

# Chapter 9

**Question 0.1.** How many strings of length  $n$  with digits 0, 1, or 2 are there if 102 is not allowed in the string?

**Answer 0.2.** If  $S(n)$  is the number of such strings of length  $n$ , then

$$S(n) = 3S(n-1) - S(n-3)$$

with  $S(1) = 3$ ,  $S(2) = 9$ , and  $S(3) = 26$ .

The above is what is called a recurrence equation.

**Definition 0.3.** A recurrence equation is an equation using the symbols

$$n, s_n, s_{n+1}, s_{n+2}, \dots, s_{n+k}$$

for some  $k$ , with an integer function  $S : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a solution if for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$s_n = S(n), s_{n+1} = S(n+1), \dots, s_{n+k} = S(n+k)$$

satisfies the equation.

A linear recurrence equation is a recurrence equation of the form

$$c_k s_{n+k} + c_{k-1} s_{n+k-1} + \dots + c_1 s_{n+1} + c_0 s_n = g(n),$$

a.k.a.  
recurrence relation  
difference equation

$$c_k s_n + c_{k-1} s_{n-1} + \dots + c_1 s_{n-k+1} + c_0 s_{n-k} = g(n)$$

where  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  are constants. A linear recurrence equation is homogeneous if  $g(n) = 0$ , and nonhomogeneous otherwise.

Note: linear means we can't have  $s(n) \cdot s(n)$   
(so for example  $s(n-3) \cdot s(n-1)$   
is not allowed)  
and we can't have  
(function of  $n$ )  $\circ s(n)$

(so for example  $-3n^3 \cdot S(n)$   
is not allowed)

Simple Equation:

$$s_n = s_{n-1} + 1$$

$$s_0 = 1 \quad \text{(initial condition)}$$

$$(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots)$$

$$n=1$$

$$s_1 = s_0 + 1 \text{ holds, because } 2 = 1 + 1$$

$$n=2$$

$$s_2 = s_1 + 1 \text{ holds because } 3 = 2 + 1$$

$$n=3$$

$$n=4$$

## Recurrence Eqn.

There are a lot of parallels between differential equations and recurrence relations.

## Differential Equations

$n \in \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  indep. variable

$x \in \mathbb{R}$

$s(n) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  dep. variable

$f(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$s(n-1), s(n-2), \dots, s(n-k)$  operator on dep. variable

$f'(x), f''(x), \dots, f^{(k)}(x)$

$c_0 s(n) + c_1 s(n-1) + \dots + c_{k-1} s(n-k+1) + c_k s(n-k) = 0 \in \text{homog. because RHS is } 0$

$c_0 f(x) + c_1 f'(x) + \dots + c_{k-1} f^{(k-1)}(x) + c_k f^{(k)}(x) = G$

$s(n) - 3s(n-1) + s(n-3) = 0$  ex ample homog.

linear nonhomogeneous equation (when we replace 0 on RHS by some function  $g(n)$ )

$s(n) - 3s(n-1) + s(n-3) = n^2$  example of non-homog. lin. eq'n

Idea: Replace  $g_n$  with  $r^n$ , can then divide out by  $r^n$ , which leaves a polynomial we can solve

Exercise 0.4 (Exercise 9.3 from textbook). Find the general solution of the following recurrence relation:

$$g_{n+2} = 3g_{n+1} - 2g_n.$$

$$\Rightarrow g_{n+2} - 3g_{n+1} + 2g_n = 0$$

try  $\underline{g_n = r^n}$ , assuming  $r \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow g_{n+1} = r^{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_{n+2} = r^{n+2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  substitute in,

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

divide both sides by  $r^n$

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

$$\Rightarrow (r-2)(r-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r=2, r=1 \Rightarrow \text{get } 2^n, 1^n \text{ as my "atoms"}$$

gen. solution:

$$c_1 2^n + c_2 \cdot 1^n = \underline{\underline{c_1 2^n + c_2 1^n}}$$

think of  $2^n$  and  $1^n$  as the "basis"

(from linear algebra)  $\circ 2^n$  is a sol'n  
of the solution space  $\circ 1^n$  is a sol'n  
and the general  
solution is how we describe  
all possible solutions in this space.

