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**Material**



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<b>Code: A0507</b>	<b>Discrete Mathematics (Common for CSE, CSE (Cyber Security), CSE (AI and ML), CSE(DS), CSE(IOT) and IT)</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Credits: 3</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Prerequisites:** NIL

**Course Objectives:**

This course provides the concepts of mathematical logic demonstrate predicate logic and Binary Relations among different variables, discuss different type of functions and concepts of Algebraic system and its properties. It also evaluates techniques of Combinatorics based on counting methods and analyzes the concepts of Generating functions to solve Recurrence equations.

**MODULE I: Mathematical Logic** **[10 Periods]**

**Basic Logics** - Statements and notations, Connectives, Well-formed formulas, Truth Tables, tautology.

**Implications and Quantifiers** - Equivalence implication, Normal forms, Quantifiers, Universal quantifiers.

**MODULE II: Predicate Logic and Relations** **[10 Periods]**

**Predicate Logic** - Free & Bound variables, Rules of inference, Consistency, proof of contradiction, Proof of automatic Theorem.

**Relations** - Properties of Binary Relations, equivalence, transitive closure, compatibility and partial ordering relations, Lattices, Hasse diagram.

**MODULE III: Functions and Algebraic Structures** **[10 Periods]**

**A: Functions** - Inverse Function, Composition of functions, recursive Functions - Lattice and its Properties.

**B: Algebraic structures** - Algebraic systems Examples and general properties, Semi-groups and monoids, groups, sub-groups, homomorphism, Isomorphism, Lattice as POSET, Boolean algebra.

**MODULE IV: Counting Techniques and Theorems** **[09 Periods]**

**Counting Techniques** - Basis of counting, Combinations and Permutations with repetitions, Constrained repetitions

**Counting Theorems** - Binomial Coefficients, Binomial and Multinomial theorems, principles of Inclusion – Exclusion. Pigeon hole principle and its applications.

**MODULE V: Generating functions and Recurrence Relation** **[09 Periods]**

**Generating Functions** - Generating Functions, Function of Sequences, Calculating Coefficient of generating function.

**Recurrence Relations** - Recurrence relations, Solving recurrence relation by substitution and Generating functions. Method of Characteristics roots, solution of Non-homogeneous Recurrence Relations.

**TEXTBOOKS:**

1. J P Tremblay & R Manohar, “**Discrete Mathematics with applications to Computer Science**”, Tata McGraw Hill.
2. J.L. Mott, A. Kandel, T.P.Baker “**Discrete Mathematics for Computer Scientists & Mathematicians**”, PHI.

**REFERENCES:**

1. Kenneth H. Rosen, “**Discrete Mathematics and its Applications**”, TMH, Fifth Edition.
2. Thomas Koshy, “**Discrete Mathematics with Applications**”, Elsevier.
3. Grass Man & Trembley, “**Logic and Discrete Mathematics**”, Pearson Education.
4. C L Liu, D P Nohapatra, “**Elements of Discrete Mathematics - A Computer Oriented Approach**”, Tata McGraw Hill, Third Edition.

**E-RESOURCES:**

1. <http://www.cse.iitd.ernet.in/~bagchi/courses/discrete-book/fullbook.pdf>
2. <http://www.medellin.unal.edu.co/~curmat/matdiscretas/doc/Epp.pdf>
3. <http://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/document/yVCWqd6u7wgye1qwH9xY7xPG734QA9tMJN2ncqS12ZbN7pUSSIWcxSgPOZJEokyWJlxQLYsrFyeITA70W9C8Pg>
4. <http://nptel.ac.in/courses/106106094/>

**Course Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, a student will be able to

1. **Apply** the concepts of connectives and normal forms in real time applications.
2. **Summarize** predicate logic, relations and their operations.
3. **Describe** functions, algebraic systems, groups and Boolean algebra.
4. **Illustrate** practical applications of basic counting principles, permutations, combinations, and the pigeonhole methodology.
5. **Analyze** techniques of generating functions and recurrence relations.

<b>CO- PO, PSO Mapping</b>															
<b>(3/2/1 indicates strength of correlation) 3-Strong, 2-Medium, 1-Weak</b>															
COs	Programme Outcomes (POs)												PSOs		
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PO12	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3
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CO2	3											2	3		
CO3		3										2	3		
CO4	3	3	2	3								2		3	
CO5					3							2		3	

Generating functions:—

Consider a sequence of real numbers  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$ . Let us denote this sequence by  $\langle a_n \rangle$ . Given this sequence, suppose there exists a function  $f(x)$  whose expansion in a series of powers of  $x$  is

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} a_{\delta} x^{\delta} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Then  $f(x)$  is called a generating function for the sequence  $\langle a_n \rangle$ .

In other words, given a sequence  $\langle a_n \rangle$ , if there exists a function  $f(x)$  such that  $a_n$  is the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $f(x)$  in a series of powers of  $x$ , then  $f(x)$  is called a generating function of  $\langle a_n \rangle$ .

If  $f(x)$  is a generating function of the sequence  $\langle a_n \rangle$ , we say that  $f(x)$  generates the sequence  $\langle a_n \rangle$ . The series on the right hand side of expression (1) is known as the power series expansion of  $f(x)$ .

Eg: (i)  $(1-x)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} x^{\delta}$

$f(x) = (1-x)^{-1}$  is a generating function for the sequence  $1, 1, 1, \dots$

(ii)  $(1+x)^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{\delta} x^{\delta}$

$f(x) = (1+x)^{-1}$  is a generating function for the sequence  $1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$

(iii) For any real number  $n$  we have the binomial expansion

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{1 \cdot 2} x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} x^3 + \dots = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-\delta+1)}{\delta!} x^{\delta}$$

For this we note that  $f(x) = (1+x)^n$  is a generating function for the sequence

$$1, \frac{n}{1!}, \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}, \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}, \dots$$

If  $n$  is a positive integer the expansion given by (iii) terminates with the term containing  $x^n$ . In this case  $(1+x)^n$  generates the sequence

$$\binom{n}{0}, \binom{n}{1}, \binom{n}{2}, \dots, \binom{n}{n}, 0, 0, 0, \dots$$

When  $n$  is a real number (not necessarily a +ve integer) suppose we define  $\binom{n}{r}$  by  $\binom{n}{0} = 1$  and  $\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}$  for  $r \geq 1$ .

$$(1+x)^n = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{r} x^r.$$

Find the sequences generated by the following functions.

(a)  $(3+x)^3$       (b)  $2x^2(1-x)^{-1}$       (c)  $\frac{1}{1-x} + 2x^3$       (d)  $(1+3x)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$       (e)  $3x^3 + e^{2x}$

sol:- (a)  $(3+x)^3 = 27 + x^3 + 9x^2 + 27x.$

$$(3+x)^3 = 27 + 27x + 9x^2 + x^3.$$

The sequence generated by  $(3+x)^3$  is 27, 27, 9, 1, 0, 0, 0, ...

(b)  $2x^2(1-x)^{-1} = 2x^2(1+x+x^2+\dots)$

$$= 2x^2 + 2x^3 + 2x^4 + \dots$$

$$= 0 + 0x + 2x^2 + 2x^3 + 2x^4 + \dots$$

The sequence generated by  $2x^2(1-x)^{-1}$  is 0, 0, 2, 2, ...

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

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

$$= 1+x+x^2+3x^3+x^4+x^5+\dots$$

The sequence generated by  $\frac{1}{1-x} + 2x^3$  is 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1, ...

(d)  $(1+3x)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{1}{3}-1)(-\frac{1}{3}-2)\dots(-\frac{1}{3}-(r-1))}{r!} (3x)^r$

$$= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{4}{3})(-\frac{7}{3})\dots(-\frac{3r+2}{3})}{r!} 3^r x^r$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)(-4)(-7)\dots(-3r+2)}{r!} x^r$$

The sequence generated by the function  $(1+3x)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$  is 1, -1,  $\frac{(-1)(-4)}{2}$ ,  $\frac{(-1)(-4)(-7)}{3!}$ , ...

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

$$= \cancel{3x^3} + 1 + \frac{2}{1!}x + \frac{2^2}{2!}x^2 + \frac{2^3}{3!}x^3 + \frac{2^4}{4!}x^4 + \dots$$

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

The sequence generated by the function is  $3x^3 + e^{2x}$  is

$$1, \frac{2}{1!}, \frac{2^2}{2!}, 3 + \frac{2^3}{3!}, \frac{2^4}{4!}, \frac{2^5}{5!}, \dots$$

If  $n$  is a positive integer, prove the following

$$(a) \binom{-n}{\delta} = (-1)^\delta \binom{n+\delta-1}{\delta} = (-1)^\delta \binom{n+\delta-1}{n-1} \quad (b) \binom{2n}{n} = \sum_{\delta=0}^n \binom{n}{\delta}^2$$

sol:- (a)  $\binom{-n}{\delta} = \frac{(-n)(-n-1)(-n-2)\dots(-n-\delta+1)}{\delta!} \quad \left[ \because \binom{n}{\delta} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-\delta+1)}{\delta!} \right]$

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

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

$$\binom{-n}{\delta} = (-1)^\delta \frac{(n+\delta-1)!}{(n-1)! \delta!} = (-1)^\delta \binom{n+\delta-1}{\delta} = (-1)^\delta \binom{n+\delta-1}{n-1}$$

(b) We note that  $\binom{2n}{n}$  is the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{2n}$ .

$$(1+x)^{2n} = (1+x)^n (1+x)^n = \sum_{\delta=0}^n \binom{n}{\delta} x^\delta \sum_{s=0}^n \binom{n}{s} x^s$$

The coefficient of  $x^n$  in the R.H.S of this is -

$$= \left[ \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n \right] \left[ \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n \right]$$

$$= \binom{n}{0}\binom{n}{n} + \binom{n}{1}\binom{n}{n-1} + \binom{n}{2}\binom{n}{n-2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n}\binom{n}{0}$$

$$= \sum_{\delta=0}^n \binom{n}{\delta} \binom{n}{n-\delta} = \sum_{\delta=0}^n \binom{n}{\delta} \binom{n}{\delta} = \sum_{\delta=0}^n \binom{n}{\delta}^2$$

$$\therefore \binom{2n}{n} = \sum_{\delta=0}^n \binom{n}{\delta}^2$$

If  $n$  is a positive integer, prove that  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+\delta-1}{\delta} x^\delta$

sol:- We have  $\binom{n+\delta-1}{\delta} = (-1)^\delta \binom{-n}{\delta}$

$$\sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+\delta-1}{\delta} x^\delta = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} (-1)^\delta \binom{-n}{\delta} x^\delta = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{-n}{\delta} (-x)^\delta$$

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

Let  $f(x) = (1+x+x^2)(1+x)^n$  where  $n$  is a positive integer. Find the coefficient of  $x^7$ ,  $x^8$  and  $x^k$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n+2$  in  $f(x)$ .

sol: Given that  $f(x) = (1+x+x^2)(1+x)^n$   
 $= (1+x+x^2) \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^r$

$$f(x) = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^r + \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^{r+1} + \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^{r+2}$$

(i) The coefficient of  $x^7$  in  $f(x)$  is

$$f(x) = \left[ \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{7}x^7 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n \right] + \left[ \binom{n}{0}x + \binom{n}{1}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{6}x^7 + \binom{n}{7}x^8 \right] + \left[ \binom{n}{0}x^2 + \binom{n}{1}x^3 + \dots + \binom{n}{5}x^7 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^{n+2} \right]$$

$\therefore$  The coefficient of  $x^7$  in  $f(x)$  is  $\binom{n}{7} + \binom{n}{6} + \binom{n}{5}$

(ii) The coefficient of  $x^8$  in  $f(x)$

$$f(x) = \left[ \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \dots + \binom{n}{8}x^8 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n \right] + \left[ \binom{n}{0}x + \dots + \binom{n}{7}x^8 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^{n+1} \right] + \left[ \binom{n}{0}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{6}x^8 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^{n+2} \right]$$

$\therefore$  The coefficient of  $x^8$  in  $f(x)$  is  $\binom{n}{8} + \binom{n}{7} + \binom{n}{6}$

(iii) The coefficient of  $x^k$  in  $f(x)$

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

$\therefore$  The coefficient of  $x^k$  in  $f(x)$  is  $\binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k-2}$



Determine the coefficient of (a)  $x^{12}$  in  $x^3(1-2x)^{10}$ .

