

## Homework #4

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**Course Policy:** Read all the instructions below carefully before you start working on the assignment, and before you make a submission.

- It is not a group homework. Do not share your answers to anyone in any circumstance. Any cheating means at least -100 for both sides.
- Do not take any information from Internet.
- No late homework will be accepted.
- For any questions about the homework, send an email to gizemsungu@gtu.edu.tr
- The homeworks (both latex and pdf files in a zip file) will be submitted into the course page of Moodle.
- The latex, pdf and zip files of the homeworks should be saved as "Name\_Surname\_StudentId".{tex, pdf, zip}.
- If the answers of the homeworks have only calculations without any formula or any explanation -when needed- will get zero.
- Writing the homeworks on Latex is strongly suggested. However, hand-written paper is still accepted **IFF** hand writing of the student is clear and understandable to read, and the paper is well-organized. Otherwise, the assistant cannot grade the student's homework.

**Problem 1**

(15+15=30 points)

Consider the nonhomogeneous linear recurrence relation  $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2^n$ .

(a) Show that whether  $a_n = -2^{n+1}$  is a solution of the given recurrence relation or not. Show your work step by step.

**(Solution)**

- 1) If  $a_n = -2^{n+1}$  then  $a_{n-1} = -2^n$
- 2) Put  $a_n$  and  $a_{n-1}$  in the recurrence relation.
- 3)  $-2^{n+1} = 3*(-2^n) + 2^n$
- 4)  $-2^{n+1} = -2*2^n$  so  $2^{n+1} = 2*2^n$
- 5)  $2 = 2$  so that means it is a solution of given recurrence relation.

(b) Find the solution with  $a_0 = 1$ .

**(Solution)**

- 0)  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$
- 1) Firstly  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0$  for  $a_n^{(h)}$
- 2)  $r - 3 = 0$  so  $r = 3$
- 3)  $a_n^{(h)} = \alpha 3^n$
- 4) Secondly  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 2^n$  for  $a_n^{(p)}$
- 5) Guessing  $A2^n$  form
- 6)  $A2^n - 3A2^{n-1} = 2^n$  (Let's divide by  $2^n$ )
- 7)  $A - \frac{3}{2}A = 1$  so  $A = -2$
- 8) Rewriting (5) again  $a_n^{(p)} = -2 \cdot 2^n = -2^{n+1}$
- 9) Rewriting (0) again  $a_n = \alpha 3^n - 2^{n+1}$  (for  $n \geq 1$ )
- 10) Put  $a_0 = 1$  in relation in question so  $a_1 = 3 \cdot 1 + 2 = 5$
- 11) Put  $a_1 = 5$  in (9) so  $a_1 = 5 = \alpha 3^1 - 2^2$  so  $\alpha = 3$
- 12) Put  $\alpha = 3$  in (9) So  $a_n = 3 \cdot 3^n - 2^{n+1}$
- 13) So the solution for  $a_0 = 1$  is  $a_n = 3^{n+1} - 2^{n+1}$  (for  $n \geq 1$ )

**Problem 2**

(35 points)

Solve the recurrence relation  $f(n) = 4f(n-1) - 4f(n-2) + n^2$  for  $f(0) = 2$  and  $f(1) = 5$ .

**(Solution)**

- 1)  $f(n) - 4f(n-1) + 4f(n-2) = n^2$
- 2)  $f(n) = f^{(h)}(n) + f^{(p)}(n)$
- 3) (For  $a_n^{(h)}$ ) Characteristic equation is  $r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$
- 4) So  $r=2$  (coincident roots) so  $a_n^{(h)} = \alpha 2^n + \beta n 2^n$
- 5) (For  $a_n^{(p)}$ ) Guessing  $Kn^2 + Ln + M$  form.
- 6) So  $f(n) = Kn^2 + Ln + M$  and  $f(n-1) = K(n-1)^2 + L(n-1) + M$  and  $f(n-2) = K(n-2)^2 + L(n-2) + M$
- 7) Put in (1)  $Kn^2 + Ln + M - 4[K(n-1)^2 + L(n-1) + M] - K(n-2)^2 - L(n-2) - M$
- 8)  $K(n^2 - 4(n-1)^2 + (n-2)^2) + L(n - 4n + 4 + n - 2) + 3M = n^2$
- 9)  $Kn^2 + (-8K + L)n + (12K - 4L + M) = n^2$  so equalize to the coefficients
- 10)  $K=1$  then solve  $(-8K+L=0)$  so  $L=8$ . Then  $12K-4L+M = 12-32+M=0$  so  $M=20$
- 11)  $a_n^{(p)} = n^2 + 8n + 20$  and  $a_n^{(h)} = \alpha 2^n + \beta n 2^n$
- 12) Put everything in (2) so  $f(n) = n^2 + 8n + 20 + 2^n(\alpha + n\beta)$
- 13)  $f(0)=2$  so  $20 + \alpha = 2$  so  $\alpha=-18$  and  $f(1)=5$  so  $1+8+20+2(-18+\beta)=5$  so  $\beta = 6$
- 14) So  $f(n) = n^2 + 8n + 20 + 2^n(6n - 18)$

**Problem 3**

(20+15 = 35 points)

Consider the linear homogeneous recurrence relation  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2}$ .

(a) Find the characteristic roots of the recurrence relation.

**(Solution)**

- 1)  $a_n - 2a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} = 0$
- 2)  $2a_{n-2}$  will be showed as 2 (like a constant ) to find the characteristic roots.
- 3) So it will be like  $r^2 - 2r + 2 = 0$
- 4) It is same with  $(r - 1)^2 + 1 = 0$
- 5)  $(r - 1) = i$  or  $-(r - 1) = i$  because  $i = \sqrt{-1}$
- 6) So  $r = 1 + i \vee r = 1 - i$

(b) Find the solution of the recurrence relation with  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 2$ .

**(Solution)**

- 1)  $\alpha(1 - i)^n + \beta(1 + i)^n = a_n$
- 2)  $a_0 = \alpha + \beta = 1$  and  $a_1 = \alpha + \beta + i(\beta - \alpha) = 2$
- 3) If  $\alpha + \beta = 1$  then,  $\beta - \alpha$  should be  $= -i$
- 4) When sum those,  $2\beta = 1 - i$  so  $\beta = \frac{1-i}{2}$  and  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{1-i}{2} = \frac{1+i}{2}$
- 5) So  $a_n = \frac{1+i}{2}(1 - i)^n + \frac{1-i}{2}(1 + i)^n$