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linear  
equation:  
the space of solutions  
is linear.

• So if  $a_n$  is a  
solution, and  $b_n$   
is also a solution,  
then  $ca_n$  is a  $cb_n$

• if  $a_n$  is a solution,  
and  $c$  is some  
number, then

$c \cdot a_n$  is  
also a  
solution.

so,  $2^n, 1^n$  sol'n's

means  $2^n + 1^n$   
is also a solution

$\circ 2^n$  is a sol'n  
of the solution space  $\circ 1^n$  is a sol'n

$\circ$  the general  
solution is how we describe  
all possible solutions in this space.

So, it looks like solving a homogeneous linear recurrence equation is a matter of turning the equation

$$c_k s_{n+k} + c_{k-1} s_{n+k-1} + \cdots + c_1 s_{n+1} + c_0 s_n = 0,$$

into a polynomial

$$P(r) = c_k r^k + c_{k-1} r^{k-1} + \cdots + c_1 r + c_0,$$

finding  $P(r)$ 's roots

$$r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k,$$

and thus the general solution is

$$d_1 r_1^n + d_2 r_2^n + \cdots + d_{k-1} r_{k-1}^n + d_k r_k^n.$$

**Question 0.5.** What if  $P(r)$  has roots with multiplicity? E.g.  $P(r) = (r-2)(r+3)^2(r+2)^3$ ?

If you have multiplicity  $k$ , you have to ~~add~~ have  $k$  different terms/basis elements:

e.g.  $(c_0 r_0^n + c_1 n r_0^n + c_2 n^2 r_0^n + \dots + c_{k-1} n^{k-1} r_0^n)$

with  $r_0^n$  term; distinguish using powers of  $n$ !

**Question 0.6.** What about nonhomogeneous linear equations?

(1) pretend it's homogeneous, i.e. the RHS is just 0. Find the general solution to this homogeneous version

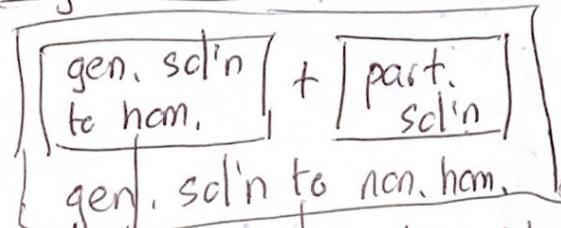
(2) find a particular solution; find a solution that looks like the RHS

**Question 0.7.** We covered general solutions, when do specific solutions come into play?

specific solution, derive from general solution using initial conditions to solve for the unknown constants

Ex on back →

Diagram of Solutions:



plug in initial conditions  
↓  
specific solution!

root -2 with multiplicity 3  
↑ root (-3)  
with multiplicity 2  
So for Ex:  
answer will be  
 $c_0 \cdot 2^n + c_1 (-3)^n + c_2 n(-3)^n + c_3 (-2)^n + c_4 n(-2)^n + c_5 n^2 (-2)^n$

these two components added together is the general sol'n for the nonhomog. eqn

Continue Ex. C.4

Find a specific solution to

$$g_{n+2} = 3g_{n+1} - 2g_n$$

$$\text{subject to } g_0 = 1, g_1 = 2$$

~~First find~~

First find general sol'n. We did this in Ex C.4,  
found the gen. sol'n to be

$$g_n = c_1 2^n + c_2$$

Second, plug in initial conditions:

$$g_0 = 1, \text{ when } n=0, \text{ we have}$$

$$1 = g_0 = c_1 \cdot 2^0 + c_2 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = c_1 + c_2 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{solve} \\ \text{system} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{equations} \\ \text{for } c_1 \\ \text{and } c_2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$g_1 = 2, \text{ when } n=1, \text{ we have}$$

$$2 = g_1 = c_1 \cdot 2^1 + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 2c_1 + c_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 = 2c_1 + c_2 \\ & -(1 = c_1 + c_2) \\ \hline & 1 = c_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$2 =$$

so specific sol'n  
is

$$g_n = 1 \cdot 2^n + 0$$

$$= 2^n$$

$$\text{so } 2 = 2(1) + c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

particular solution  
should look

Exercise 0.8 (Exercise 9.9a from textbook). Find the general solution to the nonhomogeneous recurrence equation

$$(A - 5)(A + 2)f_n = 3^n.$$

like  
this

(1) First, pretend it's homogeneous,

$$(A - 5)(A + 2)f_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^2 - 3A - 10)f_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 f_n - 3Af_n - 10f_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{n+2} - 3f_{n+1} - 10f_n = 0$$