(b)  $x^0$  in  $(3x^2 - \frac{2}{x})^{15}$  (c)  $x^5$  in  $(1-2x)^{-7}$  (d)  $x^0$  in  $(x^3-5x)/(1-x)^3$ .

(e)  $x^{15}$  in  $(1+x)^4/(1-x)^4$  (f)  $x^8$  in  $1/(x-3)(x-2)^2$ .

(g)  $x^{20}$  in  $(x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5+x^6)^5$ .

Sol: - (a)  $x^3(1-2x)^{10} = x^3 \sum_{r=0}^{10} \binom{10}{r} (-2x)^r = \sum_{r=0}^{10} \binom{10}{r} (-2)^r x^{r+3}$ .

$$x^3(1-2x)^{10} = \left[ \binom{10}{0} x^3 + \binom{10}{1} (-2) x^4 + \dots + \binom{10}{9} (-2)^9 x^{12} + \binom{10}{10} (-2)^{10} x^{13} \right]$$

The coefficient of  $x^{12}$  in  $x^3(1-2x)^{10}$  is  $-2^9 \binom{10}{9} = -5120$ .

$$(b) \left(3x^2 - \frac{2}{x}\right)^{15} = \sum_{r=0}^{15} \binom{15}{r} (3x^2)^{15-r} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^r = \sum_{r=0}^{15} \binom{15}{r} (-2)^r 3^{15-r} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^{15-r-r}$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{15} (-2)^r 3^{15-r} x^{30-3r} \binom{15}{r}$$

$$= \binom{15}{0} 3^{15} x^{30} + \binom{15}{1} (-2) 3^{14} x^{27} + \dots + \binom{15}{10} (-2)^{10} 3^5 + \dots + \binom{15}{15} (-2)^{15} x^{-15}$$

The coefficient of  $x^0$  in  $(3x^2 - \frac{2}{x})^{15}$  is  $3^5 \cdot 2^{10} \binom{15}{10}$ .

(c) We know that If  $n$  is a positive integer,

$$(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$$

$$(1-2x)^{-7} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{7+r-1}{r} (2x)^r = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} 2^r \binom{7+r-1}{r} x^r$$

$$= \binom{6}{0} + 2 \binom{7}{1} x + 2^2 \binom{8}{2} x^2 + \dots + 2^5 \binom{11}{5} x^5 + \dots$$

The coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $(1-2x)^{-7}$  is  $2^5 \binom{11}{5} = 2^5 \cdot \frac{11!}{5!6!}$ .

(d) We know that If  $n$  is a positive integer,  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$  4

$$\frac{x^3-5x}{(1-x)^3} = (x^3-5x)(1-x)^{-3} = (x^3-5x) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r-1}{r} x^r = (x^3-5x) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r}{r} x^r$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r}{r} x^{r+3} - 5 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r}{r} x^{r+1}$$

$$= \left[ \binom{2}{0} x^3 + \binom{3}{1} x^4 + \binom{4}{2} x^5 + \dots + \binom{9}{7} x^{10} + \dots \right] - 5 \left[ \binom{2}{0} x + \binom{3}{1} x^2 + \dots + \binom{11}{9} x^{10} + \dots \right]$$

$\therefore$  The coefficient of  $x^{10}$  in  $\frac{x^3-5x}{(1-x)^3}$  is  $\binom{9}{7} - 5 \binom{11}{9} = \frac{9!}{7!2!} - 5 \frac{11!}{9!2!} =$

(e) We know that If  $n$  is a positive integer  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$

$$\frac{(1+x)^4}{(1-x)^4} = (1+x)^4 (1-x)^{-4} = \sum_{r=0}^4 \binom{4}{r} x^r \times (1-x)^{-4}$$

$$= (1+4x+6x^2+4x^3+x^4) (1-x)^{-4}$$

$$= (1+4x+6x^2+4x^3+x^4) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{4+r-1}{r} x^r$$

$$= (1+4x+6x^2+4x^3+x^4) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r}{r} x^r$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r}{r} x^r + 4 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r}{r} x^{r+1} + 6 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r}{r} x^{r+2} + 4 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r}{r} x^{r+3} + \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r}{r} x^{r+4}$$

$\therefore$  The coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $\frac{(1+x)^4}{(1-x)^4}$  is  $\binom{18}{15} + 4 \binom{17}{14} + 6 \binom{16}{13} + 4 \binom{15}{12} + \binom{14}{11}$

(f) We know that If  $n$  is a positive integer  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$

$$\frac{1}{(x-3)(x-2)^2} = \frac{1}{(-3)(1-\frac{x}{3})(-2)^2(1-\frac{x}{2})^2} = \frac{-1}{12} (1-\frac{x}{3})^{-1} (1-\frac{x}{2})^{-2}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{12} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^r \cdot \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \binom{1+s}{s} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^s$$

$$= \frac{-1}{12} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^r x^r \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \binom{1+s}{s} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^s x^s$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \left\{ \left[ \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)x + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 x^2 + \dots \right] \cdot \left[ \binom{10}{0} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 + \binom{10}{1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 x + \binom{10}{2} x^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots \right] \right\}$$

The coefficient of  $x^8$  in  $\frac{1}{(x-3)(x-2)^2}$  is

$$-\frac{1}{12} \left[ \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \binom{9}{8} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7 \binom{8}{7} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 \binom{7}{6} + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^7 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 \binom{2}{1} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \binom{1}{0} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{12} \sum_{k=0}^8 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{8-k} \binom{9-k}{8-k}$$

(g) We have  $(x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6)^5 = [x^2(1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4)]^5 =$

$$= x^{10} (1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4)^5$$

$$= x^{10} \frac{(1-x)^5 (1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4)^5}{(1-x)^5}$$

$$= x^{10} \frac{[(1-x)(1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4)]^5}{(1-x)^5} = \frac{x^{10} (1-x^5)^5}{(1-x)^5}$$

$$= x^{10} \cdot (1-x^5)^5 (1-x)^{-5}$$

[We know that if  $n$  is a true integer  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$ ]

$$= x^{10} \sum_{r=0}^5 \binom{5}{r} (-x^5)^r \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \binom{5+s-1}{s} x^s$$

$$= x^{10} \sum_{r=0}^5 \binom{5}{r} (-x^5)^r \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \binom{4+s}{s} x^s$$

$$= x^{10} \cdot \left[ \binom{5}{0} + \binom{5}{1} (-x^5) + \binom{5}{2} x^{10} + \dots + \binom{5}{5} (-x^{25}) \right] \left[ \binom{4}{0} + \binom{5}{1} x + \binom{5}{2} x^2 + \binom{5}{3} x^3 + \dots + \binom{44}{10} x^{10} + \dots \right]$$

The coefficient of  $x^{20}$  in  $(x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6)^5$  is

$$\binom{5}{0} \binom{14}{10} - \binom{5}{1} \binom{9}{5} + \binom{5}{2} \binom{4}{0} = \binom{14}{10} - 5 \binom{9}{5} + \binom{5}{2}$$

Find the coefficient of  $x^{27}$  in the following functions.

(a)  $(x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + \dots)^5$     (b)  $(x^4 + 2x^5 + 3x^6 + \dots)^5$ .

sol: (a) We have  $(x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + \dots)^5 = [x^4(1+x+x^2+\dots)]^5$   
 $= x^{20}(1+x+x^2+\dots)^5$   
 $= x^{20}[(1-x)^{-1}]^5 = x^{20}(1-x)^{-5}$

$\therefore$  We know that If  $n$  is +ve integer  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+\delta-1}{\delta} x^{\delta}$

$$= x^{20} \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{5+\delta-1}{\delta} x^{\delta}$$

$$= x^{20} \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{\delta+4}{\delta} x^{\delta}$$

$$= \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{4+\delta}{\delta} x^{20+\delta}$$

The coefficient of  $x^{27}$  in  $(x^4 + x^5 + \dots)^5$  is  $\binom{11}{7} = \frac{11!}{7!4!} = 330$ .

(b) We have  $(x^4 + 2x^5 + 3x^6 + \dots)^5 = [x^4(1+2x+3x^2+\dots)]^5$   
 $= x^{20}(1+2x+3x^2+\dots)^5$   
 $= x^{20}[(1-x)^{-2}]^5$   
 $= x^{20}(1-x)^{-10}$

$\therefore$  We know that If  $n$  is +ve integer  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+\delta-1}{\delta} x^{\delta}$

$$= x^{20} \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{10+\delta-1}{\delta} x^{\delta}$$

$$= x^{20} \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{\delta+9}{\delta} x^{\delta}$$

$$= \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{9+\delta}{\delta} x^{20+\delta}$$

The coefficient of  $x^{27}$  in  $(x^4 + 2x^5 + \dots)^5$  is  $\binom{16}{7} = \frac{16!}{9!7!} = 11,440$ .

Find the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the following functions.

(a)  $(1+x^2+x^4+\dots)^7$  (b)  $(x^2+x^3+x^4+\dots)^4$  (c)  $(x^8+x^9+x^{10}+\dots)^9$

Sol: (a) We have  $(1+x^2+x^4+\dots)^7 = ((1-x^2)^{-1})^7 = (1-x^2)^{-7}$ .

