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UNIT 2- COMBINATORICS

Solving Linear Recurrence Relation

5]. Solve  $a_n - 7a_{n-1} + 10a_{n-2} = 0$ ,  $n \geq 2$  with

$$a_0 = 4, a_1 = 17$$

$$\text{Given } a_n - 7a_{n-1} + 10a_{n-2} = 0$$

characteristic eqn.  $m^2 - 7m + 10 = 0$

$$(m-2)(m-5) = 0$$

$$m = 2, 5$$

$$\text{H.S. } a_n = A(2)^n + B(5)^n$$

Since RHS = 0, P.S. = 0.

$$\text{The Soln. is } a_n = A(2)^n + B(5)^n$$



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

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

Q]. 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.  $m^3 + 3m^2 + 3m + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{c|ccc} 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

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

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

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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Solving (1), (2) and (3),  
 Sub.  $A=0$  in (2) & (3),  
 $B+C=2 \rightarrow (4)$   
 $2B+4C=-1 \rightarrow (5)$   
 $(4) \times 2 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 2B+2C=4 \\ \underline{2B+4C=-1} \\ \phantom{2B}+2C=5 \end{array}$   
 $2C=5$   
 $C=5/2$   
 $(4) \Rightarrow B=2-C=2-(5/2)$   
 $B=2+\frac{5}{2}$   
 $B=\frac{9}{2}$   
 $\therefore a_n = \left[ \frac{9}{2}n - \frac{5}{2}n^2 \right] (-1)^n$

3]. Solve the recurrence relation  $a_{n+2} = 4a_{n+1} - 4a_n$   
 $n \geq 0, a_0 = 1, a_1 = 3$   
 Given.  $a_{n+2} - 4a_{n+1} + 4a_n = 0$  Replace  $n \rightarrow n-2$   
 $\Rightarrow a_n - 4a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} = 0$   
 characteristic eqn:  $m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0$   
 $(m-2)^2 = 0$   
 $m = 2, 2$

Since RHS = 0  
 $\therefore a_n = (A+Bn) 2^n$   
 Given  $a_0 = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1$   
 $a_1 = 3 \Rightarrow (A+B) 2^1 = 3$   
 $2A + 2B = 3$   
 $2 + 2B = 3 \Rightarrow 2B = 3 - 2 = 1$   
 $B = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\therefore a_n = \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2}n \right) 2^n$



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4]. 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

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

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

5]. Find the solution to the recurrence relation  
 $a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 11a_{n-2} + 6a_{n-3}$  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  $\Rightarrow$  P.C = 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),

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

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

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

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


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



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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.  
 $m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0$   
 $m = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2}$   
 $= \frac{2 \pm 2i}{2}$   
 $= 1 \pm i$

$m = 1 \pm i$  ( $\alpha \pm i\beta$ )

$\therefore$  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  $a_1 = 2 \Rightarrow a_1 = (\sqrt{2}) \left[ A \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + B \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right] = 2$   
 $A \sqrt{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + B \sqrt{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 2$



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$$A + B = 2$$

$$B = 2 - 1$$

$$B = 1$$

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

HW 11. Solve the recurrence relation

$$f(n) - 10f(n-1) + 9f(n-2) = 0 \text{ with } f(0) = 3, f(1) = 11$$