

# MODULE - 4

## GENERATING FUNCTIONS AND RECURRENCE RELATIONS

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# Generating functions

Defn:-

Let  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  be a sequence of real numbers. The function

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$$

is

called the GENERATING FUNCTION of the given sequence. (It is a power series in  $x$ )

Note:-

Given a sequence, we can easily obtain its generating function & from the generating function we can reproduce the sequence.

## Some Results

1)  $(1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n$   $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$\therefore (1+x)^n$  is the generating function for  $nC_0, nC_1, nC_2, \dots, nC_n$

OR

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

$$(1-x)^n = 1 - nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 - \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

$$\checkmark 2) \quad \underline{\underline{(1+x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots}}$$

ie  $(1+x)^{-1}$  is the generating fn. for  $1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$

$$\checkmark 3) \quad \underline{\underline{(1+x)^{-2} = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots}}$$

It is the generating function for  $1, -2, 3, -4, \dots$

$$\checkmark 4) \quad \underline{\underline{(1-x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots}}$$

generates the sequence  $1, 1, 1, \dots$

$$\checkmark 5) \quad \underline{\underline{(1-x)^{-2} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots}}$$

generates the sequence  $1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$$\checkmark 6) \quad (1+x)^{-n} = \binom{-n}{0} + \binom{-n}{1}x + \binom{-n}{2}x^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - nx + \frac{n(n+1)}{2!}x^2 - \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

$$\checkmark 7) \quad (1-x)^{-n} = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n+1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

Then all +ve

1) Find the coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $(1-2x)^{-7}$

Ans: using result (7) in page 2. put  $2x = y$ ,

$$(1-y)^{-n} = 1 + ny + \frac{n(n+1)}{2!} y^2 + \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3!} y^3 + \dots$$

$$\boxed{n=7, y=2x}$$

$$= 1 + 7(2x) + \frac{7 \cdot 8}{2!} (2x)^2 + \frac{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9}{3!} (2x)^3 + \frac{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10}{4!} (2x)^4$$

$$+ \frac{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10 \cdot 11}{5!} (2x)^5 + \dots$$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^5 = \frac{7 \times 8 \times 9 \times 10 \times 11}{5!} \times 2^5$$

$$= \underline{\underline{14784}}$$

2) Determine the coefficient of  $x^{15}$  in  $f(x)$ ,

$$f(x) = (x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots)^4$$

Ans  $f(x) = (x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots)^4$   
 $= [x^2(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)]^4$

$$= x^8 (1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^4$$

$$= x^8 [(1-x)^{-1}]^4 = \frac{x^8}{(1-x)^4} = x^8 (1-x)^{-4}$$

using 7th result in page 2

$$= x^8 \left[ 1 + 4x + \frac{4 \cdot 5}{2!} x^2 + \frac{(4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{(4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7)}{4!} x^4 + \frac{(4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8)}{5!} x^5 \right]$$

+ ...

$$\therefore \text{Co-efficient of } x^{15} = \frac{4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10}{7!} = \underline{\underline{120}}$$

3) Find the co-efficient of  $x^8$  in  $\frac{1}{(x-3)(x-2)^2}$

Ans - Apply partial fraction.

$$\frac{1}{(x-3)(x-2)^2} = \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x-2} + \frac{C}{(x-2)^2}$$

$$1 = A(x-2)^2 + B(x-3)(x-2) + C(x-3)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x=2 \\ 1 = C(-1) \therefore \underline{\underline{C=-1}} \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} x=3 \\ \underline{\underline{1=A}} \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} x=0 \\ 1 = 4A + 6B - 3C \\ 1 = 4 + 6B + 3 \\ 1 = 7 + 6B \\ -6 = 6B \therefore \underline{\underline{B=-1}} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{(x-3)(x-2)^2} = \frac{1}{x-3} - \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{1}{(x-2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-3(1-\frac{x}{3})} + \frac{1}{2(1-\frac{x}{2})} - \frac{1}{4(1-\frac{x}{2})^2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \left(1-\frac{x}{3}\right)^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{4} \left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^8 + \dots \right] +$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^8 + \dots \right] +$$

$$-\frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 + 2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 3\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \dots + 9\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^8 + \dots \right]$$

$$\therefore \text{Co-efficient of } x^8 = \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^8 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 - \frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \right] = \underline{\underline{\left(-\frac{1}{9}\right)^9 + \left(-\frac{7}{2}\right)^0}}$$

4. Determine the constant (co-efficient of  $x^0$ ) in

$$\left(4x^3 - \frac{5}{x}\right)^{16}$$

Ans:-  $\left(4x^3 - \frac{5}{x}\right)^{16} = \left[\frac{4x^4 - 5}{x}\right]^{16}$

$$= \frac{1}{x^{16}} (4x^4 - 5)^{16}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^{16}} (-5)^{16} \left[1 - \frac{4x^4}{5}\right]^{16}$$

$$= (-5)^{16} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{16}} \left[1 - 16\left(\frac{4}{5}x^4\right) + \frac{16 \cdot 15}{2!} \left(\frac{4}{5}x^4\right)^2\right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14}{3!} \left(\frac{4}{5}x^4\right)^3 + \frac{16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13}{4!} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 (x^4)^4 + \dots\right]$$

$$\therefore \text{Co-efft of constant} = (-5)^{16} \times \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \times \frac{16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}$$

$$= -5^{12} \cdot (-4)^4 \times {}^{16}C_4$$

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- 5 Find the coefficient of  $x^{60}$  in  $(x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + \dots)^7$
6. Determine the sequence generated by  $(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ .

We have

$$(1-x)^{-n} = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n+1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3!} x^3 + \dots$$

$$(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(4x) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)}{2!}(4x)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)(\frac{1}{2}+2)}{3!}(4x)^3 + \dots$$

$$\dots \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}+1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}+2\right)\dots\left(\frac{1}{2}+n-1\right)}{n!} (4x)^n$$

Co-efficient of  $x^n$  is  $\frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}+1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}+2\right)\dots\left(\frac{1}{2}+(n-1)\right) \cdot 4^n}{n!}$

$$= \frac{(1)(1+2)(1+4)\dots(1+2n-2) \cdot 4^n}{2^n \cdot n!}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-3)(2n-1) \cdot 2^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-3)(2n-1) \cdot 2^n}{n!} \times \frac{n!}{n!} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Multiply} \\ \text{Nr \& Dr by } n! \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-3)(2n-1) \cdot 2^n (1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots (n-2)(n-1)n)}{n! \cdot n!}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-3)(2n-1) (2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \dots (2n-4)(2n-2) \cdot 2n)}{n! \cdot n!}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \dots (2n-4)(2n-3)(2n-2)(2n-1)(2n)}{n! \cdot n!}$$

$$= \frac{(2n)!}{n! n!} = {}^{2n}C_n = \binom{2n}{n}$$

The sequence is  $1, {}^2C_1, {}^4C_2, {}^6C_3, {}^8C_4, \dots$

H.W

7 Compute the coefficient of  $x^n$  in  
 $(x+x^2+\dots+x^5)(x^2+x^3+\dots+x^n+\dots)^3$

8. Find the generating functions for the following sequences.

(a)  $0, 0, 0, -6, +6, -6, 6, \dots$

(b)  $\binom{8}{0}, \binom{8}{1}, \binom{8}{2}, \dots, \binom{8}{8}$

(c)  $\binom{8}{1}, 2\binom{8}{2}, 3\binom{8}{3}, \dots, 8\binom{8}{8}$

(d)  $1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$

(e)  $1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots$

(f)  $0, 0, 1, a, a^2, a^3, \dots$  where  $a \neq 0$

Ans: (a)  $f(x) = 0 \cdot x^0 + 0x^1 + 0x^2 - 6x^3 + 6x^4 - 6x^5 + 6x^6 + \dots$

$$f(x) = -6x^3 + 6x^4 - 6x^5 + 6x^6 + \dots$$

( $-6x^3$  is common for all terms. So take it outside)

$$= -6x^3 [1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots] \text{ result ② in pg 2}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{-6x^3(1+x)^{-1}}} = \underline{\underline{\frac{-6x^3}{1+x}}}$$

(b)  $f(x) = \binom{8}{0} + \binom{8}{1}x + \binom{8}{2}x^2 + \binom{8}{3}x^3 + \dots + \binom{8}{8}x^8$