$\therefore$  We know that If  $n$  is +ve integer,  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+\delta-1}{\delta} x^\delta$ .

$$= (1-x^2)^{-7} = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{7+\delta-1}{7} (x^2)^\delta$$

$$= \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{6+\delta}{\delta} (x^2)^\delta.$$

From this we observe that when  $n$  is odd, the coefficient of  $x^n$  is zero  
and when  $n$  is even say  $2m$ , the coefficient is  $\binom{6+m}{m}$

$$a_3 = ca_2 + f(3) = c\{c^2a_0 + cf(1) + f(2)\} + f(3).$$

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$$a_3 = c^3a_0 + c^2f(1) + cf(2) + f(3) \text{ and so on.}$$

We obtain, by induction

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + c^{n-1} f(1) + c^{n-2} f(2) + \dots + c^{n-(n-1)} f(n-1) + c^{n-n} f(n).$$

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + c^{n-1} f(1) + c^{n-2} f(2) + \dots + cf(n-1) + f(n).$$

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k) \text{ for } n \geq 1. \text{ --- (3)}$$

This is the general solution of the recurrence relation (2) which is equivalent to the relation (1).

If  $f(n) = 0$  that is if the recurrence relation is homogeneous, the solution (3) becomes  $a_n = c^n a_0$  for  $n \geq 1$  --- (4).

The solutions (3) and (4) yield particular solutions if  $a_0$  is specified.

The specified value of  $a_0$  is called the initial condition.

(1) solve the recurrence relation  $a_{n+1} = 4a_n$  for  $n \geq 0$ , given that  $a_0 = 3$ .

Sol:- We consider the solution linear recurrence relations of the form

$$a_n = ca_{n+1} + f(n), \text{ for } n \geq 1. \text{ --- (1)}$$

where  $c$  is a constant and  $f(n)$  is a known function which is a first order recurrence relation with constant coefficients.

If  $f(n) = 0$ , the relation is called homogeneous otherwise it is called non homogeneous.

The relation (1) can be solved in a trivial way.

We note that this relation may be rewritten as (by changing  $n$  to  $n+1$ )

$$a_{n+1} = ca_n + f(n+1), \text{ for } n \geq 0 \text{ --- (2)}$$

For  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$a_1 = ca_0 + f(1)$$

$$a_2 = ca_1 + f(2) = c\{ca_0 + f(1)\} + f(2)$$

$$a_2 = c^2 a_0 + c f(1) + f(2).$$

$$a_3 = c a_2 + f(3) = c^3 a_0 + c^2 f(1) + c f(2) + f(3) \text{ and so on.}$$

We obtain by induction.

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + c^{n-1} f(1) + c^{n-2} f(2) + \dots + c^{n-(n-1)} f(n-1) + c^{n-n} f(n).$$

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + c^{n-1} f(1) + c^{n-2} f(2) + \dots + c f(n-1) + f(n).$$

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k) \text{ for } n \geq 1 \text{ — (3).}$$

This is the general solution of the recurrence relation (2), which is equivalent to the relation (1).

If  $f(n) = 0$ , that is if the recurrence relation is homo. the solution (3) becomes  $a_n = c^n a_0$  for  $n \geq 1$ . — (4).

Given that the recurrence relation  $a_{n+1} = 4 a_n$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

which is linear, first order and homogeneous recurrence relation.

The general solution of the linear, first order homo. recurrence

relation is  $a_n = 4^n a_0$  for  $n \geq 1$  (∵ from (4))

Given that  $a_0 = 3$ .

Sub.  $a_0 = 3$  in (5), we get

$$a_n = 3 \cdot 4^n \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

This is the particular solution of the given relation satisfying the

initial condition  $a_0 = 3$ .

## Recurrence Relations : —

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A recurrence relation is a formula that relates for any integer  $n \geq 1$ , the  $n$ th term of a sequence  $A = \{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  to one or more of the terms  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}$ . (OR) A sequence  $\langle a_n \rangle$  may be defined by indicating a relation connecting its general term  $a_n$  with  $a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, a_{n-3}$  etc. Such a relation is called recurrence relation for the sequence.

One can carry out a step by step computation to determine an term  $a_n$ ,  $a_{n-2}, a_{n-3}, \dots$  provided that the values of the function at one or more points are given. The given values are called initial conditions or boundary conditions of the recurrence relation.

→ The process of determining an term from a recurrence relation is called solving of the relation. A value  $a_n$  that satisfies a recurrence relation is called its general solution.

→ If the values of some particular terms of the sequence are specified, then by making use of these values in the general solution we obtain the particular solution that uniquely determines the sequence.

Eg: - (i) The numeric function  $(5, 8, 11, 14, \dots)$  is defined by the recurrence relation  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 3, n \geq 1$ , with initial condition  $a_0 = 5$ .

(ii) The recurrence relation of the Fibonacci sequence of numbers  $(1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, \dots)$  is defined by  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}, n \geq 2$  with initial condition  $f_0 = 1, f_1 = 1$ .

## The order of a recurrence relation : —

The order of recurrence relation is the difference between the largest and smallest subscript appearing in the relation.



Eg:- (i)  $a_n = -3a_{n-1}$  is a recurrence relation of order 1.

(ii)  $a_{n+2} - a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 0$  is a recurrence relation of order 2.

(iii)  $a_n + a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0$  is a recurrence relation of order 2.

## Linear Recurrence Relation with Constant coefficients:

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A recurrence relation of the form  $c_0 a_n + c_1 a_{n+1} + c_2 a_{n+2} + \dots + c_k a_{n+k} = f(n)$ .

Where  $c_i$ 's are constants is called a linear recurrence relation of  $k^{\text{th}}$  order, provided that both  $c_0$  and  $c_k$  are non zero.

Linear refers to the fact that every term containing  $a_i$  has exactly one such factor and it occurs to the first power. The words constant co-efficients mean each of the  $c_i$ 's is a constant.

→ If  $f(n)$  is identically zero, the relation is known as homogeneous

→ A recurrence relation is said to be linear non homogeneous if  $f(n) \neq 0$ .

Eg: (a) The recurrence relation  $a_n = 2a_{n-1}$  is a linear homogeneous relation with constant coefficient of degree 1.

(b) The recurrence relation  $a_n = 2a_{n+1} a_{n-2}$  is not a linear homogeneous relation with constant coefficient as term such as  $a_{n+1} a_{n-2}$  is not permitted. Each term is to be of the form  $c a_n$ .

(c) The recurrence relation  $a_n - a_{n-1} = 6$  is not a linear homo. relation with constant coefficient because the expression of the right hand side is not zero.

(d) The recurrence relation  $a_n + a_{n+1} + a_{n+2} = 0$  is a linear homogeneous relation with constant coefficient of order 2.

## Solution of Linear Recurrence Relation: —

Suppose we have a sequence that satisfies a certain recurrence relation and initial conditions. An explicit formula which satisfies the recurrence relation with initial condition is called a solution to the recurrence relation.

The three methods of solving recurrence relations are

- (i) Iteration
- (ii) characteristic roots.
- (iii) Generating functions.

### Iteration Method: -

In this method the recurrence relation for  $a_n$  is used repeatedly to solve for a general expression for  $a_n$  in terms of  $n$ .

## First order Linear Recurrence Relation: —

We consider for solution recurrence relations of the form.

$$a_n = ca_{n-1} + f(n) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $c$  is known constant and  $f(n)$  is a known function.

Such a relation is called a linear recurrence relation of first order with constant coefficient. If  $f(n) = 0$ , the relation is called homogeneous, otherwise it is called non homogeneous (or inhomogeneous).

The relation (1) can be solved in a trivial way.

We note that this relation may be rewritten as (by changing  $n$  to  $n+1$ )

$$a_{n+1} = ca_n + f(n+1) \quad \text{for } n \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

For  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$a_1 = ca_0 + f(1)$$

$$a_2 = ca_1 + f(2) = c[ca_0 + f(1)] + f(2)$$

$$a_2 = c^2 a_0 + c f(1) + f(2).$$

Solve the recurrence relation.  $a_n = n a_{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 1$ , given that  $a_0 = 1$ . 9

Sol: Given that the recurrence relation  $a_n = n a_{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . — (1)

For  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$a_1 = a_0$$

$$a_2 = 2a_1 = (2 \times 1)a_0$$

$$a_3 = 3a_2 = (3 \times 2 \times 1)a_0$$

$$a_4 = 4a_3 = (4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1)a_0 \text{ and so on}$$

The general solution given recurrence relation is

$$a_n = n! a_0 \text{ for } n \geq 1. \text{ — (2)}$$

Given that  $a_0 = 1$ ,

Sub.  $a_0 = 1$  in (2), we get  $a_n = n!$  is the required solution.

(3) Solve the recurrence relation  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 5 \cdot 3^n$ , for  $n \geq 1$ , given that  $a_0 = 2$ .

Sol: We consider the solution recurrence relations of the form.

$$a_n = c a_{n-1} + f(n), \text{ for } n \geq 1 \text{ — (1)}$$

Where  $c$  is a known constant and  $f(n)$  is a known function. Such a relation is called a linear recurrence relation of 1<sup>st</sup> order with constant coefficient. If  $f(n) = 0$ , the relation is called homogeneous otherwise, it is called non homogeneous.

The relation (1) can be solved in a trivial way.

This relation may be rewritten as (by changing  $n$  to  $n+1$ )

$$a_{n+1} = c a_n + f(n+1), \text{ for } n \geq 0. \text{ — (2)}$$

For  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$a_1 = c a_0 + f(1)$$

$$a_2 = c a_1 + f(2) = c^2 a_0 + c f(1) + f(2)$$

$$a_3 = c a_2 + f(3) = c^3 a_0 + c^2 f(1) + c f(2) + f(3)$$

and so on

We obtain by induction .

$$a^n = c^n a_0 + c^{n-1} f(1) + c^{n-2} f(2) + \dots + c^{n-(n-1)} f(n-1) + c^{n-n} f(n),$$

$$= c^n a_0 + c^{n-1} f(1) + \dots + c f(n-1) + f(n)$$

$$a^n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1. \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

This is the general solution of the recurrence relation (2). Which is equivalent to the relation (1).

Given that the recurrence relation  $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 5 \cdot 3^n$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

The given relation may be rewritten as (by changing  $n$  to  $n+1$ )

$$a_{n+1} = 3a_n + 5 \cdot 3^{n+1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 0.$$

$$a_{n+1} = 3a_n + 5f(n+1), \quad \text{where } f(n) = 5 \cdot 3^n.$$

The general solution of this non homogeneous relation is .

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k).$$

$$a_n = 3^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n 3^{n-k} f(k).$$

The given initial condition  $a_0 = 2$ .

$$a_n = 3^n \cdot 2 + \sum_{k=1}^n 3^{n-k} f(k).$$

Substituting for  $f(k)$ ,  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$  this becomes

$$a_n = 2 \cdot 3^n + 3^{n-1} f(1) + 3^{n-2} f(2) + 3^{n-3} f(3) + \dots + 3^0 f(n).$$

substituting for  $f(n)$ ,  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$  this becomes

$$a_n = 2 \cdot 3^n + 3^{n-1} \cdot 5 \cdot 3 + 3^{n-2} \cdot 5 \cdot 3^2 + 3^{n-3} \cdot 5 \cdot 3^3 + \dots + 5 \cdot 3^n.$$

$$a_n = 2 \cdot 3^n + 5 \{ 3^n + 3^n + \dots + 3^n \}.$$

$$a_n = 2 \cdot 3^n + 5n \cdot 3^n = 3^n (5n + 2).$$

This is the required solution of the given recurrence relation.