Note: If we substitute in

$r^n = f_n$ , we end up back  
(and thus  
 $r^{n+1} = f_{n+1}$ )  
 $r^{n+2} = f_{n+2}$ )

$$\Rightarrow r^{n+2} - 3r^{n+1} - 10r^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 3r - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r - 5)(r + 2) = 0$$

roots are  $r = 5, r = -2$   
same roots for poly. involving  $r$   
and poly. involving  $A$

gen. sol'n for hom. version is

$$c_1 5^n + c_2 (-2)^n$$

what is  $A$ ? Advancement operator

think of  $A$  as like the differential:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f) = f', \text{ the derivative of } f$$

so  $A$  acts on the sequence  $f_n$  like this

$$A(f_n) = f_{n+1}$$

$$f_n = (f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots)$$

$$Af_n = \cancel{(f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots)} = (f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, \dots)$$

$$A^2 f_n = A(A(f_n))$$

$$= A(f_{n+1}) = f_{n+2}$$

$\Rightarrow$

Ex 0.8)

$$(A-5)(A+2)f_n = \boxed{3^n}$$

(2)

~~Try~~ RHS is  $3^n$

so try something like  $d \cdot 3^n = f_n \rightarrow f_{n+1} = d \cdot 3^{n+1}$

Try this out:

$$(A-5)(A+2)(d \cdot 3^n) = 3^n$$

verify that this works;  
find the value of  $d$

$$\Rightarrow (A-5)(A \cdot d \cdot 3^n + 2d \cdot 3^n) = 3^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (A-5)(d \cdot 3^{n+1} + 2d \cdot 3^n) = 3^n$$

$$\Rightarrow Ad \cdot 3^{n+1} + A(2d \cdot 3^n) - 5d \cdot 3^{n+1} - 10d \cdot 3^n = 3^n$$

$$\Rightarrow d \cdot 3^{n+2} + 2d \cdot 3^{n+1} - 5d \cdot 3^{n+1} - 10d \cdot 3^n = 3^n$$

divide out both sides by  $3^n$

$$\Rightarrow d \cdot 3^2 + 2d \cdot 3 - 5d \cdot 3 - 10d = \cancel{3^n} \quad |$$

$$\Rightarrow 9d + 6d - 15d - 10d = \cancel{3^n} \quad |$$

$$\Rightarrow -10d = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{-1}{10}, \text{ so particular sol'n is this } \left[ -\frac{1}{10} 3^n \right]$$

so general solution (to the nonhomogeneous eq'n)  
will just be our answers from (1) and (2) added  
together

$$\left[ C_1 5^n + C_2 (-2)^n - \frac{1}{10} 3^n \right]$$

Solving nonhomogeneous linear equations

(1) Pretend it's homogeneous, and get the general solution to that

(2) Find a particular solution

Remark 0.9. For nonhomogeneous linear recurrence equations, if the right hand side contains...

- ...an exponential component  $c^n$  for some constant  $c$ , start by trying  $d \cdot c^n$  (where  $d$  is some unknown constant). If that doesn't work, try  $d \cdot nc^n$ , then  $d \cdot n^2c^n$ , then  $d \cdot n^3c^n$ , and so forth.
- ...a power component  $n^k$ , then use a polynomial of degree  $k$ . E.g., if the right hand side is  $n^3$ , then you should try  $d_3n^3 + d_2n^2 + d_1n + d_0$ .