$f(x) = \underline{\underline{(1+x)^8}}$  from Result ① in pg no: 1

(c)  $g(x) = \binom{8}{1} + 2\binom{8}{2}x + 3\binom{8}{3}x^2 + \dots + 8\binom{8}{8}x^7$

from the previous problem  $f(x) = 8C_0 + 8C_1x + 8C_2x^2 + \dots + 8C_8x^8$

Differentiate both sides

$$f'(x) = 8C_1 + 2(8C_2)x + 3(8C_3)x^2 + \dots + 8\binom{8}{8}x^7$$

$$= g(x)$$



$$\text{ie } g(x) = f'(x).$$

$$f(x) = (1+x)^8 \quad \text{from (b)}$$

$$f'(x) = 8(1+x)^7$$

$\therefore$  The generating function is

$$g(x) = \underline{\underline{8(1+x)^7}}$$

d

e

f

1.  $\binom{n-4}{n-7} - \binom{n-9}{n-12}$

Hint:

$$\begin{aligned} & x^7 (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4)(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^3 \\ &= x^7 \left( \frac{1 - x^5}{1 - x} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1 - x} \right)^3 = x^7 (1 - x^5) (1 - x)^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

$x^n$  results from  $x^7 \cdot 1 \cdot \binom{n-7+4-1}{n-7} x^{n-7}$  and  $x^7(-x^5) \binom{n-12+4-1}{n-12} \times x^{n-12}$

9. Determine the sequence generated by each of the following generating functions.

a)  $f(x) = (2x-3)^3$

(H.W) e)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+3x}$

b)  $f(x) = x^4/(1-x)$

(H.W) f)  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{1-x^2}$

(H.W) c)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{(3-x)}$

d)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)} + 3x^7 - 11$

Ans: (a)  $f(x) = (2x-3)^3$

$$= \left[ -3 \left( 1 - \frac{2}{3}x \right) \right]^3 = -27 \left( 1 - \frac{2}{3}x \right)^3$$

$$(1-x)^n = 1 - nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 - \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

$$= -27 \left[ 1 - 3 \left( \frac{2}{3}x \right) + \frac{3 \cdot 2}{2} \left( \frac{2}{3}x \right)^2 - \frac{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{3!} \left( \frac{2}{3}x \right)^3 \right]$$

$$= -27 \left[ 1 - 2x + \frac{2}{3}x^2 - \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^3 x^3 \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{-27}_{a_0} + \underbrace{27(2)}_{a_1}x - \underbrace{27x \left( \frac{2^2}{3} \right)}_{a_2}x^2 + \underbrace{27 \cdot \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^3}_{a_3}x^3$$

$\therefore$  The sequence is  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$

$$\underline{-27, 54, -36, 8, 0, 0, 0, \dots}$$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{x^4}{1-x} = x^4 [1-x]^{-1} = x^4 (1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots)$

$$= x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + \dots$$

$$a_0=0, a_1=0, a_2=0, a_3=0, a_4=1, a_5=1, \dots$$

$\therefore$  The sequence is  $0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, \dots$

Note:-

$a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$   
is the sequence.  
 $a_0$ : co-efft of  $x^0$   
 $a_1$ : co-efft of  $x^1$   
 $a_2$ : co-efft of  $x^2$   
 $\vdots$   
 $a_n$ : co-efft of  $x^n$   
 $\vdots$

$$d) f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} + 3x^7 - 11$$

$$= (1-x)^{-1} + 3x^7 - 11$$

$$= (1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5+x^6+x^7+\dots) + 3x^7 - 11$$

$$= -10 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots + 4x^7 + x^8 + \dots$$

$$a_0 = -10$$

$$a_7 = 4$$

$$a_i = 1 \quad i \neq 0, 7$$

} is the sequence

OR -10, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 4, 1, 1, \dots

c

e

f

Convolution of the sequences  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  and  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$   
 $c = a * b$ .

Whenever a sequence  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots$  arise from two generating functions  $f(x)$  [for  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ ] ✓  
 $\&$   $g(x)$  [for  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$ ] ✓

the sequence  $C_k = a_0 b_k + a_1 b_{k-1} + a_2 b_{k-2} + \dots + a_{k-1} b_1 + a_k b_0$  is called the convolution of  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  &  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 &= a_0 b_0 \\ C_1 &= a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 \\ C_2 &= a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0 \\ C_3 &= a_0 b_3 + a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 + a_3 b_0 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \\ b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \end{aligned}$$

The generating functions for  $C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots$  is given by  $h(x) = f(x)g(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots \\ g(x) &= b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots \\ h(x) &= C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

1. Find the first four terms  $C_0, C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  of the convolutions for each of the following pairs of sequences.

(a)  $a_n = 1$   $b_n = 1$   $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

(b)  $a_n = 1$   $b_n = 2^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

(c)  $a_0 = a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 1$ ,  $a_n = 0$   $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \neq 0, 1, 2, 3$   
 $b_n = 1$   $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Ans:

$$(a) C_0 = a_0 b_0 = 1 \times 1 = \underline{1}$$

$$C_1 = a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 = \underline{2}$$

$$C_2 = a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0 = \underline{3}$$

$$C_3 = a_0 b_3 + a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 + a_3 b_0 = \underline{4}$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 1$$

$$a_3 = 1$$

$$b_0 = 1$$

$$b_1 = 1$$

$$b_2 = 1$$

$$b_3 = 1$$

$$(b) C_0 = a_0 b_0 = 1 \times 2^0 = \underline{1}$$

$$C_1 = a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 = 2 + 1 = \underline{3}$$

$$C_2 = a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0 = 4 + 2 + 1 = \underline{7}$$

$$C_3 = a_0 b_3 + a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 + a_3 b_0 = 8 + 4 + 2 + 1 =$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 1$$

$$a_3 = 1$$

$$b_0 = 2^0$$

$$b_1 = 2^1$$

$$b_2 = 2^2$$

$$b_3 = 2^3$$

$$(c) C_0 = 1$$

$$C_1 = 2$$

$$C_2 = 3$$

$$C_3 = 1$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 1$$

$$a_3 = 1$$

$$a_4 = 0$$

$$a_5 = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$b_1 = 1$$

$$b_2 = 1$$

$$b_3 = 1$$

$$b_4 = 1$$

2) Find a formula for the convolution of each of the following pairs of sequences.

$$(a) a_n = 1 \quad 0 \leq n \leq 4, \quad a_n = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 5$$

$$b_n = n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$(b) a_n = (-1)^n, \quad b_n = (-1)^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Ans:

$$(a) a_0 = 1, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 1, a_3 = 1, a_4 = 1, a_5 = 0, a_6 = 0, \dots$$

$$b_0 = 0, b_1 = 1, b_2 = 2, b_3 = 3, b_4 = 4, b_5 = 5, b_6 = 6, \dots$$

generating function for  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are

$$f(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4$$

$$g(x) = 0 + x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots \quad \text{respectively.}$$

$$\therefore h(x) = f(x)g(x) = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4)(x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots)$$

for  $C_n$  (convolution)

This is the gen. function for  $C_n$ .

$$c_0 = a_0 b_0 = \underline{0}$$

$$c_1 = a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 = 1 + 0 = \underline{1}$$

$$c_2 = a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0 = 2 + 1 + 0 = \underline{3}$$

$$c_3 = a_0 b_3 + a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 + a_3 b_0 = 3 + 2 + 1 + 0 = \underline{6}$$

$$c_4 = 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 0 = \underline{10}$$

$$c_5 = 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 0 = 15$$

$$c_6 = 6 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 0 = 20$$

⋮

$$\therefore c_n = n + \overset{\text{(sum of 5 terms)}}{(n-1)} + (n-2) + (n-3) + (n-4) \quad \forall n \geq 5$$

$$\underline{c_n = 5n - 10 \quad \forall n \geq 5}$$

(b)

$$a_n = (-1)^n \quad a_n = 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$$

$$b_n = (-1)^n \quad b_n = 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$$

generating fn of  $a_n = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots = (1+x)^{-1} = f(x)$

