2}) + 2b_{n-1} \\ &= 5b_{n-1} - 4b_{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a_0 = 1$  and  $b_0 = 2$ , then  $b_1 = a_0 + 2b_0 = 5$ .

Thus  $b_n = 1 + 4^n$ .

Similarly,  $a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 4a_{n-2}$  with  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 7$ . Thus  $a_n = -1 + 2 \cdot 4^n$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= -1 + 2 \cdot 4^n \\ b_n &= 1 + 4^n \end{aligned}$$

★★★ Substitution!

## Assignment 8 Q11

Prove that if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \geq 4$ , then there exists a 3-regular graph of order  $n$  if and only if  $n$  is even.

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*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Since it's a 3-regular graph, we obtain the total edge number

$$|E| = \frac{3|V|}{2} = \frac{3n}{2}$$

Since  $|E|$  has to be an integer, then  $n$  is even.

$\Leftarrow$ : Since  $n$  is even, then we apply induction.

Let  $P(n)$  be that for all  $n \geq 4$  and  $n$  is even, there exists a 3-regular graph.

$P(4)$  holds since  $K_4$ .

Assume  $P(k)$  holds. For  $n = k + 2$ , here gives the procedure to get a 3-regular graph with order  $k + 2$  (denoted as  $G_{k+2}$ ) from a 3-regular graph with order  $k$  (denoted as  $G_k$ ).

1. Consider a pair of new vertices with new edge  $(v_k, v_{k+1})$
2. Break an arbitrary edge  $(v_0, v_1)$  from  $G_k$ . Build edges  $(v_0, v_k)$  and  $(v_1, v_k)$
3. Break an arbitrary edge  $(v_2, v_3)$  from  $G_k$ . Build edges  $(v_2, v_k)$  and  $(v_3, v_k)$

The degree of every vertex is 3.  $P(k + 2)$  holds.

Thus  $P(n)$  holds for  $n \geq 4$  and  $n$  is even. □

## Assignment 8 Q13

Let  $G$  be a graph of order 10 and size 15.

1. Is it the case that  $\Delta(G) \geq 3$ ?

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*Proof.* Suppose  $\Delta(G) \leq 2$ , then

$$|E| = 15 = \frac{\sum d_G(v)}{2} \leq \frac{|V| \times \Delta(G)}{2} \leq \frac{|V| \times 2}{2} = |V| = 10$$

which leads to contradiction.

Hence  $\Delta(G) \geq 3$  holds. □

2. Is it the case that  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ ?

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*Proof.* Find a counterexample where  $\delta(G) = 0$  □

★★★ Understand  $\delta(G)$  and  $\Delta(G)$ ! Use it in inequalities!

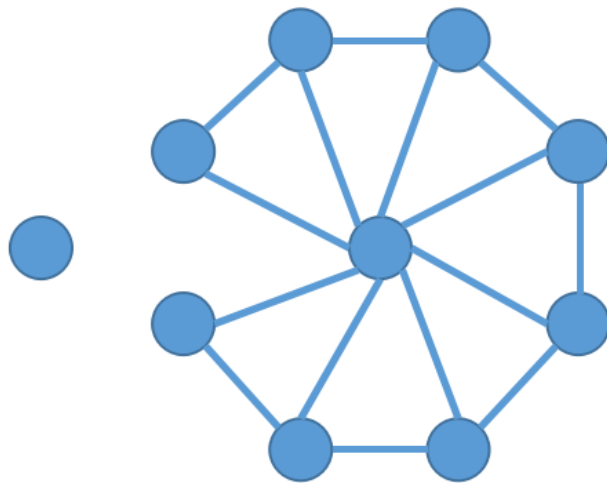


Figure 1: order= 10, size= 15