Solve the recurrence relation  $a_n - a_{n-1} = 3n^2$  where  $n \geq 1$  and  $a_0 = 7$ .

Sol:- Given that the recurrence relation  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 3n^2$  for  $n \geq 1$  — (1).

The given relation may be rewritten as (changing  $n$  to  $n+1$ )

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + 3(n+1)^2 \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + 3f(n+1) \quad \text{where } f(n) = 3n^2.$$

The general solution of this non homogeneous relation is

$$a_n = c a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k).$$

The given relation (1) is of the form  $a_n = c a_{n-1} + f(n)$

$$\text{Here } c = 1 \quad f(n) = 3n^2.$$

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k).$$

$$a_n = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n 3k^2.$$

$$a_n = a_0 + [3 + 3 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 3^2 + 3 \cdot 4^2 + \dots + 3 \cdot n^2]$$

$$a_n = a_0 + 3[1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \dots + n^2]$$

$$a_n = a_0 + 3 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$a_n = a_0 + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{2}$$

$$a_n = 7 + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{2}$$

This is the required solution of the given recurrence relation.

Sol:- solve the recurrence relation  $a_{n+1} = a_n + (2n+3)$ ,  $a_0 = 1$   $n \geq 0$ .

Sol:- Given that the recurrence relation  $a_{n+1} = a_n + (2n+3)$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + (2(n+1) + 1), \quad n \geq 0.$$

which is of the form  $a_{n+1} = c a_n + f(n+1)$

$$\text{Here } c = 1, \quad f(n) = 2n+1.$$

The general solution of this non homogeneous relation is

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k)$$

$$a_n = 1^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n 1^{n-k} \cdot (2k+1)$$

$$a_n = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n (2k+1)$$

$$a_n = a_0 + \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^n k + \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \right]$$

$$= a_0 + 2 [1+2+3+\dots+n] + [1+1+1+\dots+1]$$

$$= a_0 + 2 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n$$

$$a_n = a_0 + n(n+1) + n$$

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

$$a_n = 1 + n(n+2)$$

Which is required solution of the given recurrence relation.

Solve the recurrence relation  $a_n = a_{n-1} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .

Sol: Given that  $a_n = a_{n-1} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  — (1)

The given relation is of the form  $a_n = c a_{n-1} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} f(n)$ ,  $n \geq 1$

$$\text{Here } c=1 \text{ } f(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

The given relation may be rewritten as (by changing  $n$  to  $n+1$ )

$$a_{n+1} = c a_n + f(n+1), \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

The general solution of this non homogeneous relation is

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k)$$

$$a_n = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \cdot \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

$$a_n = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(k^2 + k)}{2}$$

$$a_n = a_0 + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n k \right]$$

$$= a_0 + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ [1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2] + [1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n] \right\}$$

$$= a_0 + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left[ \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right] + \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right] \right]$$

$$= a_0 + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{12} + \frac{n(n+1)}{4}$$

which is the required solution of the given recurrence relation.

Solve the relation  $a_n = a_{n-1} + n^3$ ,  $a_0 = 5$ .

sol:- Given that  $a_n = a_{n-1} + n^3$ .

The given relation is of the form  $a_n = c a_{n-1} + f(n)$

Here  $c = 1$   $f(n) = n^3$

The given relation may be rewritten as (by changing  $n$  to  $n+1$ )

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + (n+1)^3$$

The general solution of this non homogeneous relation is

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k)$$

$$a_n = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n k^3$$

$$a_n = a_0 + [1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3 + \dots + n^3]$$

$$a_n = a_0 + \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

$$a_n = 5 + \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} \quad (\because a_0 = 5)$$

which is the required solution of the given relation.



Solve the recurrence relation  $2a_{n+1} - a_n = 2$

Sol: Given that  $2a_{n+1} - a_n = 2$  i.e.  $a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}a_n + 1$ .

It can be rewritten as (by changing  $n$  to  $n-1$ )

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

Which is of the form  $a_n = ca_{n-1} + f(n)$

$$c = \frac{1}{2} \quad f(n) = 1.$$

The general solution of this non homogeneous relation is

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k)$$

$$a_n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-k} \cdot 1$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n a_0 + \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-2} + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 1 \right]$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n a_0 + \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \right]$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n a_0 + \frac{1 + 1\left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)} \quad \left[ \because a_n = \frac{a_0(1 - \delta^n)}{1 - \delta} \right]$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n a_0 + 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right)$$

$$a_n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n a_0 + \left(2 - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right)$$

Which is the required solution of the given recurrence relation.

Solve the recurrence relation  $2a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0, n \geq 1, a_1 = 81$ .

Sol: Given that  $2a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0$  i.e.  $a_n = \frac{3}{2}a_{n-1}$

Which is of the form  $a_n = ca_{n-1} + f(n)$

$$c = \frac{3}{2} \quad f(n) = 0.$$

The given relation homogeneous recurrence relation.

The given relation may be rewritten as (by changing  $n$  to  $n+1$ )

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

The general solution given recurrence relation is

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k)$$

$$a_n = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n a_0 + 0 \quad [\because f(n) = 0]$$

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

Given that  $a_4 = 81$ .

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

$$n=4, \quad a_4 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^4 a_0$$

$$81 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^4 a_0$$

$$a_0 = 16$$

$$a_n = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n 16$$

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{3^n}{2^n} \cdot 2^4$$

$$a_n = \frac{3^n}{2^{n-4}}$$

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

Sol: Given that  $a_{n+1}^2 = 5a_n^2$  — (1)

which is not linear in  $a_n$ .

To make it linear assume  $b_n = a_n^2$ .

Then the original recurrence relation becomes

$$b_{n+1} = 5b_n, \quad n \geq 0. \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

which homogeneous recurrence relation.

which is of the form  $a_{n+1} = c a_n$ , Here  $c = 5$

We know that the general solution of the given recurrence relation is

$$a_n = c^n a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n c^{n-k} f(k).$$

If the given relation is homogeneous then its general solution is

$$a_n = c^n a_0.$$

The general solution of the relation (2) is

$$b_n = 5^n b_0. \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

we have  $b_n = a_n^2$

$$b_0 = a_0^2 \Rightarrow b_0 = 4 \quad (\because a_0 = 2)$$

From equation (1), we have  $b_n = 4 \cdot 5^n$

$$a_n^2 = 4 \cdot 5^n$$

$$n=12, \quad a_{12}^2 = 4 \cdot 5^{12}$$

$$a_{12} = 2(5^{12})^{1/2}$$

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

$$a_{12} = 31250.$$

## Second and Higher order Linear Homogeneous Recurrence Relations : — (1)

Considers a method of solving recurrence relations of the form.

$$c_n a_n + c_{n-1} a_{n-1} + c_{n-2} a_{n-2} = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Where  $c_n$ ,  $c_{n-1}$  and  $c_{n-2}$  are real constants with  $c_n \neq 0$ .

A relation of this type is called a second order linear homogeneous recurrence relation with constant coefficients.

Suppose a solution of relation (1) in the form  $a_n = c k^n$  where  $c \neq 0$  and  $k \neq 0$ .

Putting  $a_n = c k^n$  in (1), we get

$$c_n c k^n + c_{n-1} c k^{n-1} + c_{n-2} c k^{n-2} = 0.$$

$$c k^n (c_n + c_{n-1} k^{-1} + c_{n-2} k^{-2}) = 0.$$

$$c_n + c_{n-1} k^{-1} + c_{n-2} k^{-2} = 0.$$

$$c_n k^2 + c_{n-1} k + c_{n-2} = 0. \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Thus  $a_n = c k^n$  is a solution of (1) if  $k$  satisfies the quadratic equation (2).

This quadratic equation is called the auxiliary equation or the characteristic equation for the relation (1).

Case (i): - The two roots  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  of equation (2) are real and distinct.

Then we take  $a_n = A k_1^n + B k_2^n$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary real constants, as the general solution of the relation (1).

Case (ii): - The two roots  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  of equation (2) are real and equal.

with  $k$  as the common value. Then we take  $a_n = (A + Bn) k^n$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary real constants, as the general solution of the relation (1).

Case (iii): - The two roots  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  of equation (2) are complex. Then  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are complex conjugate of each other so that if  $k_1 = p + iq$  then  $k_2 = p - iq$ .

and we take  $a_n = r^n (A \cos n\theta + B \sin n\theta)$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are

arbitrary complex constants,  $\delta = |k_1| = |k_2| = \sqrt{p^2 + q^2}$  and  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(q/p)$ .

as the general solution of the relation (1).

→ consider a method of solving recurrence relations of the form.

$$C_n a_n + C_{n-1} a_{n-1} + C_{n-2} a_{n-2} + \dots + C_{n-k} a_{n-k} = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq k \geq 3 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where  $C_0, C_1, \dots, C_{n-k}$  are all real constants with  $C_n \neq 0$ .

Which is a linear homogeneous recurrence relation of order 'k'.

suppose a solution of relation (3) in form  $a_n = c k^n$  where  $c \neq 0, k \neq 0$ .

Put  $a_n = c k^n$  in (3), we get.

$$C_n c k^n + C_{n-1} c k^{n-1} + C_{n-2} c k^{n-2} + \dots + C_{n-k} c k^{n-k} = 0.$$

$$c k^n [C_n + C_{n-1} k^{-1} + C_{n-2} k^{-2} + \dots + C_{n-k} k^{-k}] = 0.$$

$$C_n k^k + C_{n-1} k^{k-1} + C_{n-2} k^{k-2} + \dots + C_{n-k} = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Thus  $a_n = c k^n$  is a solution of (1) if  $k$  satisfies the equation (4).

This equation is called the auxiliary equation or the characteristic equation for the relation (3).

Case (i): - If  $k_1, k_2, k_3, \dots, k_k$  are roots of the characteristic equation such that  $k_i \neq k_j, i \neq j$ .

Then we take  $u_n = A_1 k_1^n + A_2 k_2^n + A_3 k_3^n + \dots + A_k k_k^n$ . where  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  are arbitrary real constants as the general solution of the relation (3).

Case (ii): - If  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3$ , and the roots  $k_4, k_5, \dots, k_k$  are distinct.

Then we take  $u_n = (A_1 + A_2 n + A_3 n^2) k_1^n + A_4 k_4^n + \dots + A_k k_k^n$ .

where  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_k$  are arbitrary real constants, as the general solution of the real (1).

Case (iii): - If two complex roots are repeated.

$k_1 = k_2 = \alpha + i\beta, k_3 = k_4 = \alpha - i\beta$ , and remaining roots are distinct.

We take  $u_n = \delta^n ((A_1 + A_2 n) \cos n\theta + (A_3 + A_4 n) \sin n\theta) + A_5 k_5^n + \dots + A_k k_k^n$ .

$\delta = |k_1| = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$ , where  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  are arbitrary complex constants.