"  $b_n = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots = (1+x)^{-1} = g(x)$

$$\therefore \text{generating fn for convolution } c_n = h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$$

$$= (1+x)^{-1} (1+x)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1+x)} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$$

$$h(x) = (1+x)^{-2}$$

$$h(x) = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + 5x^4 - \dots$$

$$c_0 = 1, c_1 = -2, c_2 = 3, c_3 = -4, \dots$$

$$\therefore \underline{c_n = (-1)^n (n+1) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

1. Obtain the generating functions for the sequence.

$$3^0, 3^1, 3^2, 3^3, \dots, 3^r, \dots$$

Ans:  $f(x) = 3^0 + 3^1x + 3^2x^2 + 3^3x^3 + \dots$

$$= 1 + (3x) + (3x)^2 + (3x)^3 + \dots$$

$$= (1 - 3x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 - 3x} \text{ is the generating fn.}$$

$$\boxed{\text{We have } 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = (1 - x)^{-1}}$$



## II Exponential Generating functions.

Defn:- For a sequence of real numbers  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + a_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \frac{x^i}{i!}$$

is called the exponential generating function for the given sequence

### # Results (Important exponential generating functions)

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \quad \text{generates } 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots$$

$$e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \quad \text{generates } 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$$

$$\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \quad \text{generates } 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots$$

$$\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots \quad \text{generates } 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots$$

Note:-  $e^x$  is the ordinary generating function for the sequence  $1, 1, \frac{1}{2!}, \frac{1}{3!}, \frac{1}{4!}, \dots$

$$\therefore e^x = \overset{a_0}{1} + \overset{a_1}{1}x + \overset{a_2}{\frac{1}{2!}}x^2 + \overset{a_3}{\frac{1}{3!}}x^3 + \dots$$

1) Find the exponential generating function for each of the following sequences.

H.W

(a)  $1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$

(b)  $1, 2, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4, \dots$

(c)  $1, -a, a^2, -a^3, a^4, \dots \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$

(d)  $1, a^2, a^4, a^6, \dots \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$

H.W (e)  $a, a^3, a^5, a^7, \dots \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$

(f)  $0, 1, 2(2), 3(2^2), 4(2^3), \dots$

Ans: (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad f(x) &= 1 + 2 \cdot \frac{x}{1!} + 2^2 \cdot \frac{x^2}{2!} + 2^3 \cdot \frac{x^3}{3!} + 2^4 \cdot \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{2x}{1!} + \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(2x)^4}{4!} + \dots \\ &= \underline{\underline{e^{2x}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad f(x) &= 1 - \frac{ax}{1!} + \frac{a^2 x^2}{2!} - \frac{a^3 x^3}{3!} + \frac{a^4 x^4}{4!} + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{ax}{1!} + \frac{(ax)^2}{2!} - \frac{(ax)^3}{3!} + \frac{(ax)^4}{4!} + \dots \\ &= \underline{\underline{e^{-ax}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad f(x) &= 1 + \frac{a^2 x}{1!} + \frac{a^4 x^2}{2!} + \frac{a^6 x^3}{3!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{a^2 x}{1!} + \frac{(a^2 x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(a^2 x)^3}{3!} + \dots \\ &= \underline{\underline{e^{a^2 x}}} \end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f) \quad f(x) &= 0 + x + 2(2) \frac{x^2}{2!} + 3(2^2) \frac{x^3}{3!} + 4(2^3) \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \\
 &= x \left[ 1 + 2 \frac{x}{1!} + 3(2) \frac{x^2}{2!} + 4(2^2) \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right] \\
 &= x \left[ 1 + 2x + \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \dots \right] \\
 &= \underline{\underline{x \cdot e^{2x}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

2) Determine the sequences generated by each of the following exponential generating functions.  $f(x) =$

(a)  $5e^{5x}$

(b)  $3e^{3x}$

(c)  $7e^{8x} - 4e^{3x}$

(d)  $6e^{5x} - 3e^{2x}$

(e)  $2e^x + 3x^2$

(f)  $e^x + x^2$

(g)  $f(x) = e^{3x} - 28x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x$

(h)  $f(x) = e^{2x} - 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 7x$

Ans: (a)  $f(x) = 5 \left[ 1 + 5x + \frac{(5x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(5x)^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$

$\therefore$  sequence is  $5, 5^2, 5^3, 5^4, \dots$

(c)  $f(x) = 7e^{8x} - 4e^{3x}$

$$= 7 \left[ 1 + 8x + \frac{(8x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(8x)^3}{3!} + \dots \right] - 4 \left[ 1 + 3x + \frac{(3x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(3x)^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= (7-4) + (56-12)x + (7 \cdot 8^2 - 4 \cdot 3^2) \frac{x^2}{2!} + (7 \cdot 8^3 - 4 \cdot 3^3) \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= 3 + 44x + 412 \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$3, 44, 412, 3476, \dots$

OR { Sequence d  
 $7 \cdot 8^n - 4 \cdot 3^n \quad n=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

e)  $f(x) = 2e^x + 3x^2$

$$= 2\left[1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right] + 3x^2 = 2\left[1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right] + 3 \cdot 2! \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$$= 2 + 2x + \frac{2x^2}{2!} + \frac{2x^3}{3!} + \dots + 3 \cdot 2! \frac{x^2}{2!}$$

sequence is 1, 2, (2+6), 2, 2, ...  
is 1, 2, 6, 2, 2, ...

f)  $f(x) = e^{3x} - 28x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x$

$$= 1 + 3x + \frac{(3x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(3x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(3x)^4}{4!} + \dots - 28x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x$$

$$= 1 + 3x + \frac{3^2 x^2}{2!} + \frac{3^3 x^3}{3!} + \frac{3^4 x^4}{4!} + \dots - 28 \cdot \frac{3! x^3}{3!} - 6 \cdot \frac{2! x^2}{2!} + 9x$$

The sequence is

$$1, (3+9), (3^2-12), (3^3-28 \cdot 3!), 3^4, 3^5, 3^6, \dots$$

$$= 1, 12, -3, -141, 3^4, 3^5, 3^6$$

$$= \underline{1, 12, -3, -141, 3^4, 3^5, 3^6}$$

b)

d)

f)  $f(x) = e^x + x^2$

$$= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + x^2$$

$$= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^2}{2!} \cdot 2!$$

$$= 1 + x + (1+2) \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

sequence is 1, 1, 3, 1, 1, ...

Q) In each of the following, the function  $f(x)$  is the generating function for the sequence  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  whereas the sequence  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$  is generated by the function  $g(x)$ . Express  $g(x)$  in terms of  $f(x)$

a)  $b_3 = 3$   
 $b_n = a_n, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \neq 3$

c)  $b_1 = 1$   
 $b_3 = 3$   
 $b_n = 2a_n, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \neq 1, 3$

b)  $b_3 = 3, b_7 = 7$   
 $b_n = a_n, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \neq 3, 7$

Ans:- a)  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 x^0 + a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$   
 $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n = b_0 x^0 + b_1 x^1 + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 + b_4 x^4 + \dots$   
 $= a_0 x^0 + a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2 + 3x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$   
 $= f(x) - a_3 x^3 + 3x^3$   
 $= \underline{\underline{f(x) + (3 - a_3)x^3}}$

b)  $f(x) = a_0 x^0 + a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + a_6 x^6 + a_7 x^7 + \dots$   
 $g(x) = b_0 x^0 + b_1 x^1 + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 + b_4 x^4 + b_5 x^5 + b_6 x^6 + b_7 x^7 + \dots$   
 $= a_0 x^0 + a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2 + 3x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + a_6 x^6 + 7x^7 + \dots$   
 $= f(x) - a_3 x^3 - a_7 x^7 + 3x^3 + 7x^7$   
 $= \underline{\underline{f(x) + (3 - a_3)x^3 + (7 - a_7)x^7}}$

c)  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n + \dots$   
 $g(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 + \dots + b_n x^n + \dots$   
 $= 2a_0 + 1x + 2a_2 x^2 + 3x^3 + \dots + 2a_n x^n + \dots$   
 $= 2f(x) - 2a_1 x - 2a_3 x^3 + x + 3x^3$   
 $= \underline{\underline{2f(x) + (1 - 2a_1)x + (3 - 2a_3)x^3}}$

