

Chapter - 3 Recurrence Relation.

~~Fibonacci Series~~ The Sequence

Recurrence Relation.

The Sequence which can be defined in terms of its previous elements is known as recurrence relation

① Fibonacci Series:

eg:

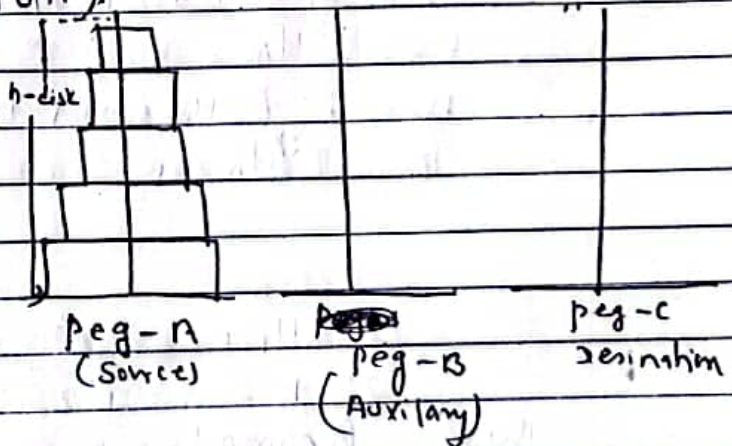
$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \quad \text{where } a_0 = 0 \\ a_1 = 1.$$

Tower of Hanoi (TOH).

Tower of Hanoi is a mathematical puzzle

where we have to move n disk from

peg-A to peg-C by obeying following rules.



- 1) larger disk cannot be placed over smaller-disk.
- 2) only top most disk can be moved.

3) only one disk can be moved at a time

Let H_n be the total move required

- 1) we need to move $(n-1)$ disk from peg-A to peg-B with the help of peg-C.

This requires H_{n-1} moves

2) The largest disk from peg-A is moved to peg-C.
This requires 1 move.

3.) Finally $(n-1)$ disk from peg-B is moved to peg-C with the help of peg-A.
This requires H_{n-1} moves.

total moves,

$$H_n = H_{n-1} + 1 + H_{n-1}$$

$\therefore H_n = 2H_{n-1} + 1$ This is required recurrence relation

$$H_n = 2[2H_{n-2} + 1] + 1$$

$$H_n = 2^2 H_{n-2} + 2^1 + 2^0$$

$$H_n = 2^2 [2H_{n-3} + 1] + 2^1 + 2^0$$

$$H_n = 2^3 H_{n-3} + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0$$

$$= 2^{n-1} H_1 + \dots + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0$$

$$= 2^{n-1} + \dots + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0$$

This is geometric series

$$\text{common ratio (r)} = \frac{2^1}{2^0} = 2.$$

$$H_n = a \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1} ; r \neq 1$$

$$H_n = \frac{1(2^n - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$= 2^n - 1$$

$$\therefore H_n = 2^n - 1$$

- * Suppose who deposited rupees 1000 at an interest rate of 5% compounded annually what is the value of investment at the end of 4 years. find recurrence relation.

Solution

Here,

Initial investment (A_0) = Rs 1000

$r = 5\%$ p.a.

$A_n = ?$

① After 1 year (A_1): $A_0 + 5\% \cdot A_0$

$$= A_0 + 0.05 A_0$$

$$= \cancel{1+0.05} A_0 (1+0.05) A_0$$

~~② After 2 years (A_2): $1.05 A_0 + 5\% \cdot A_1$~~

② After 2 years (A_2): ~~$1.05 A_0$~~ $+ 5\% \text{ of } A_1$

$$A_2 = (1+0.05) A_1$$

\vdots

$$A_n = (1+0.05) A_{n-1}$$

* Suppose that a person invest €2000 at 14% compounded annually

(a) Find the recurrence relation

(b) Find initial condition

(c) Find a_1, a_2 , and a_3

(d) Find explicit formula.

