

Mathematical Economics

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Chapter 18

Higher-Order Difference Equations

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In [1]: from IPython.display import display, Math, Latex
        Math(r'\Delta^2 y_{t+1} = \Delta(\Delta y_t) = \Delta(y_{t+1} - y_t)')
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Out[1]: $\Delta^2 y_{t+1} = \Delta(\Delta y_t) = \Delta(y_{t+1} - y_t)$

18.1 Second-Order Linear Difference Equations with Constant Coefficients and Constant Term

Particular Solution

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In [2]: from sympy import Symbol, dsolve, Function, Derivative, Eq

        from sympy import Function, rsolve
        from sympy.abc import t, c
        y = Function("y");
        y0 = Symbol("y_0")
        a1 = Symbol("a_1")
        a2 = Symbol("a_2")

        f = y(t+2) + a1*y(t+1) + a2*y(t) - c
        sol = rsolve(f, y(t), {y(0):y0});
        sol
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Out[2]:
$$C_0 \left(-\frac{a_1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_2}}{2} \right)^t + \frac{c}{a_1 + a_2 + 1} + \frac{\left(-\frac{a_1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_2}}{2} \right)^t (-C_0 (a_1 + a_2 + 1) + a_1 y_0 + a_2 y_0 - c + y_0)}{a_1 + a_2 + 1}$$

Example 1

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In [3]: yt2 = Symbol("y_t+2")
yt1 = Symbol('y_t+1')
yt = Symbol('y_t')
eq1 = Eq(yt2 - 3*yt1 +4*yt,6)
display(eq1)

from sympy.abc import t,c,k
y = Function("y");

f = y(t+2) - 3*y(t+1) + 4*y(t)-6;
sol = rsolve(f, y(t), {y(0):1, y(1):2});
sol
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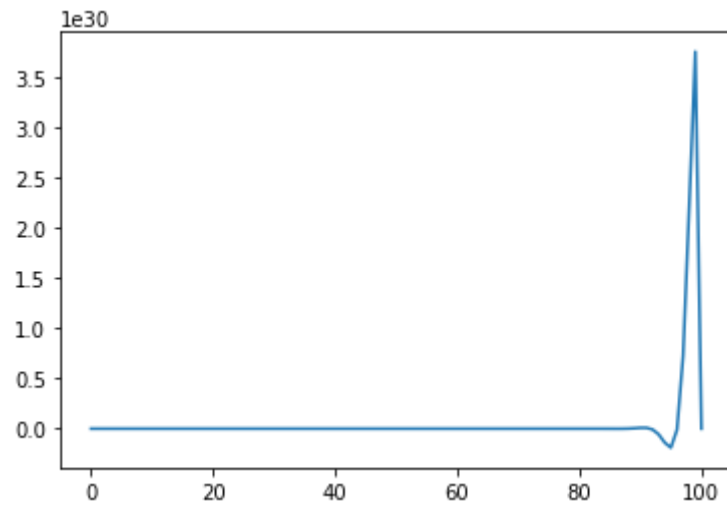
$$4y_t - 3y_{t+1} + y_{t+2} = 6$$

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Out[3]: 
$$\left(-1 + \frac{2\sqrt{7}i}{7}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{7}i}{2}\right)^t + \left(-1 - \frac{2\sqrt{7}i}{7}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{7}i}{2}\right)^t + 3$$

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In [4]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
N = 100
index_set = range(N+1)
x = np.zeros(len(index_set))
x[0] = 1
x[1] = 1
for t in index_set[1:N]:
    x[t] = 3*x[t-1] - 4*x[t-2] + 6
plt.plot(index_set, x)
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Out[4]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x214dc5ae070>]
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Example 2

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In [5]: yt2 = Symbol("y_t+2")
yt1 = Symbol('y_t+1')
yt = Symbol('y_t')
eq1 = Eq(yt2 + yt1 - 2*yt, 12)
display(eq1)

from sympy.abc import t,c,k
y = Function("y");

f = y(t+2) + y(t+1) - 2*y(t)- 12;
sol = rsolve(f, y(t), {y(0):1, y(1):2});
sol
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$$-2y_t + y_{t+1} + y_{t+2} = 12$$