Q. In each of the following, the function  $f(x)$  is the exponential generating function for the sequence  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  whereas the function  $g(x)$  is the <sup>exponential</sup> generating function for the sequence  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$ . Express  $g(x)$  in terms of  $f(x)$

(a)  $b_3 = 3$   
 $b_n = a_n \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \quad n \neq 3$

(b)  $a_n = 5^n$   
 $b_3 = -1$   
 $b_n = a_n \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \quad n \neq 3$

H-W (c)  $b_1 = 2, b_2 = 4, b_n = 2a_n \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, n \neq 1, 2$

Ans (a).  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 \frac{x}{1!} + a_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + a_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + a_4 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

$g(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + b_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + b_4 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

$= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + 3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + a_4 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

$= f(x) - a_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + 3 \frac{x^3}{3!} = f(x) + \frac{(3 - a_3)x^3}{3!}$

(b)  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + a_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + a_4 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots = 1 + 5x + \frac{(5x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(5x)^3}{3!} + \dots = e^{5x}$

$g(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + b_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + b_4 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

$= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + a_4 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

$= f(x) - a_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} = f(x) - \frac{(5^3 + 1)x^3}{3!}$

$= e^{5x} - \frac{(126)x^3}{3!}$

$f(x) = e^{5x}$

H-W (c)

Q) Find the exponential generating function for the sequence  $0!, 1!, 2!, 3!, 4!, \dots$

$$f(x) = 0! + 1! \frac{x}{1!} + 2! \frac{x^2}{2!} + 3! \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = (1-x)^{-1} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{1-x}}}$$

Q) Find the sequence generated by each of the following exponential generating functions.

a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$       b)  $f(x) = e^{2x} - 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 7x$

c)  $f(x) = \frac{3}{1-2x} + e^x$

Ans: - a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$   
 $= 1 + x + 2! \frac{x^2}{2!} + 3! \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$

sequence is  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

c)  $f(x) = \frac{3}{1-2x} + e^x = 3(1 + 2x + (2x)^2 + (2x)^3 + \dots) + (1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots)$

$$= (3 + 6x + 3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 2! \frac{x^2}{2!} + 3 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 3! \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots) + (1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots)$$

$$= 4 + 7x + ((3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 2) + 1) \frac{x^2}{2!} + [(3 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 3!) + 1] \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= 4 + 7x + 25 \frac{x^2}{2!} + 145 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$\therefore$  sequence is  $4, 7, 25, 145, \dots$

b)  $f(x) = e^{2x} - 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 7x = 1 + 2x + \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \dots - 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 7x$   
 $= 1 + 2x + 2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + 2^3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots - 3 \cdot 3! \frac{x^3}{3!} + 5 \cdot 2! \frac{x^2}{2!} + 7x$   
 $= 1 + 9x + 14 \frac{x^2}{2!} + 10 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$  sequence is  $1, 9, 14, 10, 2, 2, \dots$

### III RECURRENT RELATIONS OR DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

For a sequence  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$  an eqn relating  $a_n$  for any  $n$  to one or more of the  $a_i$   $i < n$  is called recurrence relation or difference equation.

Eg:- Consider the sequence  $5, 15, 45, 135, \dots$

$$i.e., a_n = 5 \cdot 3^n \text{ for } n \geq 0$$

$$a_0 = 5 \cdot 3^0 = 5$$

$$a_1 = 5 \cdot 3^1 = 15$$

$$a_2 = 5 \cdot 3^2 = 45$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\text{Also } \boxed{a_{n+1} = 3a_n \quad n \geq 0 \text{ with } a_0 = 5}$$

Completely satisfies the ~~numeric~~ sequence  $5, 15, 45, 135, \dots$

This relation is the recurrence relation for the

sequence  $5, 15, 45, 135, \dots$  OR  $\boxed{a_n = 3a_{n-1} \text{ is also correct}}$

$$n \geq 1, \text{ with } a_0 = 5$$

Note:-

- \* Since  $a_{n+1}$  depends only on its immediate predecessor the relation is said to be first order.
- \* The given values of a sequence (such as  $a_0 = 5$ ) are known as boundary conditions.
- \*  $a_n = 5 \cdot 3^n$  for  $n \geq 0$  is called the unique solution of the given recurrence relation.

Eg:- Write the recurrence relation for the fibonacci series  $1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 44, \dots$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \quad \text{OR} \quad a_{n+2} = a_{n+1} + a_n$$

$$n \geq 2 \quad \text{with } a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 1$$



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Eg:- Write the recurrence relation for the (order 2) fibonacci series  $0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 44, \dots$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \quad \text{OR} \quad a_{n+2} = a_{n+1} + a_n$$

$$n \geq 2 \quad \text{with } a_0 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 1$$

RESULT (Geometric progression)

The recurrence relation  $a_{n+1} = d a_n$   $n \geq 0, a_0 = A$   
 $d$  is a constant  $\rightarrow$  Recurrence relation.

has a unique solution  $a_n = A d^n$   $n \geq 0$   
 OR  $a_n = a_0 d^n \rightarrow$  solution

1) Solve the recurrence relation  $a_n = 7a_{n-1}$   $n \geq 1$   
 and  $a_2 = 98$

Ans: This is same as  $a_{n+1} = 7a_n$   $n \geq 0, a_2 = 98$ .  
 where  $d = 7$

$\therefore$  Solution is  $a_n = a_0 d^n$

$a_n = a_0 7^n$  (We are given  $a_2$ .  
 So find  $a_0$ , using  $a_2$ )

$$i) a_2 = a_0 \cdot 7^2$$

$$98 = a_0 \cdot 49$$

$$\therefore a_0 = \frac{98}{49} = 2$$

$\therefore$  unique solution of the given recurrence  
 relation is  $a_n = 2 \cdot 7^n$   $n \geq 0$

2) Find a unique solution of the recurrence relation  
 $6a_n - 7a_{n-1} = 0$   $n \geq 1, a_3 = 343$

$$a_n = \frac{7}{6} a_{n-1}$$

Ans: Solution is  $a_n = a_0 \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^n$  find  $a_0$  using  $a_3$ .

$$a_3 = a_0 \cdot \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^3$$

i)  $343 = a_0 \cdot \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^3 \Rightarrow a_0 = 216$   
 $\therefore$  unique solution is  $a_n = 216 \times \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^n$   $n \geq 0$

3) Find a recurrence relation with initial condition that uniquely determines each of the following sequences

(a) 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, ... (increase by 4)      (b)  $8, \frac{24}{7}, \frac{72}{49}, \frac{216}{343}, \dots$

Ans: (a)  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 4 \quad n \geq 1$  with  $a_0 = 3$  is the recurrence relation

(b)  $a_n = \frac{3}{7} a_{n-1} \quad n \geq 1$  with  $a_0 = 8$

4) If  $a_n, n \geq 0$  is the unique solution of the recurrence relation  $a_{n+1} - da_n = 0$  and  $a_3 = \frac{153}{49}, a_5 = \frac{1377}{2401}$ . What is  $d$ .

Ans: unique solution  $a_n = a_0 d^n$

We have  $a_3 = a_0 d^3 \Rightarrow \frac{153}{49} = a_0 d^3$  — (1)

$a_5 = a_0 d^5 \Rightarrow \frac{1377}{2401} = a_0 d^5$  — (2)

$$\frac{(1)}{(2)} \Rightarrow \frac{153}{49} \times \frac{2401}{1377} = \frac{a_0 d^3}{a_0 d^5}$$

$$\frac{49}{9} = \frac{1}{d^2}$$

$$d^2 = \frac{9}{49}$$

$$\therefore d = \pm \frac{3}{7}$$

5) Find a unique solution for each of the following recurrence relations.

H.W

(a)  $a_{n+1} - (1.5)a_n = 0 \quad n \geq 0$

(b)  $2a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0 \quad n \geq 1, \quad a_4 = 81$

Ans: (a) It is a geometric progression with  $d = 1.5$   
 $\therefore$  unique solution  $a_n = a_0(1.5)^n \geq 0$ .  
 (no bdy conditions are given  
 $\therefore$  not able to find  $a_0$ )

(b)  $2a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0, \quad a_4 = 81$

$a_n - \frac{3}{2}a_{n-1} = 0$

$\therefore$  unique solution  $a_n = a_0 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$

find  $a_0$   
using  $a_4 = 81$ .

