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Chapter 9 Generating Functions

§ 9.5 The Summation Operator

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Outline

1. **Technique:** The convolution of the sequence $a_0, a_1, a_2,$ and the sequence $1, 1, 1, \dots$ is the sequence
$$a_0, a_0 + a_1, a_0 + a_1 + a_2, a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3, \dots$$

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$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots$$

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

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \cdot g(x) = f(x)/(1 - x) = a_0 + (a_0 + a_1)x + (a_0 + a_1 + a_2)x^2 + (a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3)x^3 + \dots$$

$\therefore f(x)/(1 - x)$ generates the sequence of sums

$$a_0, a_0 + a_1, a_0 + a_1 + a_2, a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3, \dots$$

= The convolution of the sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots and the sequence b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots where $b_i = 1 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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Ex 9.30: (a) $\because 1/(1-x)$ is the G.F. for the seq. 1, 1, 1, ...

$\therefore (1/(1-x))/(1-x)$ is the G.F. for the seq. 1, 1+1, 1+1+1, ...

i.e. $1/(1-x)^2$ is the G.F. for the seq. 1, 2, 3, ...

(b) $\because x + x^2$ is the G.F. for the seq. 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, ...

$\therefore (x + x^2)/(1-x)$ is the G.F. for the seq. 0, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, ...

$\Rightarrow (x + x^2)/(1-x)^2$ is the G.F. for the seq. 0, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, ...

$\Rightarrow (x + x^2)/(1-x)^3$ is the G.F. for the seq. 0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, ...

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (2k-1) = n^2 ?$$

to verify this, look at the coefficient of x^n in $(x + x^2)/(1-x)^3$

= the coefficient of x^n in $x(1-x)^{-3} + x^2(1-x)^{-3}$

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

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

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

(as Example 4.7)

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Ex 9.31: $0^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = ?$

Sol. (1/2)

Let $g(x) = 1/(1 - x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$

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

$$x \cdot \frac{dg(x)}{dx} = 0 + x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots = x/(1 - x)^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[x \left(\frac{dg(x)}{dx} \right) \right] = 1 + 2^2 x^1 + 3^2 x^2 + 4^2 x^3 + \dots = \frac{(1-x)^2 \cdot 1 - x(2)(1-x)(-1)}{(1-x)^4}$$

$$x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[x \left(\frac{dg(x)}{dx} \right) \right] = 0 + x + 2^2 x^2 + 3^2 x^3 + 4^2 x^4 + \dots = x \frac{(1-x+2x)}{(1-x)^3} = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$$

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$$x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[x \left(\frac{dg(x)}{dx} \right) \right] = 0 + x + 2^2 x^2 + 3^2 x^3 + 4^2 x^4 + \dots = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$$

Ex 9.31: $0^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = ?$

Sol. (2/2)

$\therefore \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$ is the G.F. of $0^2, 1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots$

$\Rightarrow \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3} \frac{1}{(1-x)} = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^4}$ is the G.F. for $0^2, 0^2 + 1^2, 0^2 + 1^2 + 2^2, \dots$

\therefore the coefficient of x^n in $\frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^4}$ is $\sum_{i=0}^n i^2$

$$\frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^4} = (x+x^2)(1-x)^{-4} = (x+x^2) \left[\binom{-4}{0} + \binom{-4}{1}(-x) + \binom{-4}{2}(-x)^2 + \dots \right]$$

\therefore the coefficient of $x^n = \binom{-4}{n-1}(-1)^{n-1} + \binom{-4}{n-2}(-1)^{n-2}$

$$= (-1)^{n-1} \binom{4+n-1-1}{n-1} (-1)^{n-1} + (-1)^{n-2} \binom{4+n-2-1}{n-2} (-1)^{n-2}$$

$$= \binom{n+2}{n-1} + \binom{n+1}{n-2} = (n+2)! / [(n-1)!3!] + (n+1)! / [(n-2)!3!]$$

$$= (1/6)[(n+2)(n+1)n + (n+1)(n)(n-1)]$$

$$= (1/6)(n)(n+1)(n+2+n-1)$$

$$= (1/6)n(n+1)(2n+1)$$

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Checklist:

1. Technique:

□ $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots$

$f(x)/(1 - x)$ generates the sequence of sums

$$a_0, a_0 + a_1, a_0 + a_1 + a_2, a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3, \dots$$

