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Recurrence Relations

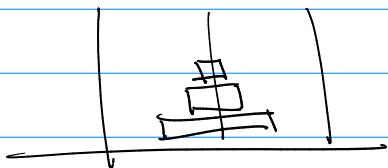
$a_n = \text{expression of } a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, \dots, a_{n-k}$

(ex)

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-3} + a_{n-5}$$

(ex)



$$H_3 = H_2 + 1 + H_2$$

$$H_n = 2H_{n-1} + 1$$

Solve a recurrence relation

↳ given relation → find a closed function.

(ex)

$$H_n = 2H_{n-1} + 1, \quad H_1 = 1$$

1, 3, 7, 15, 31, ...
 2 4 8 16 32 ← 2^n

Solve?

$$H_n = f(n)$$

① guess and check

$$H_n = 2^n - 1$$

check: $2^n - 1 \stackrel{?}{=} 2(2^{n-1} - 1) + 1$
 $\stackrel{?}{=} 2^n - 2 + 1$
 $\stackrel{?}{=} 2^n - 1 \quad \checkmark \quad \text{true.}$

② forward / backward iteration

see seq's / Series

Ex 2 given a relation of specific form \rightarrow guess a specific soln.

(ex) (see video)

$$a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + c_3 a_{n-3} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k}$$

\rightarrow Soln $a_n = r^n$

c_i are constants

\Rightarrow linear homogeneous recurrence relation of degree k with constant coeff.

Soln is $a_n = r^n$ (Q) how to find r (or r 's) ?

(ex) $a_n = 1 \cdot a_{n-1} + 1 \cdot a_{n-2}$ $a_n = r^n$

Plug in

$$\begin{aligned} r^n &= r^{n-1} + r^{n-2} \\ r^n &= \frac{r^n}{r} + \frac{r^n}{r^2} \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \\ r^2 &= r + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow r^2 - (1)r - (1) = 0$$

$$r = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \quad r = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \quad r = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$a_n = (c_1) \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + (c_2) \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

Use: $a_0 = 0$ $a_1 = 1$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) + c_2 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) = 1 \end{cases}$$

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

In general

$$a_n = C_1 a_{n-1} + C_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + C_k a_{n-k}$$

Solu: $a_n = r^n$ (find r 's)

$$r^k - C_1 r^{k-1} - C_2 r^{k-2} - \dots - C_k = 0$$

k^{th} degree poly. to solve.

(ex)

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-3} + a_{n-5} = 1 \cdot a_{n-1} + 0 \cdot a_{n-2} + 2a_{n-3} + 0 \cdot a_{n-4} + 1 \cdot a_{n-5}$$

Solve: $r^5 - 1 \cdot r^4 - 0 \cdot r^3 - 2 \cdot r^2 - 0 \cdot r - 1 = 0$

$$r^5 - r^4 - 2r^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$r_1 = ? \quad r_2 = ? \quad r_3 = ? \quad r_4 = ? \quad r_5 = ?$$

(ex)

$$a_n = \boxed{\text{stuff}}$$

characteristic poly.

$$(r-2)(r-2)(r+1)(r+1)(r+1)(r-3) = 0$$

$$\underbrace{r_1 = 2 \quad r_2 = 2}_{\text{multiplicity 2}} \quad \underbrace{r_3 = -1 \quad r_4 = -1 \quad r_5 = -1}_{\text{multiplicity 3}} \quad r_6 = 3$$

$$a_n = \boxed{} (2)^n + \boxed{} (-1)^n + \boxed{} (3)^n$$

polynomial of n : $|\text{terms}| = |\text{roots}|$

$$\rightarrow a_n = (a + b \cdot n) 2^n + (c + d \cdot n + e \cdot n^2) (-1)^n + (f) 3^n$$