

# recurrence relations

- equation that expresses  $a_n$  in terms of one or more previous terms
- ↳ initial conditions are required to define terms

**example**

the number of bacteria doubles every hour.  
if the colony begins with 5 bacteria, how many will be present in  $n$  hours?

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_0 = 5 \\ a_1 = 10 = 2(a_0) \\ a_2 = 20 = 2(a_1) \end{array} \right\} \boxed{\begin{array}{l} a_0 = 5 \\ a_n = 2a_{n-1} \end{array}}$$

**example**

let  $a_0 = 5$  and  $a_n = 2a_{n-1}$  find the explicit function

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_0 = 5 \\ a_1 = 2(5) \\ a_2 = 2(2.5) \end{array} \right\} \boxed{a_n = 2^n \cdot 5}$$

**example**

let  $H_0 = 1$  and  $H_n = 2H_{n-1} + 1$   $H_n$  function?

$$\begin{aligned} H_n &= 2(2H_{n-2} + 1) + 1 = 2^2 H_{n-2} + 2 + 1 \\ 2(2(2H_{n-3} + 1) + 1) + 1 &= 2^3 H_{n-3} + 2^2 + 2 + 1 \\ \hookrightarrow 2^{n-1} H_1 + 2^{n-2} + 2^{n-3} + \dots + 2 + 1 &\Rightarrow \boxed{2^n - 1} \end{aligned}$$

classification of recurrence relations

① order

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + \textcircled{5^n} \rightarrow \text{does not matter (1st order)}$$

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

$$a_n = a_{n-3} \text{ (3rd)}$$

② homogeneous - non-homogeneous

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \text{ (homogeneous)}$$

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + 3^n \text{ (non homogeneous)}$$

$$3^n / n^2 / 2$$

③ linear - nonlinear

$a_n$ 'li terimlerin eksiği olmadığında veya birbirleriyle çarpıldığında lineerlik bozulur.

$$a_n = 5a_{n-1} + n a_{n-2} \rightarrow \text{linear}$$

$$a_n = (a_{n-1}) (a_{n-2}) \rightarrow \text{nonlinear}$$

④ constant coefficients

$a_n$ 'li terimler  $n$ 'li terimlerle çarpım halinde olmadığında

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 7 \text{ (constant)}$$

$$a_n = 3^n a_{n-2} + 1 \text{ (not constant)}$$

## homogenous recurrence relations

**example** ( $r_1 \neq r_2$ )

$$a_n - a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0 \quad \text{where } a_0 = 1, a_1 = 8.$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{r^n - r^{n-1} - 6r^{n-2}}{r^{n-2}} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \boxed{r^2 - r - 6 = 0} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ characteristic polynomial}$$

$$\hookrightarrow (r-3)(r+2) = 0 \quad \boxed{r = -2, 3} \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \text{ factors}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{a_n = \alpha(3)^n + \beta(-2)^n} \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \text{ determine form of } a_n$$

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{array}{l} a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = 8 \\ a_0 = \alpha + \beta = 1 \\ a_1 = 3\alpha - 2\beta = 8 \end{array} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \alpha = 2 \\ \beta = -1 \end{array}} \rightarrow \textcircled{4} \text{ find coefficients}$$

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

**example** ( $r_1 = r_2$ )

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

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{r^n - 4r^{n-1} + 4r^{n-2}}{r^{n-2}} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0 \quad (r-2) \times 2$$

for third root

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{a_n = \alpha(2)^n + \beta n(2)^n} + \gamma n^2(2)^n$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} a_0 = \alpha = 1 & \alpha = 1 \\ a_1 = 2\alpha + 2\beta = 3 & \beta = \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

$$a_n = 2^n + \frac{n 2^n}{2} \rightarrow 2^n + n 2^{n-1}$$

## non-homogenous recurrence relations

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

$\downarrow$  homogeneous       $\downarrow$  particular

we guess the particular solutions

$f(n)$	$a_n^{(p)}$
c	A
n	$A_1 n + A_0$
$n^2$	$A_2 n^2 + A_1 n + A_0$
$r^n$	$A r^n$

**example**

$$a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 2^n \quad n \geq 0 \quad a_0 = 1$$

$$r^2 - 2r = 0 \quad r = 2, 0$$

$$a_n^{(h)} = \alpha 2^n + \beta 0^n$$

$a_n^h = \alpha 2^n$

$$\begin{array}{l} a_n^{(p)}: a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 2^n \\ (n+1)A 2^{n+1} - nA 2^n = 2^n \\ 2A(n+1) - nA = 1 \end{array}$$

$$2A = 1 \quad A = \frac{1}{2}$$

~~$2^n$  in the homogenous solution, multiply by~~

$$a_n^{(p)} = \frac{2 \cdot n}{2} = n \cdot 2^{n-1}$$

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

$$a_n = \alpha 2^n + n 2^{n-1}$$

$$a_n = 2^n + n 2^{n-1}$$

$$a_0 = \alpha = 1$$