= The convolution of the sequence $a_0, a_1, a_2,$ and the sequence $1, 1, 1, \dots$

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Discussion (10 min):

Exercise 9.5.4: If $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$,

- 1) what is the generation function for the sequence $a_0, a_0 + a_1, a_1 + a_2, a_2 + a_3, \dots$?
- 2) What is the generating function for the sequence $a_0, a_0 + a_1, a_0 + a_1 + a_2, a_1 + a_2 + a_3, a_2 + a_3 + a_4, \dots$?
- 3) What is the generation function for the sequence $\frac{a_0}{4}, \frac{a_0}{2} + \frac{a_1}{4}, \frac{a_0}{4} + \frac{a_1}{2} + \frac{a_2}{4}, \frac{a_1}{4} + \frac{a_2}{2} + \frac{a_3}{4}, \dots$

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Chapter 10 Recurrence Relations

§ 10.1 The First-Order Linear Recurrence Relation

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Outline

1. **Definition**
2. **Formula**
3. **Application**
4. **Special Case**

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Def: “Function $a(n)$, preferably written as a_n (for $n \geq 0$), where a_n depends on some of the prior terms $a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, \dots, a_1, a_0$.” This study of what are called either **recurrence relations** or **difference equations**.

Def: A **geometric progression** is an infinite sequence of numbers $a_0 = a, a_1 = ar, a_2 = ar^2, a_3 = ar^3, \dots$; where r is called the **common ratio**.
 $a_1/a_0 = a_2/a_1 = a_3/a_2 = \dots = (ar/a = ar^2/ar = ar^3/ar^2 = \dots = r)$

ex: 5, 15, 45, 135,

$$a_{n+1} = 3a_n, n \geq 0$$

but 7, 21, 63, 189, ... also satisfies the relation

$$\therefore \begin{cases} a_0 = 5 \\ a_{n+1} = 3a_n, \forall n \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \& \quad \begin{cases} a_0 = 7 \\ a_{n+1} = 3a_n, \forall n \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

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Def: ① A relation is said to be a **first order** \equiv

a_{n+1} depends only on its immediate predecessor.

② In particular, a **first-order linear homogeneous** recurrence relation **with constant coefficients**:

1. The general form : $a_{n+1} = da_n, n \geq 0$, where d is a constant.

2. a_0 or a_1 given in addition to the recurrence relations, are called **boundary conditions**.

3. The expression $a_0 = A$, where A is a constant, is also referred to as an **initial condition**.

ex:
$$\begin{cases} a_0 = 5 \\ a_{n+1} = 3a_n, n \geq 0. \end{cases} \Rightarrow a_n = 5 \cdot 3^n, \forall n \geq 0.$$

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Result: The **general solution** of the recurrence relation

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = d \cdot a_n, \text{ where } n \geq 0, d \text{ is a constant and} \\ a_0 = A \end{cases}$$

is unique and is given by $a_n = A \cdot d^n, n \geq 0$.

Ex 10.1:
$$\begin{cases} a_2 = 98 \\ a_n = 7a_{n-1}, \text{ where } n \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{cases} a_2 = 98 \\ a_{n+1} = 7a_n, \text{ where } n \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

\therefore The general solution: $a_n = (7^n)a_0$.

$$\therefore a_2 = 98 = a_0 \cdot (7^2), \Rightarrow a_0 = 2$$

$$\therefore a_n = 2(7^n), \forall n \geq 0$$

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Ex 10.2: Bonnie deposits \$1000; 6%/年; 每月複利; after 1 year?

Sol.

$$6\%/12 = 0.5\% = 0.005$$

$\forall 0 \leq n \leq 12$, let p_n denote the value of Bonnie's deposit at the end n months.

$$\therefore p_{n+1} = p_n + 0.005p_n, \forall 0 \leq n \leq 11, p_0 = \$1000.$$

↳ the interest earned on p_n during month $n + 1$.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} p_{n+1} = p_n(1.005) \\ p_0 = 1000 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_n = p_0(1.005)^n = 1000 \cdot (1.005)^n$$

$$\therefore \text{one year} \Rightarrow 1000(1.005)^{12} = 1061.68$$

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Ex 10.3: The compositions of n :

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = 2a_n, n \geq 1 \\ a_1 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{let } b_n = a_{n+1} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{cases} b_{n+1} = 2b_n, n \geq 0 \\ b_0 = 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so, } b_n = b_0(2^n) = 2^n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = b_{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$$

	(1') 4
	(2') 1 + 3
	(3') 2 + 2
	(4') 1 + 1 + 2
(1) 3	
(2) 1 + 2	
(3) 2 + 1	
(4) 1 + 1 + 1	
	(1'') 3 + 1
	(2'') 1 + 2 + 1
	(3'') 2 + 1 + 1
	(4'') 1 + 1 + 1 + 1

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Def: A recurrence relation is called **linear**

≡ each subscripted term appears to the first power and no product such as $a_n a_{n-1}$.

