



5]. Solve $a_n - 7a_{n-1} + 10a_{n-2} = 0$, $n \geq 2$ with
 $a_0 = 4$, $a_1 = 17$
Given $a_n - 7a_{n-1} + 10a_{n-2} = 0$
characteristic eqn: $m^2 - 7m + 10 = 0$
 $(m-2)(m-5) = 0$
 $m = 2, 5$
HS $a_n = A(2)^n + B(5)^n$
since RHS=0, PS=0.
The soln. is $a_n = A(2)^n + B(5)^n$



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Given $a_0 = 4$
 $\Rightarrow a_0 = A(2)^0 + B(5)^0$
 $4 = A + B \rightarrow (1)$

and $a_1 = 17 \Rightarrow a_1 = A(2)^1 + B(5)^1$
 $17 = 2A + 5B \rightarrow (2)$

Solving (1) and (2),

$$\begin{array}{r} A + B = 4 \\ 2A + 5B = 17 \\ (1) \times 2 \Rightarrow 2A + 2B = 8 \\ \hline 3B = 9 \Rightarrow B = 3 \end{array}$$

(1) $\Rightarrow A = 4 - 3$
 $A = 1$

$\therefore a_n = 1(2)^n + 3(5)^n$

2] Solve the recurrence relation
 $S(k) = -3S(k-1) - 3S(k-2) - 3S(k-3)$ with the
 initial conditions $S(0) = 0, S(1) = -2, S(2) = -1$.

Given $S(k) + 3S(k-1) + 3S(k-2) + 3S(k-3) = 0$

characteristic eqn: $m^3 + 3m^2 + 3m + 1 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{c} m^3 \\ \hline 1 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad 1 \\ 0 \quad -1 \quad -2 \quad -1 \\ \hline 1 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$\therefore m = -1, -1, -1$

HS = $(A + Bn + Cn^2)(-1)^n$ $m = -1, m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0$
 $(m+1)^2 = 0$
 $m = -1, -1$

Since RHS = 0 \Rightarrow PC = 0

$\therefore S(n) = (A + Bn + Cn^2)(-1)^n$

Given $S(0) = 0$ i.e., $S(0) = A = 0 \rightarrow (1)$

$S(1) = -2$ i.e., $S(1) = (A + B + C)(-1)^1 = -2$
 $A + B + C = 2 \rightarrow (2)$

$S(2) = -1 \Rightarrow S(2) = (A + 2B + 4C)(-1)^2 = -1$
 $A + 2B + 4C = -1 \rightarrow (3)$



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41. Solve the recurrence relation for the fibonacci sequence $0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, \dots$

Soln.:

Fibonacci sequence $0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, \dots$

satisfies the recurrence relation $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$
with $f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1$

$$\text{i.e., } f_n - f_{n-1} - f_{n-2} = 0$$

characteristic eqn: $m^2 - m - 1 = 0$

$$m = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Since RHS = 0 \Rightarrow PS = 0

\therefore The soln. is $f_n = A \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + B \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$

$$\text{Given } f_0 = 0 \Rightarrow f_0 = A \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^0 + B \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^0$$

$$0 = A + B$$

$$A + B = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{and } f_1 = 1 \Rightarrow f_1 = A \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^1 + B \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^1$$

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

Solving (1) & (2), we get

$$A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \quad ; \quad B = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\therefore f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right]^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right]^n$$

42. Find the solution to the recurrence relation

$$a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 11a_{n-2} + 6a_{n-3} \quad \text{with } a_0 = 2, a_1 = 5$$

and $a_2 = 15$.

$$\text{Given } a_n - 6a_{n-1} + 11a_{n-2} - 6a_{n-3} = 0$$



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characteristic eqn:

$$m^3 - 6m^2 + 11m - 6 = 0$$

$$m = 1, 2, 3$$

Since RHS = 0 \Rightarrow PC = 0

$$\therefore a_n = A(1)^n + B(2)^n + C(3)^n$$

Given $a_0 = 2$

$$A + B + C = 2 \rightarrow (1)$$

$a_1 = 5$

$$A + 2B + 3C = 5 \rightarrow (2)$$

and $a_2 = 15$

$$A + B(2^2) + C(3^2) = 15$$

$$A + 4B + 9C = 15 \rightarrow (3)$$

Solving (1), (2) and (3),

$$(1) \Rightarrow C = 2 - A - B \rightarrow (4)$$

Sub (4) in (2),

$$A + 2B + 3(2 - A - B) = 5$$

$$A + 2B + 6 - 3A - 3B = 5$$

$$-2A - B = 5 - 6 = -1$$

$$2A + B = 1 \rightarrow (5)$$

Sub. (A) in (3),

$$A + 4B + 9(2 - A - B) = 15$$

$$A + 4B + 18 - 9A - 9B = 15$$

$$-8A - 5B = -3$$

$$8A + 5B = 3 \rightarrow (6)$$

Solving (5) & (6),

$$(5) \times 4 \Rightarrow 8A + 4B = 4$$

$$(6) \Rightarrow 8A + 5B = 3$$

$$(5) \times 5 \Rightarrow 10A + 5B = 5$$

$$(6) \Rightarrow 8A + 5B = 3$$

$$2A = 2 \Rightarrow A = 1$$



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Sub $A=1$ in (5),
 $2 + B = 1 \Rightarrow B = -1$

(1) $\Rightarrow A + B + C = 2$
 $1 - 1 + C = 2$
 $C = 2$

\therefore solution is $a_n = 1(1)^n - 1(2)^n + 2(3)^n$
 $a_n = 1^n - 2^n + 2(3)^n$

6]. solve the recurrence relation
 $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2}$, $n \geq 2$ and $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$
 Given.
 $a_n - 2a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} = 0$
 characteristic eqn.
 $m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0$
 $m = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2}$
 $= \frac{2 \pm 2i}{2}$
 $= 1 \pm i$ ($\alpha \pm i\beta$)

\therefore solution is $a_n = r^n (A \cos n\theta + B \sin n\theta)$
 where $r = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$ and $\theta = \tan^{-1}(\beta/\alpha)$
 $r = \sqrt{2}$
 $\theta = \tan^{-1}(1/1) = \tan^{-1}(1)$
 $\theta = \pi/4$

$\therefore a_n = (\sqrt{2})^n \left[A \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + B \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right] \rightarrow (A)$
 Given $a_0 = 1 \Rightarrow a_0 = A = 1$
 and $a_1 = 2 \Rightarrow a_1 = (\sqrt{2}) \left[A \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + B \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right] = 2$
 $A \sqrt{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + B \sqrt{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 2$



$$A + B = 2$$

$$B = 2 - 1$$

$$B = 1$$

∴ solution is $a_n = (\sqrt{2})^n \left(\cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + 9 \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right)$

HW 11. Solve the recurrence relation

$$f(n) - 10f(n-1) + 9f(n-2) = 0 \text{ with } f(0) = 2, f(1) = 11$$