## SECOND ORDER LINEAR HOMOGENEOUS RECURRENCE RELATION WITH CONSTANT COEFFICIENTS

1) Defn:- Linear recurrence relation of order k.

$$\overset{\neq 0}{C_0}a_n + C_1a_{n-1} + C_2a_{n-2} + \dots + \overset{\neq 0}{C_k}a_{n-k} = f(n)$$

where  $n \geq 0$   
 $n \geq k$   
 $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$(C_0 \neq 0), C_1, C_2, \dots, (C_k \neq 0)$  are real numbers

2) Homogeneous & Nonhomogeneous linear recurrence relations

When RHS,  $f(n) \neq 0$ , relation is non homogeneous

When RHS,  $f(n) = 0$ , relation is homogeneous.

Note:- In this section we concentrate on HOMOGENEOUS relation of ORDER TWO

$$C_0a_n + C_1a_{n-1} + C_2a_{n-2} = 0 \quad n \geq 2$$

It is of order 2, because  $a_n$  depends on the previous 2 terms,  $a_{n-1}$  &  $a_{n-2}$ .

## Method for finding homogeneous 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear recurrence relation

$$C_0 a_n + C_1 a_{n-1} + C_2 a_{n-2} = 0$$

Step 1: Write the characteristic equation by substituting  $a_n = \gamma^2$  (because it is of order 2)  
 $a_{n-1} = \gamma^1$   
 $a_{n-2} = \gamma^0$

i.e.  $C_0 \gamma^2 + C_1 \gamma + C_2 = 0$  is the characteristic equation.  
 It is a quadratic equation and  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are called characteristic roots.

Case (A) ( $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are distinct & real)

general solution  $a_n = A_1 \gamma_1^n + A_2 \gamma_2^n$   $\left. \begin{matrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{matrix} \right\}$  are arbitrary constants.

Case (B) ( $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are real and repeated)  
 i.e.  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \gamma$

general solution  $a_n = (A_1 + A_2 n) \gamma^n$   $\left. \begin{matrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{matrix} \right\}$  are arbitrary constants.

Case (C) ( $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are complex roots)  
 $\gamma_1 = \alpha + i\beta$  i.e.  $\alpha \pm i\beta$   
 $\gamma_2 = \alpha - i\beta$

general solution  $a_n = A_1 (\alpha + i\beta)^n + A_2 (\alpha - i\beta)^n$   $\left. \begin{matrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{matrix} \right\}$  Arb. const.

1. Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_n + a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0 \quad n \geq 2, \quad a_0 = -1, \quad a_1 = 8$$

Ans: Ch. eqn is  $\gamma^2 + \gamma - 6 = 0$   
 $(\gamma + 3)(\gamma - 2) = 0$   
 $\gamma = -3, 2.$

order 2  
 $a_n = \gamma^2$   
 $a_{n-1} = \gamma^1$   
 $a_{n-2} = \gamma^0$

$\therefore$  general solution  $a_n = A_1(-3)^n + A_2 2^n$   
 $\downarrow \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$\therefore$  general solution is  ~~$a_n = (-3)^n + 2 \cdot 2^n$~~

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

$$a_n = 2^n - 2(-3)^n \quad n \geq 0$$

is the unique solution.

find  $A_1$  &  $A_2$   
The arb. constants

$$a_0 = -1 \text{ (given)}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow a_0 = A_1(-3)^0 + A_2(2)^0$$

$$-1 = A_1 + A_2 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$a_1 = 8 \text{ (given)}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow a_1 = A_1(-3)^1 + A_2(2)^1$$

$$8 = -3A_1 + 2A_2 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Solve  $\textcircled{2}$  &  $\textcircled{3}$

$$A_2 = 1, \quad A_1 = -2$$

HW  
2. Solve the recurrence relation for Fibonacci sequence.

Ans: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ... is the Fibonacci sequence

Recurrence relation is  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \quad n \geq 2$

$$a_0 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 1$$

i.e.  $a_n - a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} = 0$  with  $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$

Ch. eqn is  $\gamma^2 - \gamma - 1 = 0$

$$\gamma = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ i.e. } \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

gen soln is  $a_n = A_1 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + A_2 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$  — (1)

given  $a_0 = 0$

$$a_0 = A_1 + A_2$$

$$0 = A_1 + A_2 \text{ — (2)}$$

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_1 = A_1 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) + A_2 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

$$1 = A_1 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) + A_2 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \text{ — (3)}$$

from (2)  $\Rightarrow A_1 = -A_2$

put it in (3)

$$1 = -A_2 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) + A_2 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

$$1 = A_2 \left(\frac{-1-\sqrt{5}+1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

$$1 = A_2 \left(\frac{-2\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore 1 = A_2 (-\sqrt{5}) \therefore A_2 = \underline{\underline{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}}}$$

$$A_1 = -A_2$$

$$\therefore A_1 = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}}}$$

$$\therefore \text{gen solution is } a_n = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n}}$$

# Note:-

Solve the recurrence relation

$$F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n \quad n \geq 0, \quad F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$$

~~Ch. eqn is~~  $F_{n+2} - F_{n+1} - F_n = 0$

ch. eqn is  $\gamma^2 - \gamma - 1 = 0$

$$F_{n+2} = \gamma^2$$

$$F_{n+1} = \gamma$$

$$F_n = \gamma^0$$

is same as the Fibonacci recurrence relation.

$\therefore$  Ans is same as above



3. Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_{n+2} = 4a_{n+1} - 4a_n \quad n \geq 0 \quad a_0 = 1, a_1 = 3$$

Ans: Second order difference eqn.

$$a_{n+2} - 4a_{n+1} + 4a_n = 0$$

$$\gamma^2 - 4\gamma + 4 = 0$$

$$(\gamma - 2)^2 = 0$$

$\gamma = 2, 2$  (a root of multiplicity 2)  
i.e.  $\gamma = 2$  is repeated twice.

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+2} &= \gamma^2 \\ a_{n+1} &= \gamma \\ a_n &= \gamma^0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{gen soln } a_n = (A_1 + A_2 n) 2^n \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

given  $a_0 = 1$

$a_1 = 3$

$$a_0 = (A_1 + A_2 \times 0) 2^0$$

$$a_1 = (A_1 + A_2) 2$$

$$\underline{\underline{1 = A_1}}$$

$$3 = (1 + A_2) 2$$

$$\frac{3}{2} = 1 + A_2$$

$$A_2 = \frac{3}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{(1)} \Rightarrow \text{gen soln is } \underline{\underline{(1 + \frac{1}{2}n) 2^n = a_n}}$$

4. Solve the recurrence relation

$$2a_{n+3} = a_{n+2} + 2a_{n+1} - a_n \quad n \geq 0, \quad a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2$$

Ans: 3<sup>rd</sup> order recurrence relation.

$$2a_{n+3} - a_{n+2} - 2a_{n+1} + a_n = 0$$

$$a_{n+3} = \gamma^3$$

$$a_{n+2} = \gamma^2$$

$$a_{n+1} = \gamma$$

$$a_n = \gamma^0$$

Ch. eqn is  $2\gamma^3 - \gamma^2 - 2\gamma + 1 = 0$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2}, 1, -1$$

gen. soln is  $a_n = A_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + A_2 (1)^n + A_3 (-1)^n$  — (1)

given  $a_0 = 0$

$a_1 = 1$

$a_2 = 2$

$0 = A_1 + A_2 + A_3$   
↳ (2)

$1 = \frac{1}{2}A_1 + A_2 - A_3$   
↳ (3)

$2 = A_1 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + A_2 + A_3$   
↳ (4)

Solving (2), (3), (4)

$A_1 = -\frac{8}{3}$

$A_2 = \frac{5}{2}$

$A_3 = \frac{1}{6}$

(2)+(3)  $\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}A_1 + 2A_2 = 1$  — (5)

(3)+(4)  $\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4}A_1 + 2A_2 = 3$  — (6)

subtraction  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(5)-(6)} \Rightarrow \end{array} \right\} \frac{3}{4}A_1 = -2$

$\therefore A_1 = -\frac{8}{3}$

from (5)  $A_2 = \frac{5}{2}$

put in (2)  $A_3 = \frac{1}{6}$

$\therefore$  gen soln is  $a_n = \underline{\underline{\left(-\frac{8}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{6}(-1)^n}}$   $n \geq 0$

