

Homework #4

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Course Policy: Read all the instructions below carefully before you start working on the assignment, and before you make a submission.

- It is not a group homework. Do not share your answers to anyone in any circumstance. Any cheating means at least -100 for both sides.
- Do not take any information from Internet.
- No late homework will be accepted.
- For any questions about the homework, send an email to gizemsungu@gtu.edu.tr
- The homeworks (both latex and pdf files in a zip file) will be submitted into the course page of Moodle.
- The latex, pdf and zip files of the homeworks should be saved as "Name_Surname_StudentId".{tex, pdf, zip}.
- If the answers of the homeworks have only calculations without any formula or any explanation -when needed- will get zero.
- Writing the homeworks on Latex is strongly suggested. However, hand-written paper is still accepted **IFF** hand writing of the student is clear and understandable to read, and the paper is well-organized. Otherwise, the assistant cannot grade the student's homework.

Problem 1

(15+15=30 points)

Consider the nonhomogeneous linear recurrence relation $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2^n$.

(a) Show that whether $a_n = -2^{n+1}$ is a solution of the given recurrence relation or not. Show your work step by step.

(Solution)

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

$$= 3a_{n-1} + 2^n = 3(-2^n) + 2^n$$

$$= -3 \cdot 2^n + 2^n$$

$$= 2^n(-3+1) = 2^n \cdot -2$$

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

$a_n = -2^{n+1}$ is a solution of the recurrence relation $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2^n$

(b) Find the solution with $a_0 = 1$.

(Solution)

$$a_n = r \text{ implies } a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2^n$$

$$r = 3 \cdot r^0 + 0$$

$$r = 3 \text{ the solution is } a_n = \alpha \cdot 3^n$$

$$a_n(h) = \alpha \cdot 3^n \cdot 2^{n+1}$$

$$a_0 = \alpha \cdot 3^0 \cdot 2^1 \text{ then } a_0 = 1$$

$$1 = \alpha \cdot 2$$

$$= \alpha = 3$$

Problem 2

(35 points)

Solve the recurrence relation $f(n) = 4f(n-1) - 4f(n-2) + n^2$ for $f(0) = 2$ and $f(1) = 5$.

(Solution)

$g(n) = an^2 + bn + c$ which must satisfy $g(n) = 4g(n-1) - 4g(n-2) + n^2$

We convert function f to function g .

$$g(n) = 4g(n-1) - 4g(n-2) + n^2$$

$$an^2 + bn + c = 4(a(n-1)^2 + b(n-1) + c) - 4(a(n-2)^2 + b(n-2) + c) + n^2$$

$$= (4(an^2 + (b-2a)n + (a-b+c)) - 4(an^2 + (b-4a)n + (4a-2b+c)) + n^2$$

$$= (4a-4a+1)n^2 + (4b-8a-4b+16a)n + (4a-4b+4c-16a+8b-4c)$$

$$n^2 + 8an + (-12a+4b)$$

$$\text{so, } a=1, b=8a(a=1)=8, c=-12 \cdot (1) + 4 \cdot (8) = 20 = c$$

$$\text{then } g(n) = n^2 + 8n + 20$$

The characteristic equation of this recurrence equation is $t^2 - 4t + 4 = 0$, which has a double root of $t=2$. Therefore, the general solution must be $2n(dn+e)$.

$$f(n) = 2n(dn+e) + n^2 + 8n + 20.$$

$$f(0) = 2^0(d \cdot 0 + e) + 0^2 + 8 \cdot 0 + 20 = e + 20 = 2$$

$$e = -18$$

$$f(1) = 2^1(d \cdot 1 + e) + 1^2 + 8 \cdot 1 + 20 = 2d - 7 = 5$$

$$d = 6$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f(n) = 2^n(6n - 18) + n^2 + 8n + 20$$

Problem 3

(20+15 = 35 points)

Consider the linear homogeneous recurrence relation $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2}$.

(a) Find the characteristic roots of the recurrence relation.

(Solution)

We find the characteristic equations

$$a_n = r^n \text{ implies } a_n = 2a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2}$$

$$r^2 = 2r - 2$$

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

$$r = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$r = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$r = 1 \pm i$$

$$a_n = A(1+i)^n + B(1-i)^n$$

(b) Find the solution of the recurrence relation with $a_0 = 1$ and $a_1 = 2$.

(Solution)