Substitution:

Ex 10.4: Find a_{12} if $a_{n+1}^2 = 5 a_n^2$, where $a_n > 0$ for $n \geq 0$, and $a_0 = 2$.

Sol.

$$\text{Let } b_n = a_n^2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b_{n+1} = 5b_n, \forall n \geq 0 \\ b_0 = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = 4 \cdot 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 2(\sqrt{5})^n, \forall n \geq 0$$

$$\therefore a_{12} = 2 \cdot 5^6 = 31250$$

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Def: The general first-order linear recurrence relation with constant coefficients: $a_{n+1} + c \cdot a_n = f(n)$, $n \geq 0$, where c is a constant and $f(n)$ is a function on the set \mathbb{N} of nonnegative integers.

- where $f(n) = 0$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, the relation is called **homogeneous**; (齊次)
- otherwise it is called **nonhomogeneous**.

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Ex 10.5: bubble sort: input a positive integer n and an array x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n of real numbers that are to be sorted into ascending order.

The time-complexity = ?

Sol. (1/3)

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Procedure Bubble Sort ( $n$ : positive integer;  
                       $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ : real numbers)
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begin
```

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  for  $i := 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
```

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    for  $j := n$  downto  $i + 1$  do
```

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      if  $x_j < x_{j-1}$  then
```

```
        begin
```

```
          {interchange}
```

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            temp :=  $x_{j-1}$ 
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             $x_{j-1} := x_j$ 
```