~~V. Imp~~ When the roots are complex

\*  $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$

$(e^{i\theta})^n = e^{in\theta} = (\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i\sin n\theta$  DE-MOIVRE'S THEOREM

\* If  $z = x + iy$  we can write

$z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$  where  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  &  $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

$\tan\theta = \frac{y}{x}$  when  $x \neq 0$

\* If  $z = iy$  ( $x=0$ ),  $y > 0$  | \* If  $z = yi$  ( $x=0$ ),  $y < 0$

$z = y\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{2} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$z = |y|\left(\cos\frac{3\pi}{2} + i\sin\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$

In all cases  $z^n = r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$

1) Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_n = 2(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \quad \text{where } n \geq 2, \quad a_0 = 1, \quad a_1 = 2$$

Ans:-  $a_n - 2a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} = 0$

Ch. eqn is  $\gamma^2 - 2\gamma + 2 = 0$

$$\gamma = 1 \pm i$$

$\therefore$  gen. soln  $a_n = A_1 (1+i)^n + A_2 (1-i)^n$

$$x + iy = r (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$1+i = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \quad r = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$1-i = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore a_n &= A_1 \left[ \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right]^n + A_2 \left[ \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right]^n \\ &= A_1 (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right] + A_2 (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right] \\ &= (\sqrt{2})^n (A_1 + A_2) \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + (\sqrt{2})^n (A_1 - A_2) i \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \\ &= (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ B_1 \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + B_2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} B_1 = A_1 + A_2 \\ B_2 = (A_1 - A_2) i \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

$$a_0 = 1 \quad 1 = B_1 \cos 0 + B_2 \sin 0 \quad \therefore B_1 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 2, \quad 2 = (\sqrt{2}) \left[ B_1 \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + B_2 \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right] \Rightarrow 2 = \sqrt{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + B_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$$2 = 1 + B_2 \quad \therefore B_2 = 1$$

$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow$  gen soln  $a_n = (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right] \quad n \geq 0$

2) Solve  $a_{n+2} + a_n = 0$   $n \geq 0$ ,  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_1 = 3$

Ch. eqn is:  $\gamma^2 + 1 = 0$

$$\gamma^2 = -1$$

$$\gamma = \pm i$$

$\therefore$  gen solution is  $a_n = A_1 (i)^n + A_2 (-i)^n$

$$\boxed{z = iy, y > 0 \quad z = y \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right)}$$

Consider  $\underline{z = i}$   $y = 1$ ,  $z = 1 \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = i \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$ 

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Consider  $\underline{z = -i}$   $y = -1$ ,  $z = -1 \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} \right) = i \sin 3 \frac{\pi}{2} = -i \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$a_n = A_1 \left( i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^n + A_2 \left( -i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^n$$

$$= A_1 \left( i \sin n \frac{\pi}{2} \right) + A_2 \left( -i \sin n \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$= i(A_1 - A_2) \sin n \frac{\pi}{2} = B \sin n \frac{\pi}{2} \quad B = (A_1 - A_2)i$$

$a_0 = 0$  as given

$$0 = B \sin 0$$

$$a_1 = 3 \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$3 = B \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$B = 3$$

$\therefore$  gen solution  $\underline{\underline{a_n = 3 \sin n \frac{\pi}{2}}}$   $n \geq 0$

## IV THE NONHOMOGENEOUS RECURRENCE RELATION

We now consider the nonhomogeneous first and 2<sup>nd</sup> order recurrence relation.

$$a_n + C_1 a_{n-1} = f(n) \quad n \geq 1$$

when  $RHS = f(n) \neq 0$

$$a_n + C_1 a_{n-1} + C_2 a_{n-2} = f(n) \quad n \geq 2$$

The general solution  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

where  $a_n^{(h)}$ : gen. solution of homogeneous relation  
 $a_n^{(p)}$ : a particular solution.

Particular Solutions.

Case ① When  $f(n) = RHS = k \beta^n$   $k$ : constant

$a_n^{(p)} = B \cdot \beta^n$  when  $\beta$  is not a solution of ~~hom. relation~~ ch. eqn.

$a_n^{(p)} = B \cdot n^m \beta^n$  when  $\beta$  is a root of the ch. eqn with multiplicity  $m$ .

where  $B$  is a constant to be determined

1. Solve  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(7^n)$   $n \geq 1$  and  $a_0 = 2$

Ans-  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

To find  $a_n^{(h)}$  ch. eqn is  $\gamma - 3 = 0$   
ch. root is  $\gamma = 3$ .

$$\therefore \underline{a_n^{(h)} = A3^n}$$

To find  $a_n^{(p)}$  RHS =  $5 \cdot 7^n$  ( $7$  is not a ch. root)

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = B \cdot 7^n \text{ (find the constant } B)$$

$a_n^{(p)}$  is a particular solution.  $\leftarrow$

So substitute in the given eqn.

put  
 $a_n = B7^n$   
 $a_{n-1} = B \cdot 7^{n-1}$

ie  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(7^n)$

$$B \cdot 7^n - 3 \cdot B7^{n-1} = 5 \cdot 7^n \quad \left( \text{Cancel } 7^{n-1} \text{ from all terms} \right)$$

$$B7 - 3B = 5 \cdot 7$$

$$4B = 35 \quad \therefore B = \frac{35}{4}$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = \frac{35}{4} 7^n$$

$\therefore$  gen solution  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

$$a_n = A \cdot 3^n + \frac{35}{4} 7^n$$

with  $a_0 = 2$   
(using  $a_0$  find  $A$ )

ie  $a_0 = A3^0 + \frac{35}{4} \cdot 7^0$

$$2 = A + \frac{35}{4} \Rightarrow 8 = 4A + 35 \Rightarrow 4A = 8 - 35 = -27 \quad \therefore A = \frac{-27}{4}$$

$$\therefore \underline{a_n = \frac{-27}{4} 3^n + \frac{35}{4} 7^n} \quad n \geq 0$$

$\rightarrow$  Very important

2. Solve  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5(3^n)$   $n \geq 1$   $a_0 = 2$

Ans:-  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

$a_n^{(h)}$  Ch. eqn is  $\gamma - 3 = 0$   
 Ch. root is  $\gamma = 3$   
 $\therefore a_n^{(h)} = A \cdot 3^n$

$a_n^{(p)}$   $f(n) = 5(3^n)$   $3$  is a ch. root with multiplicity 1.  
 $\therefore a_n^{(p)} = B \cdot n \cdot 3^n$  (find B)

Substitute in the given recurrence relation.

$$B \cdot n \cdot 3^n - 3 \cdot B(n-1)3^{n-1} = 5 \cdot 3^n$$

put  $a_n = B \cdot n \cdot 3^n$   
 $a_{n-1} = B(n-1)3^{n-1}$

$$B \cdot n \cdot 3 - 3B(n-1) = 5 \cdot 3$$

$$3Bn - 3Bn + 3B = 15$$

$$3B = 15 \quad \therefore B = 5$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = 5n \cdot 3^n$$

$a_n$   $= A \cdot 3^n + 5n \cdot 3^n$  with  $a_0 = 2$  (find A using  $a_0$ )

$$a_0 = A \cdot 3^0 + 5 \cdot 0 \cdot 3^0$$

$$2 = A$$

$$\therefore a_n = 2 \cdot 3^n + 5n \cdot 3^n$$

$a_n = (2 + 5n)3^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$   $\rightarrow$  very important

3.  $a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 2 \quad n \geq 1$  with  $a_1 = 1$

Ans:-  $a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 2.$

Ans<sup>(h)</sup> ch. eqn is  $\gamma - 2 = 0$   
 $\gamma = 2.$

$\therefore \underline{a_n^{(h)} = A \cdot 2^n}$

Ans<sup>(p)</sup> RHS = 2 =  $2 \times 1^n$  1 is not a ch. root.

$a_n^{(p)} = B \cdot 1^n$  find B.