Find the general solution of the recurrence relation  $a_n + a_{n-3} = 0, n \geq 3$ .

Sol: Given that the recurrence relation  $a_n + a_{n-3} = 0, n \geq 3$  — (1).

Let the solution of the relation in form  $a_n = \frac{ck^n}{c}$  where  $k \neq 0, c \neq 0$  — (2).

sub. (2) in (1), we get

$$ck^n + ck^{n-3} = 0$$

$$ck^n(1+k^{-3}) = 0$$

$$ck^n \neq 0, k^3 + 1 = 0.$$

∴ The characteristic equation (1) is  $k^3 + 1 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (k+1)(k^2 - k + 1) = 0$

The roots of characteristic eqn are  $k = -1, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{3}i), \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{3}i)$ .

The roots are real and complex.

The general solution for  $a_n$  is  $a_n = A(-1)^n + \delta^n [c_1 \cos n\theta + c_2 \sin n\theta]$

Where  $A, c_1, c_2$  are arbitrary constants.

$$\delta = (k_2) = (k_3) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} = 1.$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore a_n = A(-1)^n + \left[ c_1 \cos \frac{n\pi}{3} + c_2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} \right].$$

This is the general solution of the given recurrence relation.

Find the general solution of the recurrence relation  $a_n - 7a_{n-2} + 10a_{n-4} = 0, n \geq 4$ .

Sol: Given that the recurrence relation  $a_n - 7a_{n-2} + 10a_{n-4} = 0, n \geq 4$  — (1)

Let the solution of the relation in the form  $a_n = ck^n$  where  $c \neq 0, k \neq 0$  — (2).

sub. (2) in (1), we get

$$ck^n - 7ck^{n-2} + 10ck^{n-4} = 0$$

$$ck^n [1 - 7k^{-2} + 10k^{-4}] = 0$$

$$ck^n \neq 0, k^4 - 7k^2 + 10 = 0.$$

The characteristic equation of relation ① is  $k^4 - 7k^2 + 10 = 0$ .

$$\text{i.e. } (k^2)^2 - 7(k^2) + 10 = 0.$$

$$\therefore k^2 = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 40}}{2} = \frac{7 \pm 3}{2}$$

$$\text{i.e. } k^2 = \frac{7+3}{2} = 5 \quad \text{and} \quad k^2 = \frac{7-3}{2} = 2$$

$$k^2 = 5 \Rightarrow k_1 = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

$$k^2 = 2 \Rightarrow k_2 = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$\therefore$  The roots are real and distinct.

$\therefore$  The general solution for  $a_n$  is  $a_n = A(\sqrt{5})^n + B(-\sqrt{5})^n + C(\sqrt{2})^n + D(-\sqrt{2})^n$

Where  $A, B, C, D$  are arbitrary constants.

Solve the recurrence relation  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}$  with  $a_0 = 2$  and

$$a_1 = 7.$$

Sol: Given that  $a_n - a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} = 0$  — ①

Which is 2nd order linear homo. recurrence relation.

Let the solution of the relation ① is in form  $a_n = ck^n$  — ②

Sub. ② in ①, we get

$$ck^n - ck^{n-1} - 2ck^{n-2} = 0$$

$$ck^n [1 - k^{-1} - 2k^{-2}] = 0$$

$$ck^n [k^2 - k - 2] = 0$$

$$ck^n \neq 0, \quad k^2 - k - 2 = 0$$

Which is characteristic equation of ①.

$$k = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(-2)}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{9}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm 3}{2}$$

$$k_1 = 2 - 1$$

The roots are real and distinct

$\therefore$  The general solution of ① is

$$a_n = A_1 2^n + A_2 (-1)^n.$$

Solve the recurrence relation  $a_{n+2}^2 - 5a_{n+1}^2 + 4a_n^2 = 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

Given  $a_0 = 4$  and  $a_1 = 13$ .

Sol: Given that  $a_{n+2}^2 - 5a_{n+1}^2 + 4a_n^2 = 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ . — (1)

Which is not linear in  $a_n$ .

To make this linear assume  $b_n = a_n^2$ .

Then the original recurrence relation becomes

$$b_{n+2} - 5b_{n+1} + 4b_n = 0 \text{ — (2)}$$

Which is 2<sup>nd</sup> order homogeneous recurrence relation.

Let the solution of the relation in the form  $b_n = cK^n$  where  $K \neq 0, c \neq 0$ . — (3)

Sub. (3) in (2), we get

$$cK^{n+2} - 5cK^{n+1} + 4cK^n = 0.$$

$$cK^n (K^2 - 5K + 4) = 0.$$

$$K^2 - 5K + 4 = 0.$$

$\therefore$  The characteristic equation of relation (2) is  $K^2 - 5K + 4 = 0$ .

$$(K-1)(K-4) = 0$$

$$K = 1, 4.$$

The roots are real and distinct.

$\therefore$  The general solution of the given relation is

$$b_n = A \cdot 1^n + B \cdot 4^n$$

$$b_n = A + B \cdot 4^n \text{ — (4)}$$

Where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

Given that  $a_0 = 4$  and  $a_1 = 13$

From (4), we get  $A + B = 16$ .

$$4 = A + B.$$

$$A + 4B = 169.$$

Solve above eqns, we get  $A = -35$   $B = 5$

$$b_n = (-35) + (5) \cdot 4^n$$

$$a_n^2 = (5) \cdot 4^n - 35 \Rightarrow a_n = \pm \sqrt{(5) \cdot 4^n - 35} \quad (\because b_n = a_n^2)$$

Which is the required solution of given relation



Solve the recurrence relation.  $a_{n+2} = a_{n+1} + a_n$  for  $n \geq 0$ . Given  $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$ .

Sol: Given that  $a_{n+2} - a_{n+1} - a_n = 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ . — (1)

Let the solution of the relation in the form  $a_n = c k^n$  — (2) where  $c \neq 0, k \neq 0$ .

Sub. (2) in (1), we get

$$c k^{n+2} - c k^{n+1} - c k^n = 0.$$

$$c k^n (k^2 - k - 1) = 0.$$

$$k^2 - k - 1 = 0$$

$\therefore$  The characteristic equation of given relation is  $k^2 - k - 1 = 0$

$$k = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

The roots are real and distinct.

The general solution of given relation is

$$a_n = A \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + B \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \text{ — (3)}$$

Where A and B are arbitrary constants.

We have  $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$ .

From (3) we get  $0 = A \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^0 + B \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^0 = A + B$

$$A + B = 0$$

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

Solving above eqns, we get

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

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

(1) Solve the recurrence relation  $a_n + a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ . (16)

given that  $a_0 = -1$  and  $a_1 = 8$ .

Sol:- Given that the recurrence relation  $a_n + a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ . (1)

Let the solution of the relation in the form  $a_n = c k^n$  where  $c \neq 0, k \neq 0$ . (2)

Sub. (2) in (1), we get.

$$c k^n + c k^{n-1} - 6c k^{n-2} = 0.$$

$$c k^n [1 + k^{-1} - 6k^{-2}] = 0.$$

$$c k^n [k^2 + k - 6] = 0.$$

$$k^2 + k - 6 = 0.$$

$\therefore$  The characteristic equation is  $k^2 + k - 6 = 0$   
 $(k+3)(k-2) = 0$   
 $k = 2, -3$ .

The roots of characteristic equation are  $k_1 = 2, k_2 = -3$ .  
Which are real and distinct.

$\therefore$  The general solution of the given relation is

$$a_n = A 2^n + B (-3)^n. \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

Given that  $a_0 = -1, a_1 = 8$ .

$$\text{From (3), we get } -1 = A + B$$

$$8 = -3A + 2B$$

Solving these, we get  $A = -2$  and  $B = 1$ .

$$\therefore a_n = (-2) 2^n + (-3)^n.$$

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

This is the solution of the given relation, under the given initial conditions  $a_0 = -1$  and  $a_1 = 8$ .

Solve the recurrence relation  $a_n = 2(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2})$  for  $n \geq 2$ , given that  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 2$ .

Sol: Given that the recurrence relation  $a_n = 2(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2})$  for  $n \geq 2$ . ①

Let the solution of the relation in the form  $a_n = ck^n$  ② where  $c \neq 0$   
 $k \neq 0$

Sub. ② in ①, we get

$$ck^n - 2ck^{n-1} + 2ck^{n-2} = 0.$$

$$ck^n [1 - 2k^{-1} + 2k^{-2}] = 0$$

$$k^2 - 2k + 2 = 0.$$

The characteristic equation of relation ① is  $k^2 - 2k + 2 = 0$

$$k = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2} = 1 \pm i$$

$\therefore$  The roots  $k_1 = 1+i$ ,  $k_2 = 1-i$  are complex.

$\therefore$  The general solution of the given relation is.

$$a_n = r^n [A \cos n\theta + B \sin n\theta]$$

Where A and B are arbitrary constants  $r = |1 \pm i| = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1}\right) \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

$$a_n = (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ A \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + B \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right] \text{ --- ③}$$

Given that  $a_0 = 1$   $a_1 = 2$

From ③ we get,  $1 = A$

$$2 = \sqrt{2} \left[ A \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + B \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right] = A + B$$

$$2 = A + B.$$

$$\therefore B = 1.$$

$$\therefore a_n = (\sqrt{2})^n \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right]$$

This is the solution of the given relation under the initial conditions  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 2$ .

## Non homogeneous Recurrence Relations of second and higher orders (11)

The general form of the higher order linear non homogeneous recurrence relations with constant coefficients is .

$$c_n a_n + c_{n-1} a_{n-1} + c_{n-2} a_{n-2} + \dots + c_{n-k} a_{n-k} = f(n) \quad \text{for } n \geq k \geq 2. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Where  $c_n, c_{n-1}, c_{n-2}, \dots, c_{n-k}$  are real constants with  $c_n \neq 0$  and  $f(n)$  is a given real valued function of  $n$ .

A general solution of the recurrence relation (1) is given by .

$$a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Where  $a_n^{(h)}$  is the general solution of the homogeneous part of the relation (1), namely the relation (1) with  $f(n) = 0$ . and  $a_n^{(p)}$  is any particular solution of the relation (1).

Case (i) :- Suppose  $f(n)$  is a polynomial of degree  $q$  and 1 is not a root of the characteristic equation of the homogeneous part of the relation (1). In this case  $a_n^{(p)}$  is taken in the form .

$$a_n^{(p)} = A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2 + \dots + A_q n^q \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Where  $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_q$  are constants to be evaluated by using the fact that  $a_n = a_n^{(p)}$  satisfies the relation (1).

Case (ii) :- Suppose  $f(n)$  is a polynomial of degree  $q$  and 1 is a root of multiplicity  $m$  of the characteristic equation of the homogeneous part of the relation (1). In this case  $a_n^{(p)}$  is taken in the form .

$$a_n^{(p)} = n^m [A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2 + \dots + A_q n^q]$$

Where  $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_q$  are constants to be evaluated by using the fact that  $a_n = a_n^{(p)}$  satisfies the relation (1).