(e) How long will it take for a person to double the initial investment.

Solution

After 1 year (A_1) = $A_0 + 14\%$ of A_0

$$A_1 = A_0 + 0.14 A_0$$

$$A_1 = (1 + 0.14) A_0$$

After 2 years (A_2) = $A_1 + 14\%$ of A_1

$$A_2 = (1 + 0.14) A_1$$

$$a) A_n = (1 + 0.14) A_{n-1}$$

b) 2000

$$c) A_1 = (1 + 0.14) A_0 = 2280$$

$$A_2 = (1 + 0.14) A_1 = 2599.2$$

$$A_3 = (1 + 0.14) A_2 = 2963.08$$

$$(d) A_n = (1 + 0.14) A_{n-1}$$

$$A_1 = (1 + 0.14) A_0$$

$$A_2 = (1 + 0.14) A_1 = (1 + 0.14) (1 + 0.14) A_0$$

$$A_2 = (1 + 0.14)^2 A_0$$

$$A_n = (1 + 0.14)^n A_0$$

$$(e) A_0 = 2000$$

$$A_n = 2A_0 = 4000$$

$$n = ?$$

$$A_n = (1 + 0.14)^n A_0$$

$$2A_0 = (1 + 0.14)^n A_0$$

$$2 = (1 + 0.14)^n$$

$$n = 5.29$$

* A patient is injected with 160ml of drug. Every 6 hour 25% of the drugs passes out of her blood stream. To compensate a further 20ml of dose is given every 6 hour.

a) Find recurrence relation for amount of drugs in her blood stream.

b) Find the amount of drugs in the blood stream after 24 hour.

$$\text{Initial } (V_0) = 160\text{ml}.$$

After 6 hrs

$$V_1 = V_0 - 25\% \text{ of } V_0 + 20$$

$$V_1 = 0.75V_0 + 20 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{qth 6 hrs. } V_2 = 75\% \text{ of } V_1 + 20$$

$$V_2 = 0.75V_1 + 20 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$V_n = 0.75V_{n-1} + 20$$

Linear Homogeneous Recurrence Relation.

$$a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + c_3 a_{n-3} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k} \quad (i)$$

degree = 'k'

Example,

~~$a_n = 5a_{n-1} + 8a_{n-2}$~~

① $a_n = 5a_{n-2} + 8a_{n-3} \dots (a)$

degree = 3

② $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2} \dots (b)$

degree = 2.

Solution of linear Homogeneous Recurrence Relation

$$a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k} \quad (i)$$

Let $a_n = x^n$ be the solution of (i)

$$\frac{x^n}{x^{n-k}} = \frac{c_1 x^{n-1}}{x^{n-1}} + \frac{c_2 x^{n-2}}{x^{n-2}} + \dots + \frac{c_k x^{n-k}}{x^{n-k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^k = c_1 x^{k-1} + c_2 x^{k-2} + \dots + c_k$$

$$\Rightarrow x^k - c_1 x^{k-1} - c_2 x^{k-2} - \dots - c_k = 0 \quad (ii)$$

equation (ii) is called characteristic equation and its root is called characteristic root.

Example

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

Solution

Here, $a_n = x^n \dots (i)$ be the solution

then

$$x^n = 5x^{n-1} + 6x^{n-2}$$

Dividing on both side x^{n-2}

$$\frac{x^n}{x^{n-2}} = \frac{5x^{n-1}}{x^{n-2}} + \frac{6x^{n-2}}{x^{n-2}}$$

$$r^2 = 5r + 6$$

$$r^2 - 5r - 6 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Solving (i)

~~$$r^2 - 5r + 1r - 6 = 0$$~~

$$r_1 = 3$$

$$r_2 = -2$$

characteristic
root

Alternate

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

$$r^2 = 5r^{2-1} + 6r^{2-2}$$

$$r^2 = 5r + 6$$

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Theorem 1:

Let $a_n = C_1 a_{n-1} + C_2 a_{n-2}$ be LHR of degree 2.