```
             $x_j := temp$ 
```

```
        end
```

```
  end
```

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Ex 10.5: bubble sort: input a positive integer n and an array x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n of real numbers that are to be sorted into ascending order.

The time-complexity = ?

Sol. (2/3)

See p-451 example: $x_1 = 7, x_2 = 9, x_3 = 2, x_4 = 5, x_5 = 8, n = 5$.

The time-complexity function $f(n)$, count the total number of comparisons.

Let a_n denotes the number of comparisons needs to sort n numbers in this way, then:

$$\begin{cases} a_n = a_{n-1} + (n - 1), n \geq 2 \\ a_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

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Sol. (3/3)

$$\begin{cases} a_n = a_{n-1} + (n - 1), n \geq 2 \\ a_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$
$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 0 \\ a_2 &= a_1 + (2 - 1) = 1 \\ a_3 &= a_2 + (3 - 1) = 1 + 2 \\ a_4 &= a_3 + (4 - 1) = 1 + 2 + 3 \\ &\vdots \\ a_n &= a_{n-1} + (n - 1) \\ &= [a_{n-2} + (n - 2)] + (n - 1) \\ &= \dots \\ &= a_1 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n - 2) + (n - 1) \\ &= 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n - 2) + (n - 1) \\ &= n(n - 1)/2 = (n^2 - n)/2 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the bubble sort determine the time-complexity function

$$f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ given by } f(n) = a_n = (n^2 - n)/2$$

we write $f(n) = O(n^2)$: the bubble sort is require $O(n^2)$ comparisons.

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補充: the complexity of an algorithm exactly: $f(n): \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, $g(n): \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

① $f(n) = \mathcal{O}(g(n))$: $\exists c > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n), \forall n \geq n_0$.

② $f(n) = \mathcal{\Omega}(g(n))$: $\exists c > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n), \forall n \geq n_0$.

③ $f(n) = \mathcal{\Theta}(g(n))$: $f(n) = \mathcal{O}(g(n)) = \mathcal{\Omega}(g(n))$.

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Ex 10.6: $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 2, a_2 = 6, a_3 = 12, a_4 = 20, a_5 = 30, a_6 = 42, \dots, a_n = ?$

$$a_1 - a_0 = 2 \qquad a_3 - a_2 = 6 \qquad a_5 - a_4 = 10$$

$$a_2 - a_1 = 4 \qquad a_4 - a_3 = 8 \qquad a_6 - a_5 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_n - a_{n-1} = 2n, n \geq 1, \\ a_0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\cancel{a_1} - a_0 = 2$$

$$\cancel{a_2} - \cancel{a_1} = 4$$

$$\cancel{a_3} - \cancel{a_2} = 6$$

$$\cancel{\quad} \quad \vdots$$

$$+) \quad a_n - \cancel{a_{n-1}} = 2n$$

$$\hline a_n - a_0 = 2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n = 2(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n)$$

$$a_n - 0 = 2n \cdot (n + 1)/2$$

$$a_n = n^2 + n$$

$$\therefore a_n = n^2 + n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \qquad (\text{Ex9.6 (c)})$$

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Ex 10.7: a recurrence relation with a variable coefficient:

$$\begin{cases} a_n = n \cdot a_{n-1}, \text{ where } n \geq 1. \\ a_0 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Sol.

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 1 \cdot a_0 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 2 \cdot a_1 = 2 \cdot 1 \quad \Rightarrow a_n = n!$$

$$a_3 = 3 \cdot a_2 = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

$$a_4 = 4 \cdot a_3 = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

$a_n (= n!) =$ the number of permutations of n objects, $n \geq 0$.

$$a_1 = 1: 1$$

$$a_2 = 2 \cdot a_1: \quad 1 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 1$$

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$$a_3 = 3 \cdot a_2:$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \\
 1 \quad 3 \quad 2 \\
 \hline
 3 \quad 1 \quad 2 \\
 3 \quad 2 \quad 1 \\
 \hline
 2 \quad 3 \quad 1 \\
 2 \quad 1 \quad 3
 \end{array}$$

$$a_4 = 4 \cdot a_3:$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \\
 1 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 3 \\
 \hline
 1 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 3 \\
 4 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \\