Exercise 0.10 (Exercise 9.9e from textbook). Find the general solution for the nonhomogeneous linear recurrence equation

(I) First, find general solution of

homogeneous version:

$$(A-2)(A-40)f_n = 0$$

$$C_1 2^n + C_2 (40)^n$$

$$(A-2)(A-40)f = 3n^2 + 9^n$$

$$b_2 n^2 + b_1 n + b_0$$

start by trying  $d \cdot 9^n$   
↓ if it doesn't work

(II) Second, find a particular solution!

$$\text{RHS is } 3n^2 + 9^n$$

$$b_2 n^2 + b_1 n + b_0 + d \cdot 9^n \leftarrow \text{try this}$$

$d \cdot 9^n$   
↓ if it doesn't work

$$\frac{1}{217} \cdot 9^n$$

$d \cdot 9^n$   
↓ if it doesn't work

$$(A-2)(A-40)(b_2 n^2 + b_1 n + b_0 + d \cdot 9^n) = 3n^2 + 9^n$$

$$(A-2)(b_2(n+1)^2 + b_1(n+1) + b_0 + d \cdot 9^{n+1})$$

$$-40b_2 n^2 - 40b_2 n - 40b_1 n - 40b_0 - 40d \cdot 9^n = 3n^2 + 9^n$$

$$dn^3 9^n$$

$$dn^2 9^n$$

$$dn^1 9^n$$

$$dn^0 9^n$$

alter some algebra

$$39b_2 n^2 - 80b_2 n + 39b_1 n + b_2 - 40b_1 + 39b_0 - 39 - 7 \cdot 31 d \cdot 9^n = 3n^2 + 9^n$$

$$n^2 \text{ term: } 39b_2 = 3$$

$$n \text{ term: } -80b_2 + 39b_1 = 0$$

$$\text{const. term: } b_2 - 40b_1 + 39b_0 - 39 = 0$$

$$q^n \text{ term: } -7 \cdot 31 d = 1$$

$$\text{solve } b_2 = 13, b_1 = \frac{80}{3}, b_0 = \frac{3278}{117}, d = -\frac{1}{217}$$

Extension of Exercise 0.11)

What if we have initial conditions?

$$f_0 = 0$$

$$f_1 = \frac{145}{140}$$

$$f_2 = -\frac{90}{140}$$

Take the general solution to the nonhom. lin. equation

$$f_n = c_1(-2)^n + c_2 5^n + c_3 + \frac{1}{140} n 5^n$$

and substitute

$$n=0 \quad \left( f_n = -\frac{1}{3}(-2)^n + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{140} n 5^n \right)$$

$$f_0 = 0 = c_1(-2)^0 + c_2 5^0 + c_3 + \frac{1}{140} \cdot 0 \cdot 5 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$f_1 = \frac{145}{140} = c_1(-2)^1 + c_2 5^1 + c_3 + \frac{1}{140} \cdot 1 \cdot 5 \Rightarrow \frac{145}{140} - \frac{5}{140} = -2c_1 + 5c_2 + c_3$$

$$f_2 = \frac{-90}{140} = c_1(-2)^2 + c_2 5^2 + c_3 + \frac{1}{140} \cdot 2 \cdot 5^2 \Rightarrow \frac{-90}{140} - \frac{50}{140} = 4c_1 + 25c_2 + c_3$$

system

$$\begin{cases} 0 = c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \\ 1 = -2c_1 + 5c_2 + c_3 \\ -1 = 4c_1 + 25c_2 + c_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_3 &= -(c_1 + c_2) \quad \Rightarrow c_3 = \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 &= -2c_1 + 5c_2 - c_1 - c_2 \quad \Rightarrow c_2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= -3c_1 + 4c_2 \Rightarrow \frac{1+3c_1}{4} = c_2 \end{aligned}$$

~~$$f_n = \frac{1}{3}(-2)^n$$~~

$$-1 = 4c_1 + 25\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}c_1\right) \Rightarrow (c_1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}c_1)$$

$$-1 = \left(4c_1 + \frac{75}{4}c_1 - c_1 - \frac{3}{4}c_1\right) + \frac{25}{4} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{4}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{25}{4} = c_1\left(\frac{16}{4} + \frac{75}{4} - \frac{4}{4} - \frac{3}{4}\right) \Rightarrow c_1 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{28}{4} = c_1\left(\frac{84}{4}\right) \Rightarrow -7 = 21c_1$$