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Out[5]:  $(-2)^t + 4t$ 
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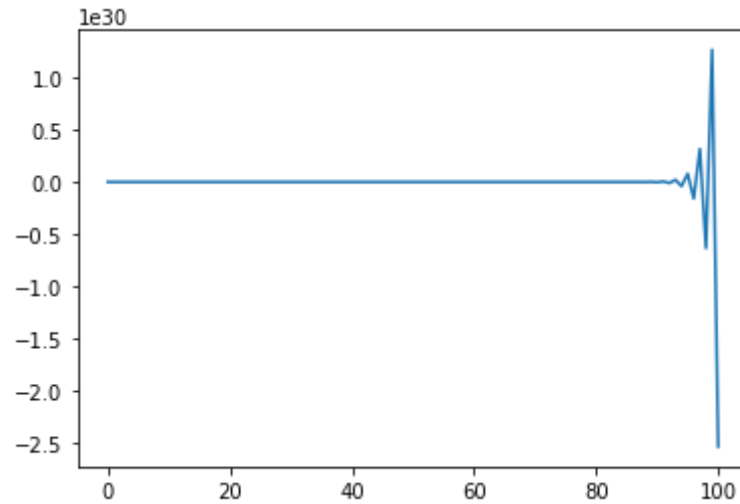
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In [6]: N = 100
index_set = range(N+1)
x = np.zeros(len(index_set))
x[0] = 1
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x[1] = 1
for t in index_set[1:]:
    x[t] = -x[t-1] + 2*x[t-2] + 12
plt.plot(index_set, x)

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Out[6]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x214dd661df0>]



Example 3

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In [7]: yt2 = Symbol("y_t+2")
yt1 = Symbol('y_t+1')
yt = Symbol('y_t')
eq1 = Eq(yt2 + yt1 - 2*yt, 12)
display(eq1)

from sympy.abc import t,c,k
y = Function("y");

f = y(t+2) + y(t+1) - 2*y(t) - 12;
sol = rsolve(f, y(t), {y(0):4, y(1):5});
sol

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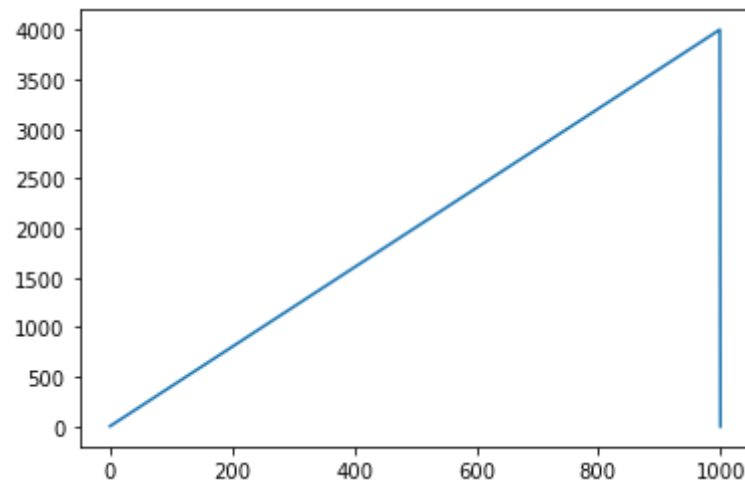
$$-2y_t + y_{t+1} + y_{t+2} = 12$$

Out[7]: $(-2)^t + 4t + 3$

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In [8]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
N = 1000
index_set = range(N+1)
x = np.zeros(len(index_set))
x[0] = 4
x[1] = 5
for t in index_set[1:N]:
    x[t] = -x[t-1] + 2*x[t-2] + 12

plt.plot(index_set, x)
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Out[8]: [



Example 4

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In [9]: yt2 = Symbol("y_t+2")
yt1 = Symbol('y_t+1')
yt = Symbol('y_t')
eq1 = Eq(yt2 + 6*yt1 + 9*yt, 4)
display(eq1)

from sympy.abc import t,c,k
y = Function("y");

f = y(t+2) + 6*y(t+1) + 9*y(t) - 4;
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sol = rsolve(f, y(t), {y(0):1, y(1):1});
sol
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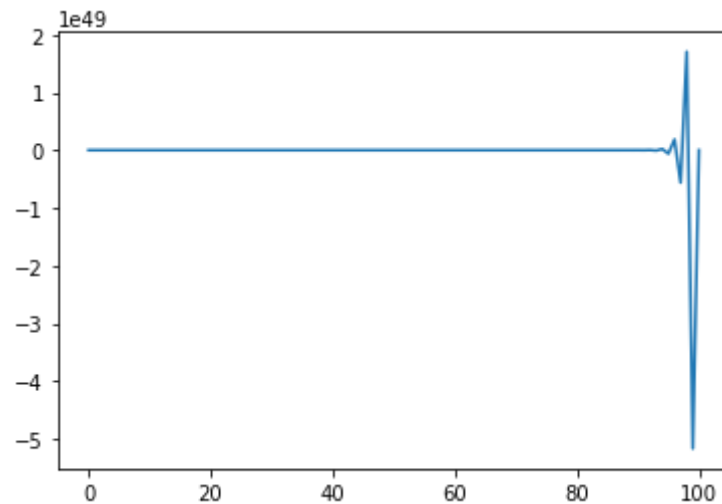
$$9y_t + 6y_{t+1} + y_{t+2} = 4$$