 4 \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 2 \\
 \hline
 1 \quad 4 \quad 3 \quad 2 \\
 1 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 2 \\
 1 \quad 3 \quad 2 \quad 4 \\
 3 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 4 \\
 \hline
 : \\
 4 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 3 \\
 2 \quad 4 \quad 1 \quad 3 \\
 2 \quad 1 \quad 4 \quad 3 \\
 2 \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 4
 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = n \cdot a_{n-1} = n!$$

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Ex 10.8: recursive function and procedure: $\gcd(333, 84) = ?$ $\gcd(a, b) = ?$

Sol. (1/2) $333 = 3(84) + 81,$

$$84 = 1(81) + 3,$$

$$81 = 27(3) + 0.$$

\Rightarrow By Euclidean algorithm (Section 4.4) (p-232)

$$\gcd(333, 84) (= 3) = \gcd(84, 81) = \gcd(81, 3) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(333, 84) = \gcd(84, 333 \bmod 84)$$

$$= \gcd(333 \bmod 84, 84 \bmod (333 \bmod 84))$$

\Rightarrow Idea:

Input $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Step 1: If $b \mid a$ (or $a \bmod b = 0$), then $\gcd(a, b) = b$

Step 2: If $b \nmid a$, then:

(i) set $a = b$

(ii) set $b = a \bmod b$. (old a)

(iii) Return to Step 1.

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 3 & 333 & 84 & 1 \\ & \underline{252} & \underline{81} & \\ 27 & 81 & 3 & \\ & \underline{81} & & \\ & 0 & & \end{array}$$

Input $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Step 1: If $b \mid a$ (or $a \bmod b = 0$), then $\text{gcd}(a, b) = b$

Step 2: If $b \nmid a$, then:

(i) set $a = b$

(ii) set $b = a \bmod b$. (old a)

(iii) Return to Step 1.

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Ex 10.8: recursive function

Sol. (2/2)

\Rightarrow Procedure $\text{gcd2}(a, b$: positive integers)

begin

if $a \bmod b = 0$ then

$\text{gcd} = b$

else

$\text{gcd} = \text{gcd2}(b, a \bmod b)$

end

Compare with Fig 4.11 (p-234)

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Outline

1. Definition

- **recurrence relations, geometric progression, first-order, linear, homogeneous, constant coefficients**

2. Formula:

- **The general solution for a first-order linear homogeneous recurrence relation with constant coefficients $a_{n+1} = d \cdot a_n$, where $n \geq 0$, d is a constant and $a_0 = A$ is unique and is given by $a_n = A \cdot d^n$, $n \geq 0$.**

3. Application

4. Special Case

- **Nonhomogeneous**
- **Variable coefficient**

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§ 10.2 The Second-Order Linear Homogeneous Recurrence Relation with Constant Coefficients (1)

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Outline

1. Definition
2. Formula (**characteristic function**): 3 cases

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Def: Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $c_n, c_{n-1}, c_{n-2}, \dots, c_{n-k} \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$. a_n is a discrete function for $n \geq 0$:

1. $c_n a_n + c_{n-1} a_{n-1} + c_{n-2} a_{n-2} + \dots + c_{n-k} a_{n-k} = f(n)$, $n \geq k$,
is a **linear recurrence relation (with constant coefficients) of order k** .
2. if $f(n) = 0$ for all $n \geq 0$; the relation is called **homogeneous**;
otherwise, it is **nonhomogeneous**.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore k = 2 &\Rightarrow c_n a_n + c_{n-1} a_{n-1} + c_{n-2} a_{n-2} = 0, n \geq 2 \\ \text{homogeneous} &\quad \text{seek solution: } a_n = cr^n, c \neq 0, r \neq 0. \\ \text{代入} &\Rightarrow c_n \cdot \cancel{cr^{n+2}} + c_{n-1} \cdot \cancel{cr^{n+1}} + c_{n-2} \cdot \cancel{cr^{n+2}} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{c_n \cdot r^2 + c_{n-1} \cdot r + c_{n-2} = 0} \end{aligned}$$

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Def: 3. $c_n \cdot r^2 + c_{n-1} \cdot r + c_{n-2} = 0$ is called the **characteristic function**.

4. The roots r_1, r_2 of characteristic function are called **characteristic roots**.

⇒ 3 case: (A) Distinct Real Roots
(B) (Conjugate) Complex Roots
(C) Repeated Real Roots

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Case (A): Distinct Real Roots

Ex 10.9: $\begin{cases} a_n + a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0, \text{ where } n \geq 2, \\ a_0 = -1, a_1 = 8. \end{cases}$

Sol.