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

$B - 2B = 2$

$-B = 2 \quad \therefore B = -2.$

$\underline{a_n^{(p)} = -2.}$

$\underline{a_n = A \cdot 2^n - 2.}$  with  $a_1 = 1$

$a_1 = A \cdot 2^1 - 2$

$1 = 2A - 2.$

$2A = 1 + 2 \quad \therefore A = \frac{3}{2}$

$\underline{\underline{\therefore a_n = \frac{3}{2} \cdot 2^n - 2 \quad n \geq 0}}$

H.W  
4. Solve  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 4^{n-1} \quad n \geq 2, a_1 = 3$

Ans:-  $a_n - 2a_{n-1} = 4^{n-1}$

$a_n - 2a_{n-1} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot 4^n$



5. Solve  $a_{n+2} - 8a_{n+1} + 16a_n = 8(5^n) + 6(4^n) \quad n \geq 0$

Ans

$$\underline{a_n^{(h)}}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$a_0 = 12$$

$$a_1 = 5$$

Ch. eqn is  $\gamma^2 - 8\gamma + 16 = 0$

$$(\gamma - 4)^2 = 0 \quad \gamma = 4, 4 \text{ are ch. roots.}$$

$$a_n^{(h)} = (A_1 + A_2 n) 4^n$$

$$\underline{a_n^{(p)}}$$

$$a_n^{(p)} = B_1 5^n + B_2 \cdot n^2 \cdot 4^n \quad (n^2 \text{ is because, } \gamma = 4 \text{ is a ch. root with multiplicity 2})$$

To find  $B_1, B_2$  (substitute in  $\textcircled{1}$ )

$$B_1 5^{n+2} + B_2 (n+2)^2 4^{n+2} - 8 [B_1 5^{n+1} + B_2 (n+1)^2 4^{n+1}] + 16 [B_1 5^n + B_2 n^2 4^n] = 8 \cdot 5^n + 6 \cdot 4^n$$

$$\left[ B_1 5^{n+2} - 8B_1 5^{n+1} + 16B_1 5^n \right] + \left[ B_2 (n+2)^2 4^{n+2} - 8B_2 (n+1)^2 4^{n+1} + 16B_2 n^2 4^n \right] = 8 \cdot 5^n + 6 \cdot 4^n$$

Comparing co-efficients of  $5^n$  &  $4^n$  on both sides.

$$B_1 \cdot 5^2 - 8B_1 \cdot 5 + 16B_1 = 8 \quad \& \quad B_2 (n+2)^2 4^2 - 8B_2 (n+1)^2 4 + 16B_2 n^2 = 6$$

$$25B_1 - 40B_1 + 16B_1 = 8$$

$$41B_1 - 40B_1 = 8$$

$$\underline{B_1 = 8}$$

$$B_2 (16(n^2 + 4n + 4) - 32(n^2 + 2n + 1) + 16n^2) = 6$$

$$B_2 (32n^2 - 32n^2 + 64n - 64n + 64 - 32) = 6$$

$$B_2 (32) = 6 \quad \therefore B_2 = \frac{6}{32} = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$\therefore \underline{a_n^{(p)} = 8 \cdot 5^n + \frac{3 \cdot n^2 \cdot 4^n}{16}}$$

$$a_n = (A_1 + A_2 n) 4^n + 8 \cdot 5^n + \frac{3}{16} n^2 (4^n) \quad n \geq 0 \quad a_0 = 12, a_1 = 5$$

$$a_0 = A_1 + 8$$

$$12 = A_1 + 8$$

$$\underline{A_1 = 4}$$

$$a_1 = (4 + A_2) 4 + 40 + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$5 = 16 + 4A_2 + 40 + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$4A_2 = -207$$

$$A_2 = -207/4$$

$$\text{Hence soln } a_n = \left( 4 - \frac{207n}{4} \right) 4^n + \frac{8(5^n) + \frac{3n^2(4^n)}{16}}{16} \quad n \geq 0$$

6. Solve  $a_{n+2} = 4a_{n+1} - 3a_n - 200$   $n \geq 0$ ,  $a_0 = 3000$   
 $a_1 = 3300$

Ans:  $a_{n+2} - 4a_{n+1} + 3a_n = -200$  — (1)

$a_n^{(h)}$  ch. eqn is  $\gamma^2 - 4\gamma + 3 = 0$   
 $(\gamma - 3)(\gamma - 1) = 0$

ch. root  $\gamma = 3, 1$

$\therefore a_n^{(h)} = A_1 3^n + A_2 1^n$

$a_n^{(p)}$  RHS =  $-200 = -200 \cdot 1^n$

$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = B \cdot n \cdot 1^n$  ( $\because 1$  is a ch. root of multiplicity 1)

Substitute in — (1)

$B(n+2) - 4B(n+1) + 3Bn = -200$

$Bn + 2B - 4Bn - 4B + 3Bn = -200$

$-2B = 200 \therefore B = 100$

$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = 100n$

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

$a_n = A_1 3^n + A_2 + 100n$   $a_0 = 3000, a_1 = 3300$

$a_0 = A_1 + A_2 \Rightarrow A_1 + A_2 = 3000$  — (2)

$a_1 = 3A_1 + A_2 + 100$

$3300 = 3A_1 + A_2 + 100 \Rightarrow 3A_1 + A_2 = 3200$  — (3)

Solving (2) & (3)  $2A_1 = 200$   $A_1 = 200/2 = 100$   
 $A_2 = 2900$

$\therefore a_n = 100 \cdot 3^n + 2900 + 100n$   $n \geq 0$

CASE II WHEN RHS =  $f(n) = n^t \cdot \beta^n$

ie RHS =  $f(n) = (\text{polynomial of degree } t) \times \beta^n$  form.

\* Particular Solution  $a_n^{(p)} = n^m (B_t n^t + B_{t-1} n^{t-1} + \dots + B_1 n + B_0) \cdot \beta^n$   
if  $\beta$  is a ch. root of of multiplicity  $m$ .

\* Particular Solution  $a_n^{(p)} = (B_t n^t + B_{t-1} n^{t-1} + \dots + B_1 n + B_0) \beta^n$   
if  $\beta$  is not a ch. root of the ch. eqn.

(where  $B_0, B_1, B_2, \dots$  are constants to be determined)

1. Solve  $a_{n+1} - a_n = n$   $n \geq 2, a_2 = 1$  ——— ①

Ans:-  $a_n^{(h)}$  :- ch. eqn is  $\gamma - 1 = 0$

ch. root is  $\gamma = 1$

$$a_n^{(h)} = A \cdot 1^n = \underline{\underline{A}}$$

$a_n^{(p)}$  :- RHS =  $n \cdot 1^n$  (A polynomial of degree 1)  $\times 1^n$

1 is a ch. root of multiplicity 1

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = n (B_1 n + B_0)$$

$$\underline{\underline{a_n^{(p)} = B_1 n^2 + B_0 n}}$$

Now find  $B_0$  &  $B_1$  →

put  $a_n = B_1 n^2 + B_0 n$   
 $a_{n+1} = B_1 (n+1)^2 + B_0 (n+1)$   
in eqn ①  
to find  $B_1$  &  $B_0$

$$\therefore \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow B_1(n+1)^n + B_0(n+1) - (B_1n^2 + B_0n) = n$$

Equate the co-efficients of  $n^2$ ,  $n$  and constant terms.

$$B_1(\cancel{n^2} + 2n + 1) + \cancel{B_0n} + B_0 - \cancel{B_1n^2} - \cancel{B_0n} = n$$

constants

$$B_1 + B_0 = 0$$

co-efficient of  $n$

$$2B_1 = 1 \quad \therefore B_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore B_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{a_n^{(p)} = \frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n = \frac{n}{2}(n-1)}}$$

$$\therefore \text{general soln } a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$$

$$= A + \frac{n}{2}(n-1)$$

$$n \geq 2$$

$$a_2 = 1$$

Now find  
arbitrary  
constant A

$$\text{c} \ddot{a} \quad a_2 = A + \frac{2}{2}(2-1)$$

$$1 = A + 1 \times 1$$

$$\text{c} \ddot{a} \quad \underline{\underline{A = 0}}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{\text{general soln } a_n = \frac{n}{2}(n-1) \quad n \geq 2}}$$