Out[9]: $(-3)^t \left(\frac{3}{4} - t \right) + \frac{1}{4}$

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In [10]: N = 100
index_set = range(N+1)
x = np.zeros(len(index_set))
x[0] = 4
x[1] = 5
for t in index_set[1:N]:
    x[t] = -6*x[t-1] - 9*x[t-2] + 4

plt.plot(index_set, x)
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Out[10]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x214dd7540a0>]



Example 5

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In [11]: yt2 = Symbol("y_t+2")
yt1 = Symbol('y_t+1')
yt = Symbol('y_t')
eq1 = Eq(yt2 + 1/4*yt, 5)
display(eq1)
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from sympy.abc import t,c,k
y = Function("y")
f = y(t+2) + 0*y(t+1) + 1/4*y(t) - 5
sol = rsolve(f, y(t))
sol

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$$0.25y_t + y_{t+2} = 5$$

Out[11]: $C_0(0.5i)^t + C_1(-0.5i)^t + 4.0$

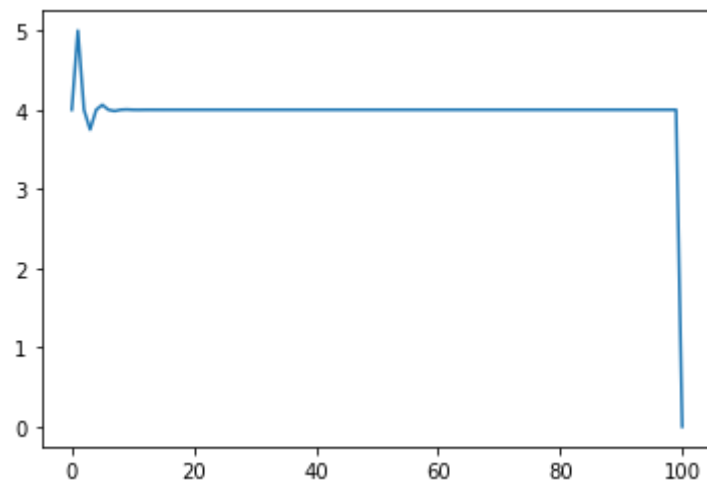
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In [12]: N = 100
index_set = range(N+1)
x = np.zeros(len(index_set))
x[0] = 4
x[1] = 5
for t in index_set[1:N]:
    x[t] = -1/4*x[t-2] + 5

plt.plot(index_set, x)

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Out[12]: [



18.2 Samuelson Multiplier-Acceleration Interaction Model

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In [13]: Yt2 = Symbol("Y_t+2")
Yt1 = Symbol('Y_t+1')

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Yt = Symbol('Y_t')
alpha= Symbol("\\alpha")
gamma= Symbol("\\gamma")
G0 = Symbol('G_0')

eq1 = Eq(Yt2-gamma*(1+alpha)*Yt1 + alpha*gamma*Yt, G0)
display(eq1)

from sympy.abc import t,c,k
y = Function("y")
f = y(t+2)-gamma*(1+alpha)*y(t+1) + alpha*gamma*y(t) - G0
sol = rsolve(f, y(t))
sol

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$$Y_t \alpha \gamma - Y_{t+1} \gamma (\alpha + 1) + Y_{t+2} = G_0$$

Out[13]:

$$C_0 \left(\frac{\gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{\gamma(\alpha^2 \gamma + 2\alpha \gamma - 4\alpha + \gamma)}}{2} \right)^t + C_1 \left(\frac{\gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{\gamma(\alpha^2 \gamma + 2\alpha \gamma - 4\alpha + \gamma)}}{2} \right)^t - \frac{G_0}{\gamma - 1}$$

Example 2

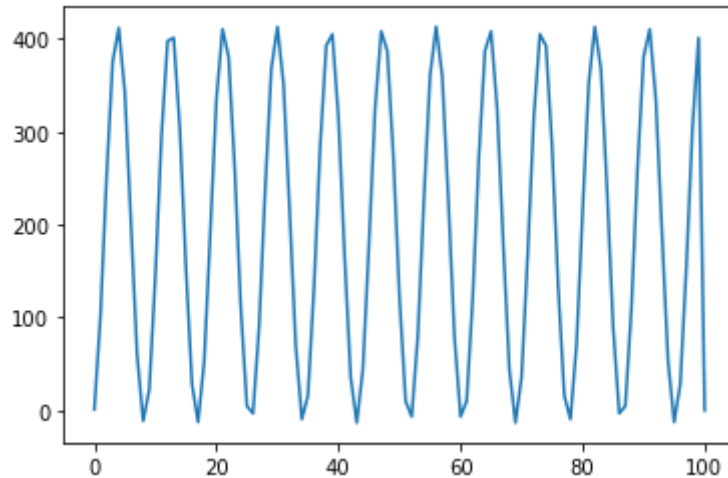
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In [15]: N = 100
index_set = range(N+1)
x = np.zeros(len(index_set))
x[0] = 1
x[1] = 1
for t in index_set[1:N]:
    x[t] = 3/2*x[t-1] - x[t-2] + 100

plt.plot(index_set, x)

