

Discrete Mathematics

Chapters 5.5 & 5.6 Homework

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Exercise Set 5.5

Find the first four terms of each of the recursively sequences defined in 2 and 4.

2.

$$a_k = 2a_{k-1} + k, \text{ for all integers } k \geq 2$$
$$a_1 = 1$$

Ans:

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 2 \cdot a_1 + 2 = 2 \cdot 1 + 2 = 4$$

$$a_3 = 2 \cdot a_2 + 3 = 2 \cdot 4 + 3 = 11$$

$$a_4 = 2 \cdot a_3 + 4 = 2 \cdot 11 + 4 = 26$$

$$a_5 = 2 \cdot a_4 + 5 = 2 \cdot 26 + 5 = 57$$

4.

$$d_k = k(d_{k-1})^2, \text{ for all integers } k \geq 1$$
$$d_0 = 3$$

Ans:

$$d_0 = 3$$

$$d_1 = 1(d_0)^2 = 1 \cdot 3^2 = 9$$

$$d_2 = 2(d_1)^2 = 2 \cdot 9^2 = 162$$

$$d_3 = 3(d_2)^2 = 3 \cdot 162^2 = 78,732$$

$$d_4 = 4(d_3)^2 = 4 \cdot 52,488^2 = 2.4794911 \times 10^{10}$$

10. Let b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots be defined by the formula $b_n = 4^n$, for all integers $n \geq 0$. Show that this sequence satisfies the recurrence relation $b_k = 4b_{k-1}$, for all integers $k \geq 1$

Ans:

Proof. Let the property $P(n)$ be the equation

$$b_n = 4^n = 4b_{n-1} \text{ for all integers } n \geq 1$$

Show that $P(1)$ is true:

To establish $P(1)$, we must show that

$$4^1 = 4b_0$$

But the left-hand side of this equation is 4 and from the definition of the sequence we know that $b_0 = 4^0 = 1$ so the right-hand side is $4 \cdot 1$ which is also equal to 4. Hence $P(1)$ is true.

Show that for all integers $k \geq 1$, if $P(k)$ is true then $P(k+1)$ is also true:

Suppose that k is any integer with $k \geq 1$ such that

$$b_k = 4^k = 4b_{k-1}$$

We must show that

$$4^{k+1} = 4b_k$$

The left-handside of $P(k + 1)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} 4^k \cdot 4 \\ &= 4b_{k-1} \cdot 4 \quad (\text{By substituting the inductive hypothesis}) \\ &= 16b_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

The right-handside of $P(k + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} 4b_k \\ &= 4 \cdot 4b_{k-1} \quad (\text{By substituting the inductive hypothesis}) \\ &= 16b_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

The two sides of $P(k + 1)$ are equal to the same quantity and so they are equal to each other. Therefore the equation $P(k + 1)$ is true. \square

21. *Double Tower of Hanoi:* In this variation of the Tower of Hanoi there are three poles in a row and $2n$ disks, two of each of n different sizes, where n is any positive integer. Initially one of the poles contains all the disks placed on top of each other in pairs of decreasing size. Disks are transferred one by one from one pole to another, but at no time may a larger disk be placed on top of a smaller disk. However, a disk may be placed on top of one of the same size. Let t_n be the minimum number of moves needed to transfer a tower of $2n$ disks from one pole to another.

- (a) Find t_1 and t_2
- (c) Find a recurrence relation for t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots

Ans:(a) $t_1 = 2$ and $t_2 = 6$

(c) We know that our initial condition is $t_1 = 2$. For a pole with $2n$ disks we need to move the top $2n - 2$ disks from the first pole to the second pole (let this be t_{n-1} moves). This will leave two disks in the first pole that can be moved to the third pole in 2 moves. We then move the $2n - 2$ disks again to the third pole. This will again be t_{n-1} moves so in total we have:

$$t_n = 2 + t_{n-1} + t_{n-1}$$

$$t_n = 2 + 2 \cdot t_{n-1}$$

32. It turns out that the Fibonacci sequence satisfies the following explicit formula: For all integers $F_n \geq 0$,

$$F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+1} - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+1} \right]$$

Verify that the sequence defined by this formula satisfies the recurrence relation $F_k = F_{k-1} + F_{k-2}$ for all integers $k \geq 2$.

37. *Compound Interest:* Suppose a certain amount of money is deposited in an account paying 3% annual interest compounded monthly. For each positive integer n , let S_n = the amount on deposit at the end of the n th month, and let S_0 be the initial amount deposited.

- (a) Find a recurrence relation for S_0, S_1, S_2, \dots , assuming no additional deposits or withdrawals during the year.
- (b) If $S_0 = \$10,000$, find the amount on deposit at the end one year.
- (c) Find the APR for the account.

39. A set of blocks contains blocks of heights 1, 2, and 4 centimeters. Imagine constructing towers by piling blocks of different height directly on

top of one another. (A tower of height 6 cm could be obtained using six 1-cm blocks, three 2-cm blocks one 2-cm block with one 4-cm block on top, one 4-cm block with one 2-cm block on top, and so forth.) Let t be the number of ways to construct a tower of height n cm using blocks from the set. (Assume an unlimited supply of blocks of each size.) Find a recurrence relation for t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots .

42. Use the recursive definition of the product, together with mathematical induction, to prove that for all positive integers n , if a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n and c are real numbers, then

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (ca_i) = c^n \left(\prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right).$$

Exercise Set 5.6

1. The formula

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

is true for all integers $n \geq 1$. Use this fact to solve the following problem:

- (c) If n is an integer and $n \geq 1$, find a formula for the expression $3 + 3 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 + \dots + 3 \cdot n + n$.

In 4 and 6 a sequence is defined recursively. Use iteration to guess an explicit formula for the sequence. Use the formulas from Section 5.2 to simplify your answers whenever possible.

- 4.

$$b_k = \frac{b_{k-1}}{1 + b_{k-1}}, \text{ for all integers } k \geq 1$$
$$b_0 = 1$$

- 6.

$$d_k = 2d_{k-1} + 3 \text{ for all integers } k \geq 2$$
$$d_1 = 2$$

17. Solve the recurrence relation obtained as the answer to exercise 21(c) of Section 5.5.
25. A certain computer algorithm executes twice as many operations when it is run with an input of size k as when it is run with an input of size $k - 1$ (where k is an integer greater than 1). When the algorithm is run with an input of size 1, it executes seven operations. How many operations does it execute when it is run with an input of size 25?
29. Use mathematical induction to verify the correctness of the formula you obtained in Exercise 4.
31. Use mathematical induction to verify the correctness of the formula you obtained in Exercise 6.

53. Compute $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n$ for small values of n (up to about 5 or 6). Conjecture explicit formulas for the entries in this matrix, and prove your conjecture using mathematical induction.