Let $a_n = cr^n$ with $c \neq 0, r \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 + r - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2, -3$$

$\therefore \exists k \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $2^n = k(-3)^n$ for all n . (**linear independent solutions**)

Let $a_n = c_1(2^n) + c_2(-3)^n, c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$. (**general solution**)

$$\because a_0 = -1 = c_1 \cdot 2^0 + c_2 \cdot (-3)^0 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$a_1 = 8 = c_1 \cdot 2 + c_2 \cdot (-3) = 2c_1 - 3c_2$$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{cases} -1 = c_1 + c_2 \\ 8 = 2c_1 - 3c_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -2 = 2c_1 + 2c_2 \\ 8 = 2c_1 - 3c_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 1 \\ c_2 = -2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 2^n - 2(-3)^n, \forall n \geq 0.$$

(is the **unique solution** of the given recurrence relation)

“unique”: need 2 initial conditions (values)

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Ex 10.10:
$$\begin{cases} F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n, \forall n \geq 0, \\ F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1. \end{cases} \quad \text{(Fibonacci relation)}$$

Sol. Let $F_n = cr^n, r, c \neq 0, \forall n \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow cr^{n+2} = cr^{n+1} + cr^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{the characteristic equation: } r^2 - r - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{the characteristic roots are } r = (1 \pm \sqrt{5})/2$$

$$\therefore \text{Let the general solution: } F_n = c_1 \left[(1 + \sqrt{5})/2 \right]^n + c_2 \left[(1 - \sqrt{5})/2 \right]^n$$

$$\begin{cases} F_0 = 0 = c_1 + c_2 \\ F_1 = 1 = c_1 \left[(1 + \sqrt{5})/2 \right] + c_2 \left[(1 - \sqrt{5})/2 \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 1/\sqrt{5} = \sqrt{5}/5,$$

$$c_2 = (-1)/\sqrt{5} = (-\sqrt{5})/5$$

$$\therefore \text{the general solution } F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right], \forall n \geq 0$$

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Ex 10.11: For $n \geq 0$, let $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, ($n = 0$, $S = \phi$)

let $a_n = \#$ of subsets of S that contain no consecutive integers.

Find and solve a recurrence relation for a_n .

Sol. (1/2)

$$a_0 = 1: \{\phi\}$$

$$a_1 = 2: \{\phi, \{1\}\}$$

$$a_2 = 3: \{\phi, \{1\}, \{2\}\}$$

$$a_3 = 5: \{\phi, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}\} = \{\phi, \{1\}, \{2\}\} \cup \overset{(3 \notin A)}{\{\{3\}\}} \cup \overset{(3 \in A)}{\{\{1, 3\}\}}$$

If $A \subseteq S$ and A is to be counted in a_n :

(a) $n \in A$: $n - 1 \notin A \Rightarrow \#$ of $(A - \{n\}) = a_{n-2}$.

(b) $n \notin A$: $\#$ of $A = a_{n-1}$.

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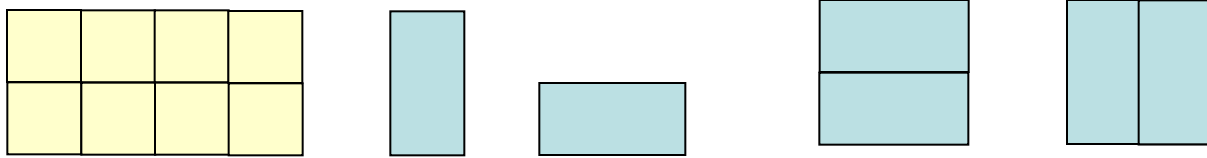
Find and solve a recurrence relation for a_n .

Sol. (2/2)

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Let } P = \{A \mid A \subseteq S, A \text{ contain no consecutive integers}\} \\ \text{then } P = B \cup C, \text{ where } B = \{A \in P \mid n \in A\} \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad C = \{A \in P \mid n \notin A\} \\ \Rightarrow |B| = a_{n-2}, |C| = a_{n-1} \\ \therefore |P| = a_n = |B| + |C| = a_{n-2} + a_{n-1} \\ \therefore \begin{cases} a_n = a_{n-2} + a_{n-1}, \forall n \geq 2 \\ a_0 = 1; a_1 = 2 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow a_n = F_{n+2}, n \geq 0 \\ \therefore a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+2} - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+2} \right], \forall n \geq 0 \end{array} \right)$$

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Ex 10.12:



Sol. Let b_n = the number of ways we can cover a $2 \times n$ chessboard using 2×1 and 1×2 dominoes.

$b_1 = 1$: one 2×1 ,

$b_2 = 2$: two 2×1 or two 1×2 .

When $n \geq 3$,

i) $\underbrace{2 \times (n-1)}_{\text{yellow}} \text{ } \text{teal} : b_{n-1}$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} b_n = b_{n-2} + b_{n-1}, \forall n \geq 3 \\ b_1 = 1; b_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

ii) $\underbrace{2 \times (n-2)}_{\text{yellow}} \text{ } \text{teal} : b_{n-2}$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = F_{n+1}, n \geq 0$$

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