$$r^2 = C_1 r + C_2$$

$$r^2 - C_1 r - C_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

(a) If r_1 and r_2 are distinct roots. Then solution is in the form,

$$\therefore a_n = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n$$

b) If r_1 and r_2 both roots are same. Then solution is in the form

$$\therefore a_n = (\alpha_1 + n\alpha_2) r^n$$

(c) complex root: $(\alpha + i\beta)$

$$a_n = [\alpha_1 \cos(n\theta) + \alpha_2 \sin(n\theta)] R^n$$

$$R = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(\beta/\alpha)$$

①

(*) Find the solution of recurrence relation,
 $a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2}$ with $a_0 = 3, a_1 = 5$.

Solution

Given, recurrence relation,

$$a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} \quad (i)$$

The characteristic equation is,

$$r^2 = 5r - 6$$

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

$$r_1 = 3$$

$$r_2 = 2$$

Since both roots are distinct the general solution is given by,

$$a_n = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n$$

$$a_n = \alpha_1 3^n + \alpha_2 2^n \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

now using initial condition

For $n=0$,

$$a_0 = \alpha_1 3^0 + \alpha_2 2^0$$

$$3 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

For $n=1$,

$$a_1 = \alpha_1 3^1 + \alpha_2 2^1$$

$$5 = 3\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 \quad \text{--- (b)}$$

Solving (a) and (b)

$$\alpha_1 = -1$$

$$\alpha_2 = 4$$

Now putting $\alpha_1 = -1$ and $\alpha_2 = 4$ in eqn (ii)

$$a_n = -1(3)^n + 4(2)^n \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

This is required equation.

②

Find the solution of recurrence relation.

$$a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 9a_{n-2} \text{ with } a_0 = 5, a_1 = 7.$$

Solution

Given, Recurrence relation,

$$a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 9a_{n-2} \quad (i)$$

The characteristic equation is,

$$r^2 = 6r - 9$$

$$r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0$$

$$r_1 = 3$$

$$r_2 = 3$$

Since both are same then the general solution is given by

$$a_n = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 n r_1^n$$

$$a_n = (\alpha_1 + n \alpha_2) r^n$$

$$a_n = (\alpha_1 + n \alpha_2) 3^n \quad (ii)$$

now using initial condition,

for $n=0$

$$a_0 = (\alpha_1 + 0 \alpha_2) 3^0$$

$$a_0 = \alpha_1 \cdot 3^0$$

$$5 = \alpha_1 \cdot 3^0 \quad (a)$$

$$\alpha_1 = 5$$

for $n=1$,

$$a_1 = (\alpha_1 + 1 \alpha_2) 3^1$$

$$7 = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) 3^1 \quad (b)$$

$$7 = \alpha_1 \cdot 3 + \alpha_2 \cdot 3$$

$$7 = 3\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot 3$$

$$7 = 5 \cdot 3 + 3\alpha_2$$

$$-8 = 3\alpha_2$$

$$\alpha_2 = -8/3$$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 = 5$$

$$\alpha_2 = -8/3$$

Now putting $\alpha_1 = 5$ and $\alpha_2 = -8/3$ in

$$a_n = \left(5 - \frac{8n}{3}\right) 3^n \quad (iii)$$

This is required equation.

(*) Find the explicit formula for fibonacci sequence.

Soln:

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \quad , \quad a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$$

Solution

Here

Given recurrence relation,

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

The characteristic equation is,

$$r^2 = r + 1$$

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

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

$$r_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$r_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Since roots are distinct,

$$a_n = (r_1)^n + (r_2)^n$$

$$a_n = r_1 \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + r_2 \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Now, using initial condition.

For $n=0$

$$a_0$$

For $n=1$,

$$a_1$$

Solving eqn (ii) and (i)

$$r_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$r_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Now, putting $x_1 = 1/5$ and $x_2 = -1/5$ in eqn (ii).
ans:

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(*)

Find the solution of recurrence relation.

$$a_n + 2a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} = 0, \text{ with } a_0 = 0, a_1 = -1.$$

Solution.

