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(b) 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, ....

(c) 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, ....

(d) 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, ....

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(c) Find a **particular solution** to the given recurrence relation. (即  $a_n^{(p)}$ )

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2. (10%) How many positive integers not exceeding 1000 are not divisible by either 4 or 6?

Ans:  $1000 - \lfloor 1000/4 \rfloor - \lfloor 1000/6 \rfloor + \lfloor 1000/12 \rfloor = 1000 - 250 - 166 + 83 = 667$ .

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Ans: 2143, 2341, 2413, 3142, 3412, 3421, 4123, 4312, 4321

$$4! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} \right) = 9$$

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Ans: (a)  $a_n = 9a_{n-1} + (10^{n-1} - a_{n-1}) = 8a_{n-1} + 10^{n-1}$  (b)  $a_1 = 9$

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Ans:

$$\frac{4}{1-2x} \cdot 4 + 8x + 16x^2 + \dots = 4(1 + 2x + 4x^2 + \dots)$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x^2} \cdot 1 + x^2 + x^4 + \dots = 1(1 + x^2 + x^4 + \dots)$$

$$\frac{2}{1-x^3} \cdot 2 + 2x^3 + 2x^6 + \dots = 2(1 + x^3 + x^6 + \dots)$$

$$\frac{2}{(1-x)^2} \cdot 2 + 4x + 6x^3 + \dots = 2(1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots)$$

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Ans:

The characteristic equation is  $r^2 - 7r + 6 = (r-1)(r-6) = 0$ . The characteristic roots are  $r = 1$  and  $r = 6$ . The solutions are of the form  $a_n = c_1 \cdot 1^n + c_2 \cdot 6^n = c_1 + c_2 \cdot 6^n$ . Since  $a_0 = -1$  and  $a_1 = 4$  we have  $c_1 + c_2 = -1$  and  $c_1 + 6c_2 = 4$ . Subtracting the first equation from the second gives  $5c_2 = 5$ , so  $c_2 = 1$ . This implies that  $c_1 + 1 = -1$ , so  $c_1 = -2$ . Hence the solution is  $a_n = -2 + 6^n$ .

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Ans:  $t^n = -t^{n-1}, t = -1$

(a)  $a_n = -a_{n-1}$ . (b)  $a_n = c(-1)^n$ .

$h = (-1)^n + 1$

(c)  $a_n = \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$ .

(d)  $a_n = \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + c(-1)^n$

(e)  $a_n =$

$$ah+b = -(a(h-1)+b)+h, \quad a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{4}$$

8. (15%) Use generating function to solve  $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2^n$ ,  $a_0 = 5$ .

Ans:  $a_n = 7 \cdot 3^n - 2 \cdot 2^n$ . (必須用生成函數的方法解才給分)