Case (iii): - Suppose  $f(n) = ab^n$ , where  $a$  is a constant and  $b$  is not a root of the characteristic equation of the homogeneous part of the relation. Then  $a_n^{(p)}$  is taken in the form  $a_n^{(p)} = A_0 b^n$  — (5).

where  $A_0$  is a constant to be evaluated by using the fact that  $a_n = a_n^{(p)}$  satisfies the relation (1).

Case (iv): - Suppose  $f(n) = ab^n$  where  $a$  is a constant and  $b$  is a root of multiplicity  $m$  of the characteristic equation of the homogeneous part of the relation (1). Then  $a_n^{(p)}$  is taken in the form

$$a_n^{(p)} = A_0 n^m b^n \text{ — (6)}$$

where  $A_0$  is a constant to be evaluated by using the fact that  $a_n = a_n^{(p)}$  satisfies the relation (1).

Case (v): - Suppose  $f(n) = b^n \phi(n)$  and if  $b$  is a root of multiplicity  $m$ . Then  $a_n^{(p)}$  is taken in the form

$$a_n^{(p)} = n^m (A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2 + \dots + A_{m-1} n^{m-1}) \cdot b^n$$

where  $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{m-1}$  are constants to be evaluated by using the fact that  $a_n = a_n^{(p)}$  satisfies the relation (1).

Case (vi): - Suppose  $f(n) = b^n \phi(n)$  and if  $b$  is not root of characteristic equation. Then  $a_n^{(p)}$  is taken in the form

$$a_n^{(p)} = b^n (A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2 + \dots + A_2 n^2)$$

where  $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_2$  are constants to be evaluated by using the fact that  $a_n = a_n^{(p)}$  satisfies the relation (1).

Case (vii): - Suppose  $f(n) = c \sin n\theta$  where  $c$  is a constant. Then

$$a_n^{(p)} \text{ is taken in the form } a_n^{(p)} = A_1 \cos n\theta + A_2 \sin n\theta$$

where  $A_1, A_2$  are constants to be evaluated by using the fact that  $a_n = a_n^{(p)}$  satisfies the relation (1).

Case (vii) :- suppose  $f(n) = c \cos n\theta$  where  $c$  is a constant. Then <sup>(18)</sup>

$a_n^{(p)}$  is taken in the form  $a_n^{(p)} = A_1 \cos n\theta + A_2 \sin n\theta$ .

where  $A_1, A_2$  are constants to be evaluated by using the fact that  $a_n = a_n^{(p)}$  satisfies the relation (1).

Case (ix) :- suppose  $f(n) = c r^n \sin n\theta$  (or)  $c r^n \cos n\theta$  where  $c$  is a constant

Then  $a_n^{(p)}$  is taken in the form  $a_n^{(p)} = A_1 r^n \cos n\theta + A_2 r^n \sin n\theta$ .

where  $A_1, A_2$  are constants to be evaluated by using the fact that  $a_n = a_n^{(p)}$  satisfies the relation (1).

Case (x) :- suppose  $f(n) = c r^n \cos n\theta$  (or)  $c r^n \sin n\theta$  where  $c$  is a constant

and  $c r^n \cos n\theta$  (or)  $c r^n \sin n\theta$  is root of the characteristic equation of multiplicity  $m$  then  $a_n^{(p)}$  is taken in the form.

$$a_n^{(p)} = r^n (A_1 r^n \cos n\theta + A_2 r^n \sin n\theta)$$

where  $A_1, A_2$  are constants to be evaluated by using the fact that

$a_n = a_n^{(p)}$  satisfies the relation (1).

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Solve the recurrence relation.  $a_{n+2} - 2a_{n+1} + a_n = 3n+5$ ; given  $a_0=1, a_1=1$  (19)

Sol: Given that the relation  $a_{n+2} - 2a_{n+1} + a_n = 3n+5$  — (1).

The homogeneous part of the relation (1) is  $a_{n+2} - 2a_{n+1} + a_n = 0$  — (2).

Let the solution of the relation (2) is in the form  $a_n = ck^n$  — (3).  
where  $c \neq 0, k \neq 0$

Sub. (3) in (2), we get

$$ck^{n+2} - 2ck^{n+1} + ck^n = 0$$

$$ck^n (k^2 - 2k + 1) = 0$$

$$ck^n \neq 0, \quad k^2 - 2k + 1 = 0$$

which is the characteristic equation of relation (1)

$$(k-1)^2 = 0$$

$$k = 1, 1$$

The roots are real and repeated.

The general solution of relation (2) is  $a_n^{(h)} = A + Bn$ .

We observe that R.H.S of relation (1) is a polynomial of degree 1 and 1 is the root of char. equation of multiplicity 2.

Let us take  $a_n^{(p)} = n^m (A_1 + A_2 n)$

$$a_n^{(p)} = n^2 (A_1 + A_2 n) \text{ — (4)}$$

Sub. (4) in (1), we get.

$$(n+2)^2 (A_1 + A_2(n+2)) - 2(n+1)^2 (A_1 + A_2(n+1)) + n^2 (A_1 + A_2 n) = 3n+5$$

$$A_1(n+2)^2 + A_2(n+2)^3 - 2A_1(n+1)^2 - 2A_2(n+1)^3 + A_1 n^2 + A_2 n^3 = 3n+5$$

Compare the coefficients of powers of  $n$  both sides, we get.

$$A_2 - 2A_2 + A_2 = 0$$

$$A_1 + 6A_2 - 2A_1 - 6A_2 + A_1 = 0$$

$$4A_1 + 12A_2 - 4A_1 - 6A_2 = 3$$

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

$$4A_1 + 8A_2 - 2A_1 - 2A_2 = 5$$

$$2A_1 + 6A_2 = 5$$

$$A_1 = 1$$



$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = n^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}n\right).$$

\(\therefore\) The general solution of (1) is  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

$$a_n = (A + Bn) + n^2 \left(1 + \frac{n}{2}\right) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

We have  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 1$  ---

From (5),  $a_0 = A \implies A = 1$

$$a_1 = (A + B) + \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \implies a_1 = A + B + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$A + B = 1 - \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$A + B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$B = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_n = \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}n\right) + n^2 \left(1 + \frac{n}{2}\right).$$

Find a general expression for a solution to the recurrence relation

$$a_n - 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = n(n-1) \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

Sol: Given that the relation  $a_n - 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = n^2 - n$  --- (1)

The homogeneous part of the relation (1) is  $a_n - 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = 0$  --- (2)

Let the solution of the relation (2) is in the form  $a_n = c^k k^n$  --- (3)

sub. (3) in (2), we get

$$c k^n - 5c k^{n-1} + 6c k^{n-2} = 0$$

$$c k^n (1 - 5k^{-1} + 6k^{-2}) = 0$$

$$c k^n (k^2 - 5k + 6) = 0.$$

$$c k^n \neq 0 \quad k^2 - 5k + 6 = 0.$$

Which is the characteristic equation of the relation (2).

$$(k-2)(k-3) = 0$$

$$k = 2, 3.$$

The roots are real and distinct.

\(\therefore\) The general solution of relation (2) is  $a_n^{(h)} = A k_1^n + B k_2^n$

$$\text{i.e. } a_n^{(h)} = A 2^n + B 3^n.$$

We observe that the R.H.S of eqn (1) is a polynomial of degree 2.

$$\text{Let us take } a_n^{(p)} = A_1 + A_2 n + A_3 n^2.$$

$$a_{n-1}^{(p)} = A_1 + A_2(n-1) + A_3(n-1)^2$$

$$a_{n-2}^{(p)} = A_1 + A_2(n-2) + A_3(n-2)^2.$$

Sub. these values in eqn (1), we get.

$$(A_1 + A_2 n + A_3 n^2) - 5(A_1 + A_2(n-1) + A_3(n-1)^2) + 6(A_1 + A_2(n-2) + A_3(n-2)^2) = n^2 - n.$$

Comparing the coefficients of powers of  $n$  both sides.

$$A_3 - 5A_3 + 6A_3 = 1 \implies A_3 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$A_2 - 5A_2 + 10A_3 + 6A_2 - 24A_3 = -1.$$

$$2A_2 - 14A_3 = -1.$$

$$2A_2 = -1 + 14A_3 = 6.$$

$$A_2 = 3.$$

$$A_1 - 5A_1 + 5A_2 + 10A_3 + 6A_1 - 12A_2 + 24A_3 = 0.$$

$$2A_1 - 7A_2 + 34A_3 = 0.$$

$$2A_1 - 21 + 17 = 0.$$

$$A_1 = 2.$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = 2 + 3n + \frac{1}{2}n^2.$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of given recurrence relation is

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

$$a_n = A 2^n + B 3^n + \left(2 + 3n + \frac{1}{2}n^2\right)$$

Solve the recurrence relation.  $a_n - 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = 1$ .

Sol: Given that the relation  $a_n - 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = 1$  — (1)

which is 2nd order linear non homo. recurrence relation.

The homogeneous part of the relation (1) is  $a_n - 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = 0$  — (2)

Let the solution of the relation (2) is in the form  $a_n = c k^n$  — (3)

Where  $c \neq 0$   $k \neq 0$ .

Sub. (3) in (2), we get

$$c k^n - 5 c k^{n-1} + 6 c k^{n-2} = 0.$$

$$c k^n [1 - 5 k^{-1} + 6 k^{-2}] = 0$$

$$c k^n [k^2 - 5k + 6] = 0$$

$$c k^n \neq 0 \quad k^2 - 5k + 6 = 0.$$

Which is the characteristic equation of relation (2).

$$(k-3)(k-2) = 0 \quad \text{i.e. } k = 2, 3.$$

The roots of characteristic equation are 2, 3.

The roots are real and distinct.

$\therefore$  The general solution of relation (2) is  $a_n^{(h)} = A 2^n + B 3^n$

$$\text{i.e. } a_n^{(h)} = A 2^n + B 3^n.$$

We observe that the R.H.S of eqn relation (1) is a polynomial of degree 0.

$$\text{Let us take } a_n^{(p)} = A_0.$$

$$a_{n-1}^{(p)} = A_0 \quad a_{n-2}^{(p)} = A_0.$$

Sub. these values in eqn (1), we get.

$$A_0 - 5A_0 + 6A_0 = 1.$$

$$2A_0 = 1$$

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of (1) is  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$ .

$$\therefore a_n = A 2^n + B 3^n + \frac{1}{2}.$$

Solve the recurrence relation.  $a_n + 2a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2} = 4n^2 - 5$ , for  $n \geq 2$ . <sup>(2)</sup>

Sol:- Given that the recurrence relation  $a_n + 2a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2} = 4n^2 - 5$ , for  $n \geq 2$ . ①

The homogeneous form of given relation is  $a_n + 2a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2} = 0$  ②

Let the solution of the relation ② in the form  $a_n = ck^n$  ③

$$\text{Sub. ③ in ②, we get } ck^n + 2ck^{n-1} - 3ck^{n-2} = 0$$

$$ck^n [1 + 2k^{-1} - 3k^{-2}] = 0$$

$$ck^n [k^2 + 2k - 3] = 0$$

$$ck^n \neq 0, \quad k^2 + 2k - 3 = 0$$

The characteristic equation of relation ② is  $k^2 + 2k - 3 = 0$   
 $(k-1)(k+3) = 0$

The roots are real & distinct.  $k = 1, -3$

$\therefore$  The general solution of ② is  $a_n^{(h)} = A \cdot 1^n + B(-3)^n$ . ④

Where  $A, B$  are arbitrary constants.