Here

Given Recurrence relation

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

The characteristic equation is

$$r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0$$

$$r_1 = -1 + i$$

$$r_2 = -1 - i$$

Since the roots are in complex form. So the solution is given by

$$a_n = [r_1 \cos(n\theta) + r_2 \sin(n\theta)] R^n$$

$$R = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(\beta/\alpha)$$

$$r = -1 \pm i$$

$$\alpha = -1, \beta = 1$$

$$R = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(1/-1) = \tan^{-1}(-1) = 3\pi/4$$

$$a_n = [r_1 \cos(n \cdot 3\pi/4) + r_2 \sin(n \cdot 3\pi/4)] (\sqrt{2})^n \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

Using initial condition

$$a) n=0, a_0 = 0$$

$$a_0 = [r_1 \cos(0 \times \frac{3\pi}{4}) + r_2 \sin(0 \times \frac{3\pi}{4})] (\sqrt{2})^0$$

$$r_1 = 0$$

$$b) n=1, a_1 = -1$$

$$a_1 = [r_1 \cos(1 \times \frac{3\pi}{4}) + r_2 \sin(1 \times \frac{3\pi}{4})] (\sqrt{2})^1$$

$$r_2 = -1$$

Substituting in (11), we get

$$a_n = -[\sin(n \cdot \frac{3\pi}{4})] \cdot (\sqrt{2})^n$$

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Theorem II: Let $a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + c_3 a_{n-3}$ be a linear homogeneous recurrence relation of degree of 3

The characteristic roots are:

$$r^3 = c_1 r^2 + c_2 r + c_3$$

~~$$r^3 = c_1 r^2 + c_2 r + c_3$$~~

$$r^3 - c_1 r^2 - c_2 r - c_3 = 0$$

$$(r_1, r_2, r_3)$$

a) If all roots are distinct.

$$a_n = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n + \alpha_3 r_3^n$$

b) If two roots are same.

$$a_n = (\alpha_1 + n\alpha_2) r^n + \alpha_3 r_2^n$$

c) If all roots are same.

$$a_n = (\alpha_1 + n\alpha_2 + n^2\alpha_3) r^n$$

⑧ Find the solution of:

$$a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 11a_{n-2} + 6a_{n-3}, a_0 = 2, a_1 = 5, a_2 = 15$$

Solution

Given recurrence relation,

$$a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 11a_{n-2} + 6a_{n-3}$$

The characteristic equation.

$$r^3 = 6r^2 - 11r + 6$$

$$r^3 - 6r^2 + 11r - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore r_1 = 1$$

$$r_2 = 3$$

$$r_3 = 2$$

Since all roots are distinct.

$$a_n = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n + \alpha_3 r_3^n$$

$$a_n = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 3^n + \alpha_3 \cdot 2^n \quad (ii)$$

For $n=0$,

$$a_0 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 3^0 + \alpha_3 2^0$$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 2 \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

For $n=1$,

$$a_1 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 3^1 + \alpha_3 2^1$$

$$\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 = 5 \quad \text{--- (b)}$$

For $n=2$

$$a_2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 3^2 + \alpha_3 2^2$$

$$\alpha_1 + 9\alpha_2 + 4\alpha_3 = 15 \quad \text{--- (c)}$$

Solving eqn (a), (b), (c), we get

$$\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 2, \alpha_3 = -1.$$

$$\therefore a_n = 1 + 2 \cdot 3^n - 2^n$$

\therefore This is required solution.

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Linear Non-homogeneous Recurrence Relation.

Let

$$a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + c_3 a_{n-3} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k} + f(n) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Eqn (1) is known as linear non-homogeneous where $f(n)$ is non-homogeneous part.