Exercise 0.11 (Exercise 9.9f from textbook). Find the general solution for the nonhomogeneous linear recurrence equation

$$(A+2)(A-5)(A-1)f_n = 5^n.$$

(1) Pretend it's  
hom., and solve  
that version

$$\begin{aligned} & (A+2)(A-5)(A-1)f_n = 0 \\ \hookrightarrow & c_1(-2)^n + c_2 5^n + c_3(1)^n \end{aligned}$$

(2) Look for particular sol'n:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{RHS is } 5^n \\ & \text{so let's try } d \cdot 5^n = f_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{(A+2)(A-5)(A-1)f_n = 5^n} \\ \Rightarrow & \cancel{(A+2)(A-5)(f_{n+1} - f_n) = 5^n} \\ & (A+2)(A-5)(A-1)d \cdot 5^n = 5^n \\ \Rightarrow & (A+2)(A-5)(d5^{n+1} - d5^n) = 5^n \\ \Rightarrow & (A+2)(d5^{n+2} - d5^{n+1} - 5d5^{n+1} + 5d5^n) = 5^n \\ \Rightarrow & (A+2)(d5^{n+2} - d5^{n+1} - \cancel{5d5^{n+1}} + \cancel{5d5^n}) = 5^n \\ \Rightarrow & (A+2) \cdot 0 = 5^n \\ \Rightarrow & 0 = 5^n \quad ??? \\ & \text{doesn't work} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$   
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Ex 0.11 cont'd)

so now try  $d \cdot n \cdot 5^n$

$$(A+2)(A-5)(A-1)dn \cdot 5^n = 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (A+2)(A-5)(d(n+1)5^{n+1} - dn5^n) = 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (A+2)(A-5)[dn5^{n+1} + d5^{n+1} - dn5^n] = 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (A+2)[d(n+1)5^{n+2} + d5^{n+2} - d(n+1)5^{n+1}$$

$$- dn5^{n+1} - d5^{n+1} + dn5^n] = 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (A+2)\{dn5^{n+2} + d5^{n+2} - dn5^{n+1} - d5^{n+1}$$

$$\cancel{- dn5^{n+2}} - \cancel{d5^{n+2}} + \cancel{dn5^{n+1}}\} = 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (A+2)(d5^{n+1}(5-1)) = 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (A+2)(4d5^{n+1}) = 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow 4d5^{n+2} + 8d5^{n+1} = 5^n \quad \text{divide out by } 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow 4d \cdot 5^2 + 8d \cdot 5 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 100d + 40d = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{1}{140}$$

and so part sol'n is

$$\frac{1}{140}n5^n$$

so our gen.  
sol'n

$$f_n = c_1(-2)^n + c_25^n + c_3 + \frac{1}{140}n5^n$$

Idea: Need to solve for

$$\{r_n\} = (r_0, r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots)$$

take the generating function  $\{r_n\} = r_0 + r_1x + r_2x^2 + r_3x^3 + \dots$

## 1 Section 9.6: Using generating functions to solve recurrences

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r_k x^k$$

Idea:

- Start with the generating function

$$g(x) = r_0 + r_1x + r_2x^2 + \dots + r_nx^n + \dots$$

This represents the generating function for the solution  $S(n)$  of the recurrence equation. By figuring out the closed form of this generating function we solve the recurrence equation.

- (\*)
- Make the following substitutions into the recurrence equation; replace  $r_n$  with  $g(x)$ , replace  $r_{n-1}$  with  $xg(x)$ , replace  $r_{n-2}$  with  $x^2g(x)$ , ..., replace  $r_{n-k}$  with  $x^k g(x)$ , etc.
  - Now simplify the expression you created from the substitution. If  $r_{n-k}$  was the smallest index, you should be left with a polynomial of degree  $< k$ . All that's left is to solve for  $g(x)$ .

Exercise 1.1 (Exercise 9.15 from textbook). Use generating functions to solve the recurrence equation

$$r_n = r_{n-1} + 6r_{n-2}, r_0 = 1, r_1 = 3.$$

① create LHS of functional equation

② "align" the LHS series term by term

③ eval. alignment to get RHS

more everybody onto the left side

$$\Rightarrow r_n - r_{n-1} - 6r_{n-2} = 0$$

set up functional equation!