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Ex 10.13: (Lamé's Theorem) 略

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $a \geq b \geq 2$. Then the number of divisions needs, on the Euclidean algorithm, to determine $\gcd(a, b)$ is at most 5 times the number of decimal digits in b .

Proof.

Use F_n and $F_n > [(1+\sqrt{5})/2]^{n-2}$

Note: The number of divisions needed, in the Euclidean algorithm, to determine $\gcd(a, b)$, for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $a \geq b \geq 2$, is $\mathcal{O}(\log_{10} b)$ – that is, on the order of the number of decimal digits in b .

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Ex 10.14: (Comparable relation)

$a_n = \#$ of “legal arithmetic expression without parentheses,” that are made up of n symbols $(+, *, /, \underbrace{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9}_{\text{digits}})$. $a_n = ?$

Sol. (1/2)

$$a_1 = 10: (0, 1, \dots, 9)$$

$$a_2 = 100: (00, 01, \dots, 99)$$

when $n \geq 3$; a_n :

$$1) \underbrace{\boxed{} \boxed{d} \boxed{d}}_{n-1}: a_{n-1} \cdot 10$$

$$2) \underbrace{\boxed{} \boxed{0} \boxed{d}}_{n-2}: a_{n-2} \cdot (3 \cdot 10 - 1) \quad (\because \text{no } \boxed{00})$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} a_n = 10a_{n-1} + 29a_{n-2}, \text{ where } n \geq 3 \\ a_1 = 10; a_2 = 100 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 10r - 29 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 5 \pm 3\sqrt{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \left(\frac{5}{3\sqrt{6}} \right) [(5 + 3\sqrt{6})^n - (5 - 3\sqrt{6})^n], n \geq 1$$

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<another>: $a_2 = 10a_1 + 29a_0 \Rightarrow 100 = 10 \cdot 10 + 29 \cdot a_0 \Rightarrow a_0 = 0$

$$\begin{cases} a_n = 10a_{n-1} + 29a_{n-2} \\ a_0 = 0; a_1 = 10 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \left(\frac{5}{3\sqrt{6}} \right) [(5 + 3\sqrt{6})^n - (5 - 3\sqrt{6})^n], n \geq 0$$

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Ex 10.15: palindromes of 3, 4, 5 and 6:

(1) 3	(1') 5	(1) 4	1') 6
(2) 1+1+1	(2') 2+1+2	(2) 1+2+1	2') 2+2+2
	(1'') 1+3+1	(3) 2+2	3') 3+3
	(2'') 1+1+1+1+1	(4) 1+1+1+1	4') 2+1+1+2
			1'') 1+4+1
			2'') 1+1+2+1+1
			3'') 1+2+2+1
			4'') 1+1+1+1+1+1

Sol. i) Add 1 to the first and last summands.

ii) Append “1+” and “+1” to the end.

For Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, let p_n = the number of palindromes of n .

$$\text{Then } \begin{cases} p_n = 2p_{n-2}, \forall n \geq 3 \\ p_1 = 1; p_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_n = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)2^k + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)2^k = 2^k = 2^{n/2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even;} \\ 2^{(n-1)/2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}, \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

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Ex 10.16: auxiliary variables:

Find a recurrence relation for the # of binary sequences of length n that have no consecutive 0's.

Sol. (1/4)

(a) For $n \geq 1$, let $a_n = |P_n| = |\{x \mid x \text{ is a binary sequence of length } n \text{ that have no consecutive 0's}\}|$

$$a_n^{(1)} = |\{x \in P_n \mid x \text{ end in } 1\}| = |P_n^{(1)}|$$

$$a_n^{(0)} = |\{x \in P_n \mid x \text{ end in } 0\}| = |P_n^{(0)}|$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = a_n^{(1)} + a_n^{(0)} \quad (P_n = P_n^{(1)} \cup P_n^{(0)}) \quad (1)$$

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Ex 10.16: auxiliary variables:

Find a recurrence relation for the # of binary sequences of length n that have no consecutive 0's.

Sol. (2/4)

① $a_1 = 2: 0, 1$

② $\forall n \geq 2, a_n$: case 1: $\underbrace{\boxed{x \in P_{n-1}^{(0)}}}_{n-1} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} : a_{n-1}^{(0)}$

case 2: $\underbrace{\boxed{x \in P_{n-1}^{(1)}}}_{n-1} \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} : 2 \cdot a_{n-1}^{(1)}$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = a_{n-1}^{(0)} + 2a_{n-1}^{(1)} \quad \text{-----} \quad (2)$$

and, $\forall y \in P_{n-2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\quad y \quad} \boxed{1} \in P_{n-1}^{(1)}$

$\forall \boxed{\quad z \quad} \boxed{1} \in P_{n-1}^{(1)} \Rightarrow z \in P_{n-2}$