* The Solution of homogeneous part: $a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k}$ is known as homogeneous solution: $a_n(h) \text{--- (a)}$

* The Solution of non-homogeneous part $f(n)$ is known as particular solution. $a_n(p) \text{--- (b)}$

The total solution is,

$$a_n = a_n(h) + a_n(p).$$



* method to find particular solution.

$$f(n) = [\phi(n)] \cdot b^n \dots (a)$$

where,

$b = \text{constant}$

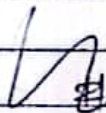
~~$\phi(n)$~~ $\phi(n) = \text{polynomial of degree } r$

Case-I : When b is not characteristic root

$$a_n(p) = [A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2 + \dots + A_r n^r] b^n \dots (a)$$

Case-II: When b is characteristic root with multiplicity 'm'

$$a_n(p) = n^m [A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2 + \dots + A_r n^r] b^n \dots (b)$$



write a solution of:

$$a_n - 3a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} = 2^n, a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$$

Solution

Here

The homogenous part,

$$a_n - 3a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} = 0 \dots (i)$$

The characteristic equation,

$$r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0$$

$$r_1 = 1, r_2 = 2$$

Since, the roots are distinct

$$a_n(h) = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n$$

$$a_n(h) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot 2^n \dots (ii)$$

Now nonhomogeneous part,

$$f(n) = 2^n = 1 \cdot 2^n$$

$$\phi(n) = 1 (\text{degree } 0)$$

$$b^n = 2^n$$

Here, b is characteristic root, with multiplicity, $m = 1$

$$a_n(p) = n! [A_0] 2^n$$

$$a_n(p) = n A_0 2^n \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

from (iii) and (a)

$$\frac{n A_0 2^n}{2^n} - 3 \frac{(n-1) A_0 2^{n-1}}{2^{n-1}} + 2 \frac{(n-2) A_0 2^{n-2}}{2^{n-2}} = 2^n$$

$$n A_0 - 3(n-1) A_0 + 2(n-2) A_0 = 2^n$$

$$\frac{n A_0}{2^1} - 3 \frac{(n-1) A_0}{2^1} + \frac{2(n-2) A_0}{2^2} = 1$$

$$4n(A_0) - 6nA_0 + 6A_0 + 2nA_0 - 4A_0 = 4$$

$$2A_0 = 4$$

$$\therefore A_0 = 2$$

Substituting $A_0 = 2$ in eqn (iii)

$$a_n(p) = n \cdot 2 \cdot 2^n$$

$$a_n(p) = \cancel{n \cdot 2 \cdot 2^n} n \cdot 2^{n+1} \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

Therefore the final equation is

$$a_n = a_n(h) + a_n(p)$$

$$[a_n = \alpha_1 + 2^n \alpha_2 + n 2^{n+1}] \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

for $n=0$,

$$a_0 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

For $n=1$,

$$a_1 = \alpha_1 + 2^1 \alpha_2 + 1 \cdot 2^{1+1}$$

$$a_1 = \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 4$$

$$\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 4 = 1$$

$$\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 = -3 \quad \text{--- (b)}$$

from (a) and (b)

$$\alpha_1 = 3$$

$$\alpha_2 = -3$$

putting α_1 and α_2 in eqn (v)

$$[a_n = 3 - 3 \cdot 2^n + n \cdot 2^{n+1}]$$

$a_n - 6a_{n-1} + 8a_{n-2} = 3$; $a_0 = 10$, $a_1 = 25$

Solution

Here.

The homogeneous part,

$$a_n - 6a_{n-1} + 8a_{n-2} = 0 \text{ --- (i)}$$

The characteristic equation,

$$r^2 - 6r + 8 = 0$$

we get,

$$r_1 = 2,$$

$$r_2 = 4.$$

Since, the roots are distinct.

$$a_n(h) = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n$$

$$a_n(h) = \alpha_1 \cdot 2^n + \alpha_2 \cdot 4^n \text{ --- (ii)}$$

now homogeneous part,

$$f(a) = 3$$