LHS will be the LHS of the recurrence eq'n after we

do (\*) to it

①  $(g(x) - xg(x) - 6x^2g(x)) = \underline{r_0 + (r_1 - r_0)x}$

②  $\begin{aligned} g(x) &= r_0 + r_1x + r_2x^2 + r_3x^3 + r_4x^4 + \dots + r_kx^k + \dots \\ xg(x) &= -r_0x - r_1x^2 - r_2x^3 - r_3x^4 - \dots - r_{k-1}x^k - \dots \\ -6x^2g(x) &= -6r_0x^2 - 6r_1x^3 - 6r_2x^4 - \dots - 6r_{k-2}x^k - \dots \end{aligned}$

③  $\begin{aligned} g(x) &= r_0 + (r_1 - r_0)x + (r_2 - r_1 - 6r_0)x^2 + 0x^3 + 0x^4 + \dots + 0x^k \end{aligned}$

$$r_0 - r_1 - 6r_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{r_0 = 1, r_1 = 3}_{\text{functional equation}}$$

functional equation

$$g(x) - xg(x) - 6x^2g(x) = r_0 + (r_1 - r_0)x$$

plug in

$$g(x) - xg(x) - 6x^2g(x) = 1 + 2x \quad \text{now solve for } g(x)$$

$$g(x)(1 - x - 6x^2) = 1 + 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \frac{1+2x}{(1-x-6x^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \frac{1+2x}{(-3x+1)(2x+1)} = \frac{1}{1-3x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (3x)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n x^n$$

we were looking for  
 $(r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n, \dots)$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [r_n] x^n = g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [3^n] x^n$$

$$\boxed{r_n = 3^n}$$

$$\text{Ex: } a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 2^n, \quad a_0 = 1$$

Assume sequence

$$a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots$$

solves the above rec. eq'n

Take  $A(x)$  the generating function of  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$

$$A(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n + \dots$$

① Get LHS of functional equation by convert  $a_n$ 's to  $A(x)$ 's

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

keep part not involving  $a_n$  on the RHS

$$\Rightarrow a_n - 2a_{n-1} = 2^n$$

replace  $a_n$  with  $A(x)$ ,  $a_{n-1}$  with  $x A(x)$ ,  
 $a_{n-2}$  with  $x^2 A(x)$ ,  $a_{n-3}$  with  $x^3 A(x)$ ,  
so, it will be  $A(x) - 2x A(x)$

from

② LHS, create alignment

$$A(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n + \dots$$

$$-2x A(x) = -2a_0 x - 2a_1 x^2 - \dots - 2a_{n-1} x^n - \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum } A(x) - 2x A(x) &= a_0 + (a_1 - 2a_0)x + (a_2 - 2a_1)x^2 + \dots + (a_n - 2a_{n-1})x^n + \dots \\ &\quad + 2^1 x + (2^2)x^2 + \dots + 2^n x^n + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  functional equation

$$A(x) - 2x A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2x)^n = \frac{1}{1-2x}$$

solve  
for  $A(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (A(x) - 2x A(x)) = \frac{1}{1-2x}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$A(x) - 2x A(x) = \frac{1}{1-2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x)(1-2x) = \frac{1}{1-2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x) = \frac{1}{(1-2x)^2}$$

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{1-2x} \right)$$

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2x)^n$$

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

convert to power series form

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{1}{(1-2x)^2} dx & u = 1-2x \\ & = \int \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{du}{-2} & du = dx \\ & = -\frac{1}{2} \int u^{-2} du \\ & = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ u^{-1} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(1-2x)} \end{aligned}$$

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} (1 + 2x + 2^2 x^2 + 2^3 x^3 + 2^4 x^4 + \dots + 2^n x^n + \dots)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1 \cdot 2^0 + 2 \cdot 2^1 x + 3 \cdot 2^2 x^2 + 4 \cdot 2^3 x^3 + \dots + n \underbrace{2^n x^{n-1}}_{\text{rewrite}} + \dots)$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) 2^{n+1} x^n$$

$$\text{as } (n+1) 2^{n+1} x^n$$

$$A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) 2^n x^n$$

pull the coefficient out of the

Verify answer:

