

Sequence(19) 10.5.3

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Question :-

200 logs are stacked in the following manner: 20 logs in the bottom row, 19 in the next row, 18 in the row next to it and so on . In how many rows are the 200 logs placed and how many logs are in the top row?

Symbol	Description	Value
$x(0)$	bottom row	20
d	common difference	-1
S_n	total number of logs	200
$x(n)$	number of logs in n row	depends on n

TABLE I

For an Arithmetic Progression :-

$$x(n) = [x(0) + nd]u(n) \quad (1)$$

$$x(n) = [20 - n]u(n) \quad (2)$$

$$u(n) \xleftrightarrow{ZT} \frac{1}{(1 - z^{-1})} \quad [\text{ROC: } |z| > 1] \quad (3)$$

$$U(z) = \frac{1}{(1 - z^{-1})} \quad (4)$$

Z-transform of $n^k u(k)$ in terms of the k -th derivative of $U(z)$:

$$n^k u(n) \xleftrightarrow{ZT} (-1)^k z^k \frac{d^k}{dz^k} U(z) \quad (5)$$

$$nu(n) \xleftrightarrow{Z} \frac{z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} \quad |z| > 1 \quad (6)$$

$$n^2 u(n) \xleftrightarrow{Z} \frac{(z^{-1})(1 + z^{-1})}{(1 - z^{-1})^3} \quad |z| > 1 \quad (7)$$

$$n^3 u(n) \xleftrightarrow{Z} \frac{(z^{-1})(1 + 4z^{-1} + z^{-2})}{(1 - z^{-1})^4} \quad |z| > 1 \quad (8)$$

Referencing the equations from 2,4,6

$$X(Z) = \frac{20 - 21z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} \quad |z| > 1 \quad (9)$$

$$y(n) = x(n) * u(n) \quad (10)$$

$$Y(Z) = X(Z)U(Z) \quad (11)$$

$$Y(Z) = \frac{20 - 21z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^3} \quad (12)$$

Using Contour Integration to find the inverse Z-transform,

$$y(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C Y(z) z^{n-1} dz \quad (13)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C \frac{(20 - 21z^{-1})z^{n-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^3} dz \quad (14)$$

We can observe that the pole is repeated 3 times and thus $m = 3$,

$$R = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} ((z-a)^m f(z)) \quad (15)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2)!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} (20z^{n+2} - 21z^{n+1}) \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (20(n+2)(n+1)z^n - 21(n)(n+1)z^{n-1}) \quad (17)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [20(n+2)(n+1) - 21(n)(n+1)] \quad (18)$$

$$R = S_n \quad (19)$$

$$200 = \frac{1}{2} [20(n+2)(n+1) - 21(n)(n+1)] \quad (20)$$

$$n = 15, 24 \quad (21)$$

For Practical reasons

$x'(n)$ is number of logs in top row

$$x'(n) > 0 \quad (22)$$

Using equation 2

$$20 - n > 0 \quad (23)$$

$$n < 20 \quad (24)$$

$$n = 16 \quad (25)$$

Substituting in equation 2

$$x'(n) = 20 - 15 \quad (26)$$

$$x'(n) = 5 \quad (27)$$