2. Solve  $a_{n+1} - a_n = 2n + 3$   $n \geq 0, a_0 = 1$  ——— (1)

Ans:  $a_n^{(h)}$  Ch. eqn,  $\lambda - 1 = 0$   
Ch. root,  $\lambda = 1$

$$\therefore a_n^{(h)} = A \cdot 1^n = \underline{\underline{A}}$$

$a_n^{(p)}$  RHS =  $(2n+3) \cdot 1^n$   
(A polynomial of degree 1)  $\times \beta^n$  form

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = n(B_1 n + B_0) \cdot 1^n$$

find  $B_0$  &  $B_1$

put  $a_n = B_1 n^2 + B_0 n$

$a_{n+1} = B_1 (n+1)^2 + B_0 (n+1)$  } in eqn (1)

$$(B_1 (n+1)^2 + B_0 (n+1)) - (B_1 n^2 + B_0 n) = 2n + 3$$

$$B_1 (n^2 + 2n + 1) + B_0 n + B_0 - B_1 n^2 - B_0 n = 2n + 3$$

$$\cancel{B_1 n^2} + 2B_1 n + B_1 + B_0 - \cancel{B_1 n^2} = 2n + 3$$

co-efft of  $n$ :  $2B_1 = 2 \Rightarrow B_1 = 1$

constant :  $B_1 + B_0 = 3 \Rightarrow B_0 = 2$

~~solving~~  $\therefore a_n^{(p)} = \underline{\underline{n(n+2)}}$

$\therefore$  general soln  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

$$a_n = A + n(n+2) \quad n \geq 0, a_0 = 1$$

find the arb. constant A }  $a_0 = A + 0(2)$   
 $1 = A \therefore \underline{\underline{A=1}}$

$$\therefore a_n = 1 + n(n+2) \quad n \geq 0$$

$$= n^2 + 2n + 1$$

$$a_n = (n+1)^2, \quad n \geq 0$$

3. Find the general solution for the recurrence relation  $a_{n+3} - 3a_{n+2} + 3a_{n+1} - a_n = 3 + 5n$   $n \geq 0$  ①

Ans:  $a_n^{(h)}$

Ch. eqn is  $\gamma^3 - 3\gamma^2 + 3\gamma - 1 = 0$   
 $(\gamma - 1)^3 = 0$

Ch. roots,  $\gamma = 1, 1, 1$  multiplicity 3

$\therefore a_n^{(h)} = (A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2) 1^n$

$a_n^{(h)} = \underline{A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2}$

$a_n^{(p)}$

RHS =  $(3 + 5n) \times 1^n$   
 (A polynomial of degree 1)  $\times \beta^n$

$\beta = 1$  is a ch. root with multiplicity 3.

$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = \underline{n^3 (B_1 n + B_0) \cdot 1^n}$

find  $B_0$  &  $B_1$

put  $a_{n+1} = (n+1)^3 (B_1(n+1) + B_0)$   
 $a_{n+2} = (n+2)^3 (B_1(n+2) + B_0)$   
 $a_{n+3} = (n+3)^3 (B_1(n+3) + B_0)$   
 $a_n = n^3 (B_1 n + B_0)$  ①

①  $\Rightarrow (n+3)^3 [B_1(n+3) + B_0] - 3(n+2)^3 [B_1(n+2) + B_0] + 3(n+1)^3 [B_1(n+1) + B_0] - n^3 (B_1 n + B_0) = 3 + 5n$

or,  $B_1(n+3)^4 + B_0(n+3)^3 - 3B_1(n+2)^4 - 3B_0(n+2)^3$

$+ 3B_1(n+1)^4 + 3B_0(n+1)^3 - B_1 n^4 - B_0 n^3 = 3 + 5n$

Equate the constant terms

$3^4 B_1 + 3^3 B_0 - 3B_1 2^4 - 3B_0 2^3 + 3B_1 + 3B_0 = 3$

$81B_1 + 27B_0 - 48B_1 - 24B_0 + 3B_1 + 3B_0 = 3$

$36B_1 + 6B_0 = 3$

$12B_1 + 2B_0 = 1$  ②

Equate the co-efficient of  $n^i$  on both sides.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & B_1(n^4 + 12n^3 + 54n^2 + 108n + 81) + \\
 & B_0(n^3 + 6n^2 + 27n + 27) - 3B_1(n^4 + 8n^3 + 24n^2 + 32n + 16) \\
 & - 3B_0(n^3 + 6n^2 + 12n + 8) + 3B_1(n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1) \\
 & + 3B_0(n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1) - 81n^4 - 60n^3 = 3 + 5n
 \end{aligned}$$

co-efficient of  $n$  is  $108B_1 + 27B_0 - 96B_1 - 36B_0 + 12B_1 + 9B_0 = 5$

$$24B_1 + 0B_0 = 5$$

$$\therefore B_1 = \frac{5}{24} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Solve (2) & (3)  $12 \times \frac{5}{24} + 2B_0 = 1$

$$\frac{5}{2} + 2B_0 = 1$$

$$2B_0 = 1 - \frac{5}{2}$$

$$2B_0 = \frac{2-5}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore B_0 = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = n^3 \left( \frac{5}{4}n - \frac{3}{4} \right) = \frac{5}{4}n^4 - \frac{3}{4}n^3$$

$\therefore$  gen soln is  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

$$\underline{a_n = A_0 + A_1n + A_2n^2 + \left( \frac{5}{4}n^4 - \frac{3}{4}n^3 \right) \quad n \geq 0}$$

Since the bdy conditions are not give we cannot find  $A_0, A_1, A_2$

# Extra Problems.

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4. Solve  $a_{n+1} = a_n + (n+1)^3 \quad n \geq 0, a_0 = 0$

5. Solve  $a_{n+1} = (1.05)a_n + 20,000n, \quad n \geq 1$   
 $a_0 = 6,000,000.$

6.  $a_{n+2} - 10a_{n+1} + 21a_n = f(n) \quad n \geq 0$

(a)  $f(n) = 5$

(b)  $f(n) = 3n^2 - 2$

(c)  $f(n) = 7(11^n)$

(d)  $f(n) = 31(\gamma^n) \quad \gamma \neq 3, 7$

(e)  $f(n) = 6(3^n)$

(f)  $f(n) = 2(3^n) - 8(9^n)$

(g)  $f(n) = 4(3^n) - 3(7^n)$

## Answers

4)  $a_n = A + n(B_3 n^3 + B_2 n^2 + B_1 n + B_0)$

where  $A=0, B_3 = \frac{1}{4}, B_2 = \frac{1}{2}$   
 ~~$B_1 = \frac{1}{4}, B_0 = 0$~~

5)  $a_n = A(1.05)^n + (B_1 n + B_0)$

$A = 14,000,000$

$B_0 = -8,000,000$

$B_1 = -400,000$

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

$a_n^{(h)} = A_1(3^n) + A_2(7^n)$

$A_1$  &  $A_2$  are arb. constants.

(a)  $a_n^{(p)} = B.$

(b)  $a_n^{(p)} = B_2 n^2 + B_1 n + B_0$

(c)  $a_n^{(p)} = B \cdot 11^n$

(d)  $a_n^{(p)} = B \cdot \gamma^n$

(e)  $a_n^{(p)} = n \cdot B \cdot 3^n$

(f)  $a_n^{(p)} = n \cdot B_1 3^n + B_2 9^n$

(g)  $a_n^{(p)} = n \cdot B_1 3^n + n \cdot B_2 7^n$

In each case find  $B, B_0, B_1, B_2$  ...



# SUMMARY to find particular Solns.

| $f(n)$   | particular soln $a_n^{(P)}$  |
|--|--|
| 1. $k \beta^n$   | $a_n^{(P)} = n^m B \cdot \beta^n$ if $\beta$ is a root of ch. eqn with multiplicity $m$  |
| 2. $n^t \cdot \beta^n$   | $a_n^{(P)} = n^m (A \text{ polynomial of degree } t) \beta^n$<br>if $\beta$ is a ch. root of multiplicity $m$<br>$= n^m (B_t n^t + B_{t-1} n^{t-1} + \dots + B_1 n + B_0) \beta^n$ |
| 3. $\sin n\theta \cdot \beta^n$ <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">OR</span> | $a_n^{(P)} = (A \sin n\theta + B \cos n\theta) \beta^n$  |
| * $\cos n\theta \cdot \beta^n$   | $a_n^{(P)} = (A \sin n\theta + B \cos n\theta) \beta^n$  |

For Case ③ no problems are there!