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= (n+1) 2^n \\ a_n &= 2a_{n-1} + 2^n \\ a_{n-1} &= n \cdot 2^{n-1} \\ \Rightarrow (n+1) 2^n &= 2(n \cdot 2^{n-1}) + 2^n \\ \Rightarrow n2^n + 2^n &= n2^n + 2^n \end{aligned}$$

power series

$$[a_n = (n+1) 2^n]$$

$$b_{n+3} - 4b_{n+2} + b_{n+1} + 6b_n = 3^{(n)} \quad (\text{Ex 9.17 from textbook})$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n - 4b_{n-1} + b_{n-2} + 6b_{n-3} = 3^{(n-3)}$$

$\hookrightarrow b_3 - 4b_2 + b_1 + 6b_0 = 3^0$  plug in  
 $b_0, b_2, b_3$ , solve for  $b_1$ !

$$\begin{aligned}b_0 &= 1 \\b_1 &= -5 \\b_2 &= 1 \\b_3 &= 4\end{aligned}$$

Step I) Get the functional equation:

$$b_{n+3}: B(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + b_3x^3 + b_4x^4 + \dots + b_nx^n + \dots \quad b_1 = -5$$

$$b_{n+2}: -4x B(x) = -4b_0x - 4b_1x^2 - 4b_2x^3 - 4b_3x^4 - \dots - 4b_{n-1}x^n - \dots$$

$$b_{n+1}: x^2 B(x) = b_0x^2 + b_1x^3 + b_2x^4 + \dots + b_{n-2}x^n + \dots$$

$$b_n: 6x^3 B(x) = 6b_0x^3 + 6b_1x^4 + \dots + 6b_{n-3}x^n + \dots$$

$$B(x) - 4x B(x) + x^2 B(x) + 6x^3 B(x) = b_0 + (b_1 - 4b_0)x + (b_2 - 4b_1 + b_0)x^2 + 3^0 x^3 + 3^1 x^4 + \dots + 3^{n-3} x^{n-3} + \dots + 6x^3 B(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow B(x) - 4x B(x) + x^2 B(x) + 6x^3 B(x) = 1 - 9x + 12x^2 + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} 3^{n-3} x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow B(x)(1 - 4x + x^2 + 6x^3) = 1 - 9x + 12x^2 + \frac{x^3}{1-3x}$$

take common denominator

$$\Rightarrow B(x)(1 - 4x + x^2 + 6x^3) = \frac{-65x^3 + 49x^2 - 12x + 1}{(1-3x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow B(x) = \frac{-65x^3 + 49x^2 - 12x + 1}{(1 - 4x + x^2 + 6x^3)(1 - 3x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n x^n \\&x^3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n x^n \\&= \frac{x^3}{1-3x}\end{aligned}$$

Step II)

We have  $B(x)$ , now let's convert it to power series form

$$B(x) = \frac{-65x^3 + 49x^2 - 12x + 1}{(1-4x+x^2+6x^3)(1-3x)} \leftarrow \text{partial fractions, first, factor the denominator}$$

$$= \frac{-65x^3 + 49x^2 - 12x + 1}{(1+x)(1-2x)(1-3x)^2} \text{ now partial fractions}$$

each factor in the denominator gets its own rational function with an unknown constant on top

$$= \frac{P}{(1+x)} + \frac{Q}{(1-2x)} + \frac{R}{(1-3x)} + \frac{S}{(1-3x)^2}$$

(two since  $(1-3x)$  has multi.)

