

Discrete Assignment-11.9.1-11

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Problem Statement

Write the first five terms in the sequence:

$$\begin{aligned}a_0 &= 3 \\ a_n &= 3a_{n-1} + 2 \quad \text{for } n > 0\end{aligned}$$

Solution

Table 1: Input Parameters: First Term and General Formula

Term	Value
$a(0)$	3
$a(n)$	$3a(n-1) + 2$ for $n > 0$

Let's find the first 5 terms of the sequence:

$$a(1) = 3a(0) + 2 = 3 \times 3 + 2 = 11 \quad (1)$$

$$a(2) = 3a(1) + 2 = 3 \times 11 + 2 = 35 \quad (2)$$

$$a(3) = 3a(2) + 2 = 3 \times 35 + 2 = 107 \quad (3)$$

$$a(4) = 3a(3) + 2 = 3 \times 107 + 2 = 323 \quad (4)$$

$$a(5) = 3a(4) + 2 = 3 \times 323 + 2 = 971 \quad (5)$$

So, the first 5 terms of the sequence are 3, 11, 35, 107, 323.

Solution using Z Transform

$$\begin{aligned} A(z) &= \frac{2}{(1 - z^{-1})(1 - 3z^{-1})} \\ &= \frac{A_1}{1 - z^{-1}} + \frac{A_2}{1 - 3z^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, find the values of A_1 and A_2 . Multiply through by the common denominator:

$$1 = A_1(1 - 3z^{-1}) + A_2(1 - z^{-1}) \quad (6)$$

Equating coefficients, you can solve for A_1 and A_2 :

$$A_1 = -1 \quad (7)$$

$$A_2 = 3 \quad (8)$$

Now, substitute these back into the modified partial fraction decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} A(z) &= -\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} + \frac{3}{1 - 3z^{-1}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} + \frac{3}{1 - 3z^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, you can find the inverse Z-transform of each term using the property $Z^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1 - cz^{-1}} \right] = c^n u_n$. The result should be:

$$a_n = -u_n + 3(3^n u_n) \quad (9)$$

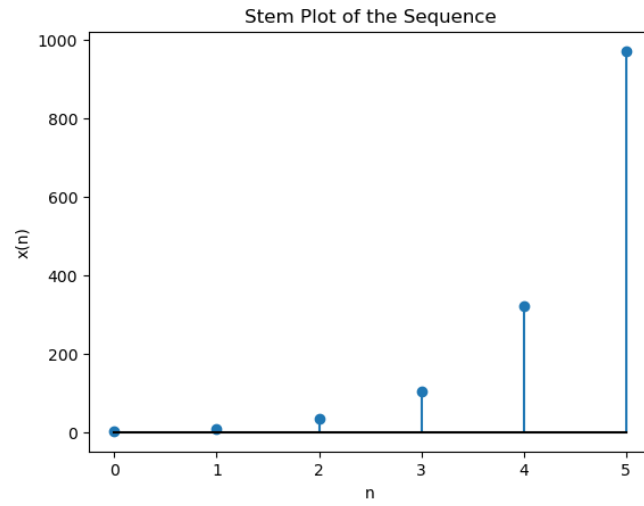


Figure 1: Sequence plot generated from the Python script.

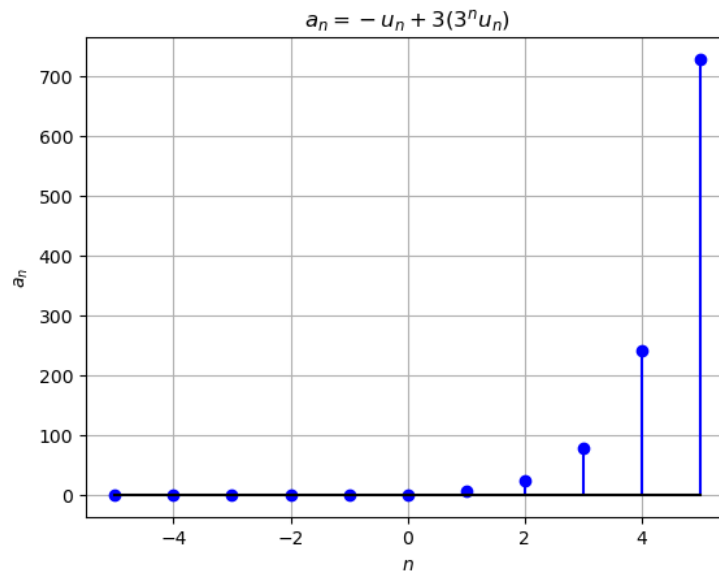


Figure 2: Plot of the sequence $a_n = -u_n + 3(3^n u_n)$