

# DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

Let's check

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## **Practice Exercise 2 (Topic: Recurrence Relation)**

Solve the following problems related to sequences and recurrence relations.

1. List the first 10 terms of each of these sequences.

c. the sequence whose  $n$ th term is  $3n - 2n$ .

$$n = 1; 3(1) - 2(1) = 1$$

$$n = 2; 3(2) - 2(2) = 2$$

$$n = 3; 3(3) - 2(3) = 3$$

$$n = 4; 3(4) - 2(4) = 4$$

$$n = 5; 3(5) - 2(5) = 5$$

$$n = 6; 3(6) - 2(6) = 6$$

$$n = 7; 3(7) - 2(7) = 7$$

$$n = 8; 3(8) - 2(8) = 8$$

$$n = 9; 3(9) - 2(9) = 9$$

$$n = 10; 3(10) - 2(10) = 10$$

**{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}**

d. the sequence whose nth term is  $n! - 2n$ .

$$n = 1 / (1!) - 2(1) = 1 - 2 = -1$$

$$n = 2 / (2!) - 2(2) = 2 - 4 = -2$$

$$n = 3 / (3!) - 2(3) = 6 - 6 = 0$$

$$n = 4 / (4!) - 2(4) = 24 - 8 = 16$$

$$n = 5 / (5!) - 2(5) = 120 - 10 = 110$$

$$n = 6 / (6!) - 2(6) = 720 - 12 = 708$$

$$n = 7 / (7!) - 2(7) = 5040 - 14 = 5026$$

$$n = 8 / (8!) - 2(8) = 40320 - 16 = 40304$$

$$n = 9 / (9!) - 2(9) = 362880 - 18 = 362862$$

$$n = 10 / (10!) - 2(10) = 3628800 - 20 = 3628780$$

**{-1, -2, 0, 16, 110, 708, 5026, 40304, 362862, 3628780}**

2. Find the first five terms of the sequence defined by each of these recurrence relations and initial conditions.

c.  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2}; a_0 = 1 \text{ \& } a_1 = 2$

Given:

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2}$$

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$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = a_1 + 3a_0 = 2 + 3(1) = 5$$

$$a_3 = a_2 + 3a_1 = 5 + 3(2) = 11$$

$$a_4 = a_3 + 3a_2 = 11 + 3(5) = 26$$

First 5 terms:

**{1, 2, 5, 11, 26}**

d.  $a_n = na_{n-1} + n^2a_{n-2}; a_0 = 1 \& a_1 = 1$

Given:

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

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 2a_1 + 2^2a_0 = 2(1) + 4(1) = 6$$

$$a_3 = 3a_2 + 3^2a_1 = 3(6) + 9(1) = 18 + 9 = 27$$

$$a_4 = 4a_3 + 4^2a_2 = 4(27) + 16(6) = 108 + 96 = 204$$

First 5 terms:

**{1, 1, 6, 27, 204}**

3. What are the values of these sums?

c.  $\sum_{j=0}^4 (-2)^j$

$$(-2)^0 = 1$$

$$(-2)^1 = -2$$

$$(-2)^2 = 4$$

$$(-2)^3 = -8$$

$$(-2)^4 = 16$$

$$1 - 2 + 4 - 8 + 16 = 11$$

d.  $\sum_{m=0}^8 [1 + (-1)^m]$

$$1 + (-1)^0 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$1 + (-1)^1 = 1 + (-1) = 0$$

$$1 + (-1)^2 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$1 + (-1)^3 = 1 + (-1) = 0$$

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

$$1 + (-1)^5 = 1 + (-1) = 0$$

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

$$1 + (-1)^7 = 1 + (-1) = 0$$

$$1 + (-1)^8 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$2 + 0 + 2 + 0 + 2 + 0 + 2 + 0 + 2 = 10$$

4. Compute each of these double sums.

a.  $\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^3 (i + j)$

For  $i = 1$ :

- $j = 1 : 1 + 1 = 2$
- $j = 2 : 1 + 2 = 3$
- $j = 3 : 1 + 3 = 4$

Sum:  $2 + 3 + 4 = 9$

For  $i = 2$ :

- $j = 1 : 2 + 1 = 3$
- $j = 2 : 2 + 2 = 4$
- $j = 3 : 2 + 3 = 5$

Sum:  $3 + 4 + 5 = 12$

Total sum:  $9 + 12 = 21$

b.  $\sum_{i=0}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 (2i + 3j)$

For  $i = 0$ :

- $j = 0 : 0 + 0 = 0$
- $j = 1 : 0 + 3 = 3$
- $j = 2 : 0 + 6 = 6$
- $j = 3 : 0 + 9 = 9 \rightarrow \text{sum} = 18$

For  $i = 1$  ( $2i = 2$ ):

- $j = 0 : 2 + 0 = 2$
- $j = 1 : 2 + 3 = 5$
- $j = 2 : 2 + 6 = 8$
- $j = 3 : 2 + 9 = 11 \rightarrow \text{sum} = 26$

For  $i = 2$  ( $2i = 4$ ):

- $j = 0 : 4 + 0 = 4$
- $j = 1 : 4 + 3 = 7$
- $j = 2 : 4 + 6 = 10$
- $j = 3 : 4 + 9 = 13 \rightarrow \text{sum} = 34$

For  $i = 3$  ( $2i = 6$ ):

- $j = 0 : 6 + 0 = 6$
- $j = 1 : 6 + 3 = 9$
- $j = 2 : 6 + 6 = 12$
- $j = 3 : 6 + 9 = 15 \rightarrow \text{sum} = 42$

Now total:

$$18 + 26 + 34 + 42 = 120$$