

## Section 8.1

Ex. 8

(a) There are 4 cases under such situation:

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So: the recurrence relation is clear:  $a_n = 2^{n-3} + a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3} \quad (n \geq 3)$

(b) initial condition is:  $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 0, a_2 = 0$

(c)  $a_7 = 2^{7-3} + a_6 + a_5 + a_4$

$$= 2^4 + (2^3 + a_5 + a_4 + a_3) + (2^2 + a_4 + a_3 + a_2) + (2^1 + a_3 + a_2 + a_1)$$

$$= 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 + (2^2 + a_4 + a_3 + a_2) + (2^1 + a_3 + a_2 + a_1) + a_3$$

$$+ (2^1 + a_3 + a_2 + a_1) + 1 + 1$$

$$= 16 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 4 + 3 + 1 + 3 + 1 + 3 + 1 + 1$$

$$= 47$$

## Ex. Section 8.2

Ex. 2

(a)  $a_n = 3a_{n-2}$  Linear and homogeneous with constant coefficients Degree: 2

(b)  $a_n = 3$  Linear with constant coefficients

(c)  $a_n = a_{n-1}^2$  Not linear

(d)  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-3}$  Linear and homogeneous with constant coefficients Degree: 3

(e)  $a_n = a_{n-1}/n$  Linear and homogeneous but no constant coefficients

(f)  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + n + 3$  Linear with constant coefficients

(g)  $a_n = 4a_{n-2} + 5a_{n-4} + 9a_{n-7}$  Linear and homogeneous with constant coefficients Degree: 7



Ex. 4.

(c)  $a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 8a_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $a_0 = 4$ ,  $a_1 = 10$

Solution: the characteristic equation is:  $r^2 - 6r + 8 = 0$

It's roots are  $r=2$  and  $r=4$ . Therefore,  $\{a_n\}$  is a solution to the recurrence relation if and only if  $a_n = d_1 2^n + d_2 (4)^n$

then:  $a_0 = d_1 + d_2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} d_1 = 3 \\ d_2 = 1 \end{cases}$   
 $a_1 = 2d_1 + 4d_2$

so:  $a_n = 3 \cdot 2^n + 4^n$

(d)  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}$ , for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $a_0 = 4$ ,  $a_1 = 1$

Solution: the characteristic equation is:  $r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0$

It's roots are both  $r=1$ , therefore:  $\{a_n\}$  is a solution to the recurrence relation if and only if  $a_n = d_1 (1)^n + d_2 n (1)^n$

then:  $\begin{cases} a_0 = d_1 \\ a_1 = d_1 + d_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} d_1 = 4 \\ d_2 = -3 \end{cases}$  So:  $a_n = 4 - 3n$

Ex. 22

$$a_n = (a_{1,0} + a_{1,1}n + a_{1,2}n^2) \cdot (-1)^n + (a_{2,0} + a_{2,1}n) \cdot (2)^n + (a_{3,0} + a_{3,1}n) \cdot (5)^n + a_{4,0} \cdot (7)^n$$

Ex. 24.

(a) the right-hand equation:  $2(n-1) \cdot 2^{n-1} + 2^n = (n-1)2^n + 2^n = n \cdot 2^n = a_n$

(b) the associated linear homogeneous equation is  $a_n = 2a_{n-1}$

It's ~~associate~~ solutions are  $a_n^{(h)} = \alpha \cdot 2^n$

$a_n = d \cdot 2^n + n \cdot 2^n$

(c)  $a_0 = d \cdot 2^0 + 0 \cdot 2^0$

$= 2$

so:  $a_n = 2^{n+1} + n \cdot 2^n$

$= (n+2) \cdot 2^n$