Factoring  $(1-4x+x^2+6x^3)$   
see that  $x=-1$  is a root, so factor out  $x+1$

$$\begin{aligned} & x+1 \overline{) 6x^2 - 5x + 1} \\ & \underline{-6x^2 - 6x} \\ & \hline & -5x + 1 \\ & \underline{-(-5x - 5)} \\ & \hline & x + 1 \end{aligned}$$
$$(x+1)(6x^2 - 5x + 1) \\ = (x+1)(-2x+1)(-3x+1)$$

$$\frac{-65x^3 + 49x^2 - 12x + 1}{(1+x)(1-2x)(1-3x)^2} = \frac{P}{(1+x)} + \frac{Q}{(1-2x)} + \frac{R}{(1-3x)} + \frac{S}{(1-3x)^2}$$

clear denominators: multiply by  $(1+x)(1-2x)(1-3x)^2$

$$\Rightarrow -65x^3 + 49x^2 - 12x + 1 = P(1-2x)(1-3x)^2 + Q(1+x)(1-3x)^2 + R(1+x)(1-2x)(1-3x) + S(1+x)(1-2x) \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow$  after simplifying

$$\begin{aligned} -65x^3 + 49x^2 - 12x + 1 &= P(18x^3 + 21x^2 - 8x + 1) \\ &\quad + Q_1(9x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x + 1) \\ &\quad + R(6x^3 + x^2 - 4x + 1) \\ &\quad + S(-2x^2 - x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

coefficients of like terms have to be equal

$$\text{for } x^3 \text{ term: } -65 = -18P + 9Q_1 + 6R \quad \left. \right\}$$

$$\text{for } x^2 \text{ term: } 49 = 21P + 3Q_1 + R - 2S \quad \left. \right\}$$

$$\text{for } x \text{ term: } -12 = -8P - 5Q_1 - 4R - S \quad \left. \right\}$$

$$\text{for const. term: } 1 = P + Q_1 + R + S \quad \left. \right\}$$

system  
of eqn's  
solve for  
 $P, Q_1, R, S$

$$\downarrow S = 1 - P - Q_1 - R, \text{ plug into top}$$

three equations, we now have

$$\begin{cases} -65 = -18P + 9Q_1 + 6R \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 51 = 21P + 5Q_1 + 3R \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -11 = -7P - 4Q_1 - 3R \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  add together

$$40 = 16P + Q_1$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_1 = 40 - 16P$$

plug into top two  
equations

$$\begin{cases} -425 = -162P + 6R \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -149 = -57P + 3R \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{multiply bottom by -2, add} \\ \text{to the top} \end{matrix}$$

$$-127 = -48P \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{127}{48} = P$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{29}{48} = R$$

Substituting back gives

$$Q_1 = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$B(x) = \frac{P}{1+x} + \frac{Q}{1-2x} + \frac{R}{1-3x} + \frac{S}{(1-3x)^2}$$

$$P = \frac{127}{48}$$

$$Q = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$R = \frac{29}{48}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{12}$$

completes partial fraction decomposition

$$B(x) = \frac{127}{48} \frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{7}{3} \frac{1}{(1-2x)} + \frac{29}{48} \frac{1}{(1-3x)} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{1}{(1-3x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{127}{48} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n - \frac{7}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2x)^n + \frac{29}{48} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (3x)^n + \frac{1}{12} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3^{n+1} (n+1)x^n$$

$$= \frac{127}{48} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n - \frac{7}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n x^n + \frac{29}{48} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n x^n + \frac{1}{12} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n (n+1)x^n$$

Sidebar:

~~coeff.~~  
coeff.  
of  $x^n$

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{127}{48}, n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{127}{48}, n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

~~coeff.~~  
coeff.  
of  $x^n$

$$-\frac{7}{3} \cdot 2^n$$

~~coeff.~~  
coeff.  
of  $x^n$

$$\frac{29}{48} \cdot 3^n$$

~~coeff.~~  
coeff.  
of  $x^n$

$$\frac{1}{12} 3^n (n+1)$$

Final Step:  
Pull  
Cut the  
(coefficients)  
of  $x^n$   
from  
each  
series,  
and  
add  
together

$$= \frac{1}{3} \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (3x)^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n x^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3^n \cdot n x^{n-1}$$

remainder

$$= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^{n+1} (n+1)x^n$$

add together

$$b_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{12} 3^n (n+1) + \frac{29}{48} \cdot 3^n - \frac{7}{3} \cdot 2^n + \frac{127}{48}, n \text{ even} \\ \frac{1}{12} 3^n (n+1) + \frac{29}{48} \cdot 3^n - \frac{7}{3} \cdot 2^n - \frac{127}{48}, n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$