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Out[15]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x214dd8be190>]



8.3 Inflation and Unemployment in Discrete Time

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In [16]: pt2 = Symbol("p_t+2")
pt1 = Symbol('p_t+1')
pt = Symbol('p_t')
beta= Symbol("\\beta")
k= Symbol("k")
j = Symbol('j')
m = Symbol('m')
g = Symbol("g")

eq1 = Eq( pt2 - ((1+g*j+(1-j)*(1+beta*k)) / (1+beta*k))*pt1 +
          ((1-j*(1-g))*pt/((1+beta*k)), (j*beta*k*m)/(1+beta*k))
display(eq1)

from sympy import simplify
from sympy.abc import t,c,k
y = Function("y")
f = y(t+2)-((1+g*j+(1-j)*(1+beta*k)))*y(t+1)/(1+beta*k) +(1/(1+beta*k))*((1-j*(1-g)))*y(t) - (j*beta*k*m)/(1+beta*k)
# we just write the 18.24
sol = rsolve(f, y(t))
simplify(sol)
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$$\frac{p_t(-j(1-g)+1)}{\beta k+1} - \frac{p_{t+1}(gj+(1-j)(\beta k+1)+1)}{\beta k+1} + p_{t+2} = \frac{\beta j k m}{\beta k+1}$$

Out[16]:

$$C_0 \left(\frac{-\beta j k + \beta k + g j - j - \sqrt{\beta^2 j^2 k^2 - 2\beta^2 j k^2 + \beta^2 k^2 - 2\beta g j^2 k - 2\beta g j k + 2\beta j^2 k - 2\beta j k + g^2 j^2 - 2g j^2 + j^2 + 2}}{2(\beta k + 1)} \right)^t$$

$$+ C_1 \left(\frac{-\beta j k + \beta k + g j - j + \sqrt{\beta^2 j^2 k^2 - 2\beta^2 j k^2 + \beta^2 k^2 - 2\beta g j^2 k - 2\beta g j k + 2\beta j^2 k - 2\beta j k + g^2 j^2 - 2g j^2 + j^2 + 2}}{2(\beta k + 1)} \right)^t + m$$

18.4 Generalizations to Variable-Term and Higher-Order Equations

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In [17]: yt2 = Symbol("y_t+2")
yt1 = Symbol('y_t+1')
yt = Symbol('y_t')
t = Symbol('t')
eq1 = Eq(yt2 + yt1 - 3*yt, 7**t)
display(eq1)

from sympy.abc import t,c,k
y = Function("y")
f = y(t+2) + y(t+1) - 3*y(t) - 7**t
sol = rsolve(f, y(t))
sol
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$$-3y_t + y_{t+1} + y_{t+2} = 7^t$$

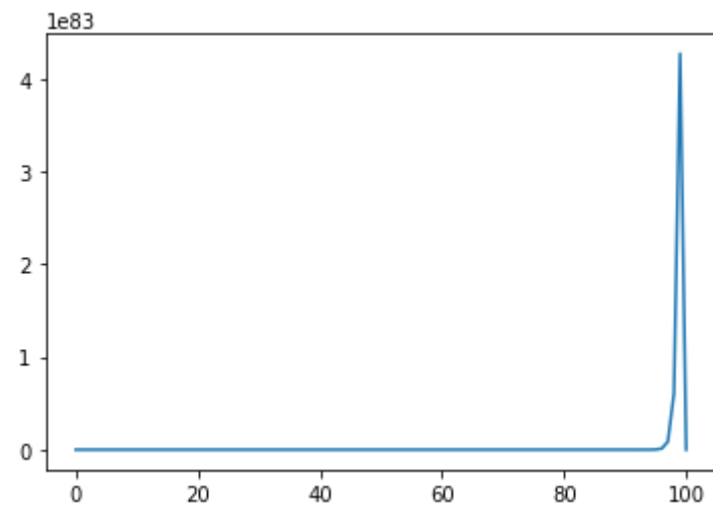
Out[17]:

$$\frac{7^t}{53} + C_0 \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} \right)^t + C_1 \left(-\frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^t$$

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In [18]: N = 100
index_set = range(N+1)
x = np.zeros(len(index_set))
x[0] = 1
x[1] = 1
for t in index_set[1:N]:
    x[t] = -x[t-1] + 3*x[t-2] + 7**t

plt.plot(index_set, x)
```

Out[18]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x214dd99e610>]



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