Since 1 is a simple root of the characteristic equation, and the R.H.S of the given relation is a polynomial of degree 2.

$$a_n^{(p)} = n^2 (A_0 + A_1 n + A_2 n^2)$$

$$a_n^{(p)} = A_0 n + A_1 n^2 + A_2 n^3 \quad \text{--- ⑤}$$

Where  $A_0, A_1, A_2$  are constants.

Putting ⑤ for  $a_n$  in the given relation, we get

$$(A_0 n + A_1 n^2 + A_2 n^3) + 2 \{A_0 (n-1) + A_1 (n-1)^2 + A_2 (n-1)^3\} - 3 \{A_0 (n-2) + A_1 (n-2)^2 + A_2 (n-2)^3\} = 4n^2 - 5$$

Equating the corresponding terms on the two sides, we get

$$A_2 + 2A_2 - 3A_2 = 0$$

$$A_1 + 2A_1 - 6A_2 - 3A_1 + 18A_2 = 4$$

$$A_0 + 2A_0 - 4A_1 + 6A_2 - 3A_0 + 12A_1 - 36A_2 = 0$$

$$-2A_0 + 2A_1 - 2A_2 + 6A_0 - 12A_1 + 24A_2 = -5$$

These gives  $12A_2 = 4 \implies A_2 = 1/3$ .

$8A_1 - 20A_2 = 0 \implies A_1 = 5/6$ .

$4A_0 - 10A_1 + 28A_2 = 0 \implies$  So that  $A_0 = 1/4$ .

Sub. the values of  $A_0, A_1, A_2$  in (5), we get

$$a_n^{(p)} = n \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5n}{6} + \frac{1}{3} n^2 \right)$$

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

$$a_n = A + B(-3)^n + n \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{6} n + \frac{1}{3} n^2 \right)$$

Solve the recurrence relation.  $a_n + 4a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} = 5 \times (-2)^n, n \geq 2$ .

Sol: Given that the recurrence relation  $a_n + 4a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} = 5 \times (-2)^n, n \geq 2$  — (1).

The homogeneous form of the given relation is  $a_n + 4a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} = 0$  — (2).

Let  $a_n = cK^n$  — (3) is the solution of the relation (2). Where  $c \neq 0, K \neq 0$ .

Sub. (3) in (2), we get

$$cK^n + 4cK^{n-1} + 4cK^{n-2} = 0$$

$$cK^n [1 + 4K^{-1} + 4K^{-2}] = 0$$

$$cK^n \neq 0 \quad K^2 + 4K + 4 = 0$$

The characteristic equation of the relation (2) is  $K^2 + 4K + 4 = 0$   
 $(K+2)^2 = 0$  i.e  $K = -2, -2$

The roots are real and repeated.

$\therefore a_n^{(h)} = (A + Bn)(-2)^n$ . Where  $A, B$  are arbitrary constants.

We observe that the RHS of the given relation contains  $(-2)^n$  as a factor and  $-2$  is a repeated root of the characteristic equation.

$$a_n^{(p)} = A_0 n^2 (-2)^n$$

Putting this for  $a_n$  in the given relation, we get

$$A_0 n^2 (-2)^n + 4A_0 (n-1)^2 (-2)^{n-1} + 4A_0 (n-2)^2 (-2)^{n-2} = 5(-2)^n$$

Divide above equation by  $(-2)^{n-2}$ , we get

$$A_0 [n^2 (-2)^2 + 4(n-1)^2 (-2) + 4(n-2)^2] = 5(-2)^2$$

$$A_0 \{4n^2 - 8(n^2 - 2n + 1) + 4(n^2 - 4n + 4)\} = 20$$

$$A_0 [4n^2 - 8n^2 + 16n - 8 - 16n + 16] = 20$$

$$A_0 = \frac{20}{8} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = \frac{5}{2} n^2 (-2)^n$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of the given relation is  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

$$a_n = (A + Bn)(-2)^n + \frac{5}{2} n^2 (-2)^n$$

$$a_n = (A + Bn + \frac{5}{2} n^2) (-2)^n$$

Solve the recurrence relation  $a_{n+2} - 6a_{n+1} + 9a_n = 3 \times 2^n + 7 \times 3^n$  for  $n \geq 0$ .  
given  $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 4$

Sol:- Given that the recurrence relation  $a_{n+2} - 6a_{n+1} + 9a_n = 3 \times 2^n + 7 \times 3^n$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

The homogeneous term of the given relation is  $a_{n+2} - 6a_{n+1} + 9a_n = 0$

Let the solution of the relation ② in the form  $a_n = c k^n$  where  $c \neq 0, k \neq 0$ .

Sub. ③ in ②, we get

$$c k^{n+2} - 6c k^{n+1} + 9c k^n = 0$$

$$c k^n (k^2 - 6k + 9) = 0$$

$$c k^n \neq 0 \quad k^2 - 6k + 9 = 0$$

The characteristic equation of relation ② is  $k^2 - 6k + 9 = 0$  i.e.  $(k-3)^2 = 0$   
 $k = 3, 3$

The roots are real and repeated.

The general solution of ② is  $a_n^{(h)} = (A + Bn) 3^n$

Where  $A, B$  are arbitrary constants.

We observe that the R.H.S of the given relation contains  $3^n$  and 3 is a repeated root of the characteristic equation.

$$a_n^{(p)} = c \cdot 2^n + D \cdot n^2 \cdot 3^n. \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

where  $c$  and  $D$  are constants.

Putting this form in the given relation, we get

$$\{c \cdot 2^{n+2} + D(n+2)^2 \cdot 3^{n+2}\} - 6\{c \cdot 2^{n+1} + D(n+1)^2 \cdot 3^{n+1}\} + 9\{c \cdot 2^n + Dn^2 \cdot 3^n\} = 3 \cdot 2^n + 7 \cdot 3^n.$$

Equating the corresponding terms on both sides, we get.

$$c \cdot 2^2 - 6c \cdot 2 + 9c = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad D(n+2)^2 \cdot 3^2 - 6D(n+1)^2 \cdot 3 + 9Dn^2 = 7.$$

$$\text{These give } c = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad D = \frac{7}{9(n+2)^2 - 18(n+1)^2 + 9n^2} = \frac{7}{18}.$$

Sub. the values of  $c$  and  $D$  in (5), we get

$$a_n^{(p)} = 3 \cdot 2^n + \frac{7n^2}{18} \cdot 3^n.$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of given relation is  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

$$a_n = (A + Bn + \frac{7}{18}n^2) \cdot 3^n + 3 \cdot 2^n. \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Given that  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 4$

$$\text{From (6), we get } 1 = A + 3 \implies A = -2.$$

$$4 = (A + B + \frac{7}{18}) \cdot 3 + (3 \cdot 2).$$

$$B = \frac{17}{18}.$$

$$\therefore a_n = \left( \frac{7}{18}n^2 + \frac{17}{18}n - 2 \right) \cdot 3^n + 3 \cdot 2^n.$$

Solve the recurrence relation  $a_n + 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = 42(4)^n$ . (2)

Sol:- Given that the recurrence relation  $a_n + 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = 42(4)^n$  for  $n \geq 2$  (1)

The homogeneous form of given relation is  $a_n + 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = 0$  (2)

Let the solution of the relation (2) in the form  $a_n = ck^n$  (3)

Sub. (3) in (2), we get  $ck^n + 5ck^{n-1} + 6ck^{n-2} = 0$ .

$$ck^n [1 + 5k^{-1} + 6k^{-2}] = 0.$$

$$ck^n [k^2 + 5k + 6] = 0.$$

$$ck^n \neq 0 \quad k^2 + 5k + 6 = 0.$$

This is the characteristic equation of relation (2).

$$(k+2)(k+3) = 0$$

$$k = -2, -3.$$

The roots are real and distinct.

$\therefore$  The general solution of (2) is  $a_n^{(h)} = A_1(-2)^n + A_2(-3)^n$

Where  $A_1, A_2$  are arbitrary constants.

$$\text{Let } a_n^{(p)} = A4^n$$

$$a_{n-1}^{(p)} = A4^{n-1} \quad a_{n-2}^{(p)} = A4^{n-2}$$

Sub. these values in the recurrence relation

$$A4^n + 5A4^{n-1} + 6A4^{n-2} = 42 \cdot 4^n.$$

$$A4^n (1 + 5 \cdot 4^{-1} + 6 \cdot 4^{-2}) = 42A^n$$

$$A4^n \left( 1 + \frac{5}{4} + \frac{6}{16} \right) = 42 \cdot 4^n$$

$$A \left( \frac{16 + 20 + 6}{16} \right) = 42$$

$$A = 16.$$

$$a_n^{(p)} = 16 \cdot 4^n.$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of (1) is  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$   
i.e.  $a_n = A_1(-2)^n + A_2(-3)^n + 16(4)^n$



Solve the recurrence relation:  $a_{n+2} + 4a_n = 6 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + 3 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$ .

Sol:- The given recurrence relation is

$$a_{n+2} + 4a_n = 6 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + 3 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

The homogeneous part of the relation (1) is  $a_{n+2} + 4a_n = 0$  --- (2)

Let the solution of the relation (2) is in the form  $a_n = c \cdot k^n$  --- (3)  
where  $c \neq 0$   $k \neq 0$ .

Sub. (3) in (2), we get.

$$c \cdot k^{n+2} + 4c \cdot k^n = 0$$

$$c \cdot k^n (k^2 + 4) = 0$$

$$c \cdot k^n \neq 0 \quad k^2 + 4 = 0$$

which characteristic eqn of (2)

$$(k+2i)(k-2i)$$

$$k = 2i, -2i$$

The roots are imaginary.

The general solution of the relation (2) is  $a_n^{(h)} = 2^n [A \cos n\theta + B \sin n\theta]$

where  $A, B$  are constants  $\delta = |2i| = 2$   $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{2}\right) = \tan^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(h)} = 2^n \left[ A \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + B \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right]$$

Suppose  $a_n^{(p)}$  = We observe that R.H.S of eqn (1) is of the form  $c \sin n\theta$  ( $\cos$ )  $c \cos n\theta$ .

We take  $a_n^{(p)}$  is in the form  $a_n^{(p)} = A_1 \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + A_2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$

$$a_{n+1}^{(p)} = A_1 \cos\left((n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + A_2 \sin\left((n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$a_{n+1}^{(p)} = -A_1 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + A_2 \cos \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$a_{n+2}^{(p)} = A_1 \cos\left((n+2)\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + A_2 \sin\left((n+2)\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= -A_1 \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + A_2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

We observe that R.H.S of equation (1) is of the form  $e \cos n\theta$ .

We take  $a_n^{(p)}$  is in the form

$$a_n^{(p)} = A_2 \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1}^{(p)} &= A \cos\left(\frac{3\pi(n+1)}{4}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{3\pi(n+1)}{4}\right) \\ &= \frac{A}{\sqrt{2}} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi n}{4}\right) - \frac{A}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi n}{4}\right) - \frac{B}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\frac{3\pi n}{4} + \\ &\quad \frac{B}{\sqrt{2}} \cos\frac{3\pi n}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

$$a_{n+2}^{(p)} = A_1 \cos\frac{3\pi(n+2)}{4} + A_2 \sin\frac{3\pi(n+2)}{4}.$$

$$a_{n+2}^{(p)} = A_1 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi n}{4}\right) - A_2 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi n}{4}\right).$$

Sub. these values in (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ A_1 \sin\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) - A_2 \sin\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) \right] + 2 \left[ \frac{A_1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) - \frac{A_1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) - \frac{A_2}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) + \right. \\ \left. \frac{A_2}{\sqrt{2}} \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) \right] + 2 \left[ A_1 \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) + A_2 \sin\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) \right] = \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the corresponding terms both sides, we get

$$A_1 - A_2 - \sqrt{2}A_1 - \sqrt{2}A_2 + 2A_2 = 0.$$

$$(1 - \sqrt{2})A_1 + (1 - \sqrt{2})A_2 = 0 \implies A_1 + A_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

$$\sqrt{2}A_1 + \sqrt{2}A_2 + 2A_1 = 1.$$

$$2A_1 + 2\sqrt{2}A_2 = 1 \implies 2(A_1 + \sqrt{2}A_2) = 1$$

$$A_1 + \sqrt{2}A_2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{--- (b)}$$

Solving (a) and (b), we get

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

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

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2(1-\sqrt{2})}$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = \frac{1}{2(1-\sqrt{2})} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) \right].$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of (1) is  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left[ A_1 \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) + A_2 \sin\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) \right] + \frac{1}{2(1-\sqrt{2})} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) \right]$$

Sub. these values in (1), we get

$$-A_1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - A_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + 4A_1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + 4A_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 6 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + 3 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$  and  $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$  both sides.

$$3A_1 = 6 \Rightarrow A_1 = 2 \quad 3A_2 = 3 \Rightarrow A_2 = 1.$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = 2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of (1) is  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

$$a_n = 2^n \left[ A_1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + A_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right] + 2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

Solve the recurrence relation  $a_{n+2} + 2a_{n+1} + 2a_n = \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right)$ .

Sol: Given that  $a_{n+2} + 2a_{n+1} + 2a_n = \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right)$ . — (1)

The homogeneous part of the relation (1) is  $a_{n+2} + 2a_{n+1} + 2a_n = 0$ . — (2)

Let the solution of the relation (1) is in the form  $a_n = ck^n$  — (3)  
Where  $c \neq 0$   $k \neq 0$ .

Sub. (3) in (2), we get

$$ck^{n+2} + 2ck^{n+1} + 2ck^n = 0$$

$$ck^n (k^2 + 2k + 2) = 0$$

$$ck^n \neq 0 \quad k^2 + 2k + 2 = 0$$

Which is the characteristic equation of relation (1).

$$k = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} = -1 \pm i$$

$$|k| = |-1 + i| = \sqrt{2} = 2^{1/2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = \tan^{-1}(-1) = \tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of (2) is  $a_n^{(h)} = 2^{n/2} \left( A_1 \cos\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) + A_2 \sin\left(\frac{3n\pi}{4}\right) \right)$

Solve the recurrence relation  $a_{n+2} + 4a_n = 2^n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$ . (5)

Sol: Given that  $a_{n+2} + 4a_n = 2^n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$  — (1)

The homogeneous part of the relation (1) is  $a_{n+2} + 4a_n = 0$  — (2)

Let the solution of relation (2) is in the form  $a_n = c k^n$  — (3)  
where  $c \neq 0$   $k \neq 0$ .

Sub. (3) in (2), we get

$$c k^{n+2} + 4c k^n = 0$$

$$c k^n (k^2 + 4) = 0$$

$$c k^n \neq 0 \quad k^2 + 4 = 0$$

Which is the characteristic equation of (1).

$$k = \pm 2i$$

The roots are imaginary.

The general solution (1) is  $a_n^{(h)} = 2^n \left[ A_1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + A_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right]$

$$\left[ \because \gamma = \sqrt{0+4} = 2 \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{0}\right) = \tan^{-1}(\infty) = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

We observe that R.H.S of equation is of the form  $2^n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$  i.e.  $\gamma^n \cos n\theta$

We take  $a_n^{(p)}$  is in the form

$$a_n^{(p)} = n \cdot 2^n \left[ A_1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + A_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$

( $\because 2^n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$  is a root of solution of characteristic equation)

$$a_{n+1}^{(p)} = (n+1) 2^{n+1} \left[ A_1 \cos\left((n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + A_2 \sin\left((n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$a_{n+2}^{(p)} = (n+2) 2^{n+2} \left[ A_1 \cos\left((n+2)\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + A_2 \sin\left((n+2)\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$
$$= (n+2) 2^{n+2} \left[ -A_1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - A_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$

Sub. these values in (1), we get

$$(n+2) 2^{n+2} \left[ -A_1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - A_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right] + 4n 2^n \left[ A_1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + A_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$
$$= 2^n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

comparing the coefficients of  $\cos(\frac{n\pi}{2})$  and  $\sin(\frac{n\pi}{2})$  both sides, we get

$$-8A_1 = 1 \Rightarrow A_1 = -\frac{1}{8} \quad -8A_2 = 0 \Rightarrow A_2 = 0.$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = -n 2^n \frac{1}{8} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right).$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of (1) is  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$ .

$$a_n = 2^n \left[ A_1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) + A_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right] - \frac{2^n n}{8} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right).$$

Find the generating functions for the following sequences

(a) 1, 2, 3, 4, ... (b) 1, -2, 3, -4, ... (c) 0, 1, 2, 3, ...

(d) 0, 1, -2, 3, -4, ...

sol: (a) Here  $a_0 = 1$   $a_1 = 2$   $a_2 = 3$   $a_3 = 4$  ...

A generating function for this sequence is given by.

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + \dots$$

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

$$f(x) = (1-x)^{-2}$$

(b) Here  $a_0 = 1$   $a_1 = -2$   $a_2 = 3$   $a_3 = -4$  ...

A generating function for this sequence is given by.

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + \dots$$

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

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

(c) Here  $a_0 = 0$   $a_1 = 1$   $a_2 = 2$   $a_3 = 3$   $a_4 = 4$  ...

A generating function for this sequence is given by.

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + \dots$$

$$= 0 + x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots$$

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

$$f(x) = x(1-x)^{-2}$$

(d) Here  $a_0 = 0$   $a_1 = 1$   $a_2 = -2$   $a_3 = 3$   $a_4 = -4$  ...

A generating function for this sequence is given by.

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + \dots$$

$$= 0 + x - 2x^2 + 3x^3 - 4x^4 + \dots$$

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

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

Find the generating functions for the following sequences.

(a)  $1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots$  (b)  $0^2, 1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots$  (c)  $1^3, 2^3, 3^3, \dots$  (d)  $0^3, 1^3, 2^3, 3^3, \dots$

sol: (a) The generating function for the sequence  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is  $x(1-x)^{-2}$

$$\text{i.e. } 0 + 1x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + \dots = x(1-x)^{-2}$$

Diff. w.r.t " $x$ ", we get

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

$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1+x}{(1-x)^3}$  is a generating function for the sequence  $1^2, 2^2, 3^2, 4^2, \dots$

(b) Here  $a_0 = 0^2$   $a_1 = 1^2$   $a_2 = 2^2$   $a_3 = 3^2, \dots$

The generating function for this sequence is given by

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

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

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

$$f(x) = x \cdot \frac{(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$$

$\therefore f(x) = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$  is a generating function for the sequence  $0^2, 1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots$

(c) The generating function for the sequence  $0^2, 1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots$  is  $\frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$

$$\text{i.e. } 0^2x + 1^2x + 2^2x^2 + 3^2x^3 + \dots = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3} = \frac{x^2+x}{(1-x)^3}$$

Diff. w.r.t " $x$ ", both sides, we get

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

$\therefore f(x) = \frac{x^2+4x+1}{(1-x)^4}$  is a generating function for the sequence

$1^3, 2^3, 3^3, 4^3, \dots$

(d) Given that  $0, 1, 2^3, 3^3, \dots$

$$a_0 = 0 \quad a_1 = 1^3 \quad a_2 = 2^3 \quad a_3 = 3^3 \dots$$

A generating function for this sequence is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots$$

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

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

$$f(x) = x \cdot \frac{x^2 + 4x + 1}{(1-x)^4} \quad \left[ \because 1 + 2^3 x + 3^3 x^2 + \dots = \frac{x^2 + 4x + 1}{(1-x)^4} \right]$$

This is the generating function for the sequence  $0, 1, 2^3, 3^3, \dots$

Find the generating function of  $\frac{1}{n!}$

Sol:- Let  $a_n = \frac{1}{n!}$

$$a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = 1 \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{2!} \quad a_3 = \frac{1}{3!} \dots$$

A generating function for this sequence is given by

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots$$

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

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

$\therefore$  A generating function of the sequence  $1, 1, \frac{1}{2!}, \frac{1}{3!}, \dots$  is  $e^x$

Find the generating function of the sequence  $a_n = n^2 + n$

Sol:- Given that  $a_n = n^2 + n$

The sequence is  $0, 1^2+1, 2^2+2, 3^2+3, \dots$

We can write this sequence as the sum of two sequences

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

Suppose generating function of the sequence  $u_n$  is  $g_1(x)$  and the generating function of the sequence  $u_n$  is  $g_2(x)$  then the generating function of

$$u_n = u_{n1} + u_{n2} \text{ is } g_1(x) + g_2(x)$$



$$g_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n x^n = 0 + x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots$$

$$g_1(x) = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$$

The generating function of  $0, 1, 2, \dots$  is

$$g_2(x) = x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + \dots = x(1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots)$$

$$g_2(x) = x(1-x)^{-2} = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$

The generating function of  $u_n = u_{n_1} + u_{n_2}$  is  $g_1(x) + g_2(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3} + \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} \\ &= \frac{x(1+x) + x(1-x)}{(1-x)^3} \end{aligned}$$

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

So the generating function of  $(n^2 + n)$  is  $\frac{2x}{(1-x)^3}$

Find the generating function of  $n^2 - 2$

sol:- Let  $a_n = n^2 - 2$

The sequence is  $0^2 - 2, 1^2 - 2, 2^2 - 2, 3^2 - 2, \dots$

We can write this sequence as the sum of two sequences.

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

Suppose generating function of the sequence  $