$$\therefore a_{n-2} = a_{n-1}^{(1)} \quad \text{-----} \quad (3)$$

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$$a_n = a_n^{(1)} + a_n^{(0)} \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1}^{(0)} + 2a_{n-1}^{(1)} \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

$$a_{n-2} = a_{n-1}^{(1)} \quad \text{-----(3)}$$

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Ex 10.16: auxiliary variables:

Find a recurrence relation for the # of binary sequences of length n that have no consecutive 0's.

Sol. (3/4)

$$(2) \Rightarrow a_n = \underline{a_{n-1}^{(0)} + a_{n-1}^{(1)}} + a_{n-1}^{(1)}$$

$$\therefore a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \quad \text{by (1) and (3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}, \forall n \geq 3 \\ a_1 = 2; a_2 = 3 \quad (\mathbf{11}, \mathbf{01}, \mathbf{10}) \end{cases}$$

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Ex 10.16: auxiliary variables:

Find a recurrence relation for the # of binary sequences of length n that have no consecutive 0's.

Sol. (4/4)

(b) For $n \geq 1$, let a_n = the number of binary sequence of length n that have no consecutive 0's.

$$\textcircled{1} a_1 = 2; a_2 = 3$$

$$\textcircled{2} \forall n \geq 3, a_n : \underbrace{\boxed{}}_{n-1} \boxed{1} : a_{n-1}$$

$$\underbrace{\boxed{}}_{n-2} \boxed{10} : a_{n-2}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}, n \geq 3 \\ a_1 = 2; a_2 = 3 \Rightarrow a_0 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \\ a_0 = 1; a_1 = 2 \end{cases} \quad (a_n = F_{n+2}, n \geq 0) \quad \text{同 Ex 10.11}$$

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Ex 10.17: $a_n = \#$ of “arrange” (n identical pennies). s.t  and 同列相鄰

$$a_1 = 1: \circ$$

$$a_2 = 1: \circ\circ$$

$$a_3 = 2: \circ\circ\circ \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ \end{array}$$

$$a_4 = 3: \circ\circ\circ\circ \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ \end{array}$$

$$a_5 = 5: \circ\circ\circ\circ\circ \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ \end{array}$$

$$a_6 = 8: \circ\circ\circ\circ\circ\circ \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ\circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \circ\circ\circ\circ \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = F_n? \quad \Rightarrow \times$$

$$a_7 = 12 \neq 13 = F_7$$

$$a_8 = 18 \neq 21 = F_8$$

$$a_9 = 26 \neq 34 = F_9$$

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(Extend)

Ex 10.18:
$$\begin{cases} 2a_{n+3} = a_{n+2} + 2a_{n+1} - a_n, n \geq 0 \\ a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow Letting $a_n = cr^n$, for $c, r \neq 0$, and $n \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow 2r^3 - r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0 = (2r - 1)(r - 1)(r + 1)$

the characteristic roots are $1/2, 1, -1$

($1/2, 1, -1$ are linear independent)

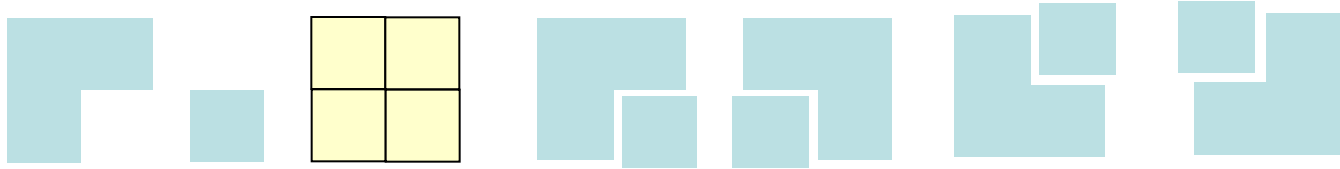
\Rightarrow the solution is
$$a_n = c_1(1)^n + c_2(-1)^n + c_3(1/2)^n$$
$$= c_1 + c_2(-1)^n + c_3(1/2)^n$$

$$\begin{cases} a_0 = 0 = c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \\ a_1 = 1 = c_1 - c_2 + c_3/2 \\ a_2 = 2 = c_1 + c_2 + c_3/4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 5/2 \\ c_2 = 1/6 \\ c_3 = -8/3 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow a_n = 5/2 + (1/6)(-1)^n - (8/3)(1/2)^n$

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Ex 10.19:



Sol. Let a_n = the number of ways we can cover a $2 \times n$ chessboard using the two types of tiles shown above.

$a_1 = 1$: two 1×1 , $a_2 = 5$: four 1×1 or one of each.

$a_3 = 11$: six 1×1 (1), three 1×1 (8), no 1×1 (2).

When $n \geq 3$,

i) $\underbrace{2 \times (n-1)}_{\text{yellow}} \text{ (with } 2 \times 1 \text{ tile)} : a_{n-1} \quad \therefore \begin{cases} a_n = a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} + 2a_{n-3}, \forall n \geq 4 \\ a_1 = 1; a_2 = 5; a_3 = 11 \end{cases}$

ii) $\underbrace{2 \times (n-2)}_{\text{yellow}} \text{ (with } 2 \times 2 \text{ tile)} : 4a_{n-2}$

iii) $\underbrace{2 \times (n-3)}_{\text{yellow}} \text{ (with } 2 \times 2 \text{ and } 2 \times 1 \text{ tiles)} : 2a_{n-3}$

$$\therefore a_n = (-1)^n + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1 + \sqrt{3})^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1 - \sqrt{3})^n, \quad \forall n \geq 1$$