

## 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)**

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

$$a_{n-1} = -2^{(n-1)+1}$$

$$a_{n-1} = -2^n$$

Now, we can write the expression of  $a_{n-1}$  to check that  $a_n = -2^{n+1}$  is a solution of our recurrence relation or not.

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

$$a_n = 3(-2^n) + 2^n$$

$$a_n = -2 \cdot 2^n$$

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

Then we can say that,  $a_n = -2^{n+1}$  is a solution of the  $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2^n$

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

**(Solution)**

It's a non-homogeneous recurrence relation, so we can define it like,

$$a_n^{(g)} = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$$

Firstly we should find the homogeneous part to write the characteristic equation.

$$a_{n-1} = 1$$

$$a_n = r$$

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1} \text{ (homogeneous part of the given recurrence relation)}$$

$r = 3$  (characteristic root)

$$a_n^{(h)} = c_1 \cdot 3^n$$

to find the particular part of the given recurrence relation,

$$a_n^{(p)} = A \cdot 2^n$$

$$a_{n-1}^{(p)} = A \cdot 2^{n-1}$$

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2^n \text{ (The given recurrence relation)}$$

$$A \cdot 2^n = 3 \cdot A \cdot 2^{n-1} + 2^n$$

$$= ((3 \cdot A)/2) \cdot 2^n + 2^n$$

$$A \cdot 2^n = 2^n \cdot (((3 \cdot A)/2) + 1)$$

$$(((3 \cdot A)/2) + 1) = A$$

$$2 \cdot A - 2 = 3 \cdot A$$

$$A = -2$$

$$a_n^{(p)} = A \cdot 2^n = -2 \cdot 2^n = -2^{n+1}$$

$$a_n^{(g)} = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$$

$$a_n^{(g)} = c_1 \cdot 3^n - 2^{n+1}$$

$$\text{if } a_0 = 1 \text{ then } a_0 = c_1 - 2 = 1$$

$$c_1 = 3 \text{ so,}$$

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

### 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)**

linear nonhomogeneous recurrence with constant coefficient

$$f_n^{(g)} = f_n^{(h)} + f_n^{(p)}$$

$$f_n^{(h)} \text{ Associated homogeneous recurrence relation is } a_n = 4f(n-1) - 4f(n-2).$$

$$\text{Characteristic equation: } r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0 \text{ Factor. } r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$$

$$(r - 2)(r - 2) = 0 \quad r = 2$$

$$f_n^{(h)} = c_1(2)^n + c_2(2)^n \cdot n$$

$$f_n^{(h)} = 2^n(c_1 + c_2 \cdot n)$$

$$f_n^{(p)} = n^2 + 8n + 20$$

$$f_n^{(g)} = f_n^{(h)} + f_n^{(p)}$$

$$f_n = 2^n(c_1 + c_2 \cdot n) + n^2 + 8n + 20$$

$$f(0) = 2^0(c_1 + c_2 \cdot 0) + 0^2 + 8 \cdot 0 + 20 = 2$$

$$c_1 + 20 = 2$$

$$c_1 = -18$$

$$f(1) = 2^1(c_1 + c_2 \cdot 1) + 1^2 + 8 \cdot 1 + 20 = 5$$

$$f(1) = 2(c_1 + c_2) + 29 = 5$$

$$f(1) = 2(-18 + c_2) + 29 = 5$$

$$c_2 = 6$$

$$f_n = 2^n(6 \cdot n - 18) + n^2 + 8n + 20$$

**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)**

It's homogeneous, so we can define it like this,

$$a_n = a_n^{(h)}$$

To find the characteristic equation.

$$a_{n-2} = 1$$

$$a_{n-1} = r$$

$$a_n = r^2$$

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} \text{ (The given recurrence relation)}$$

$$r^2 = 2r - 2$$

$$r^2 - 2r + 2 = 0$$

We will use discriminant to find the characteristic roots.

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$\Delta = -2^2 - 4(1)(2) = 4 - 8 = -4$$

$\Delta < 0$  (It means that there is no root in real numbers)

$$r_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} = \frac{-(-2) + \sqrt{-4}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{2 + 2i}{2} = 1 + i$$

$$r_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} = \frac{-(-2) - \sqrt{-4}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{2 - 2i}{2} = 1 - i$$

The characteristic roots are  $1 + i$  and  $1 - i$

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

**(Solution)**

We should write its general equation like this,

$$a_n^{(h)} = c_1 r_1^n + c_2 r_2^n$$

$$a_n = c_1 (1 + i)^n + c_2 (1 - i)^n$$

Now, we can use the  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 2$  to find the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

Let's start with  $a_0 = 1$  If  $n = 0$ , then  $c_1 + c_2 = 1$ .

for  $a_1 = 2$

$$a_n = c_1 (1 + i)^n + c_2 (1 - i)^n$$

$$a_1 = c_1 + i c_1 + c_2 - i c_2 = 2$$

we already know that,

$$c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$1 + i(c_1 - c_2) = 2$$

$$c_1 - c_2 = 1/i = i^{-1}$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$c_1 - c_2 = i^{-1}$$

$$2c_1 = 1 + i^{-1} \text{ so } c_1 = (1 + i^{-1})/2$$

$$c_2 = 1 - ((1 + i^{-1})/2) \text{ so } c_2 = (1 - i^{-1})/2$$

As a conclusion, the solution of the recurrence relation with  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 2$  is,

$$a_n = ((1 + i^{-1})/2) (1 + i)^n + ((1 - i^{-1})/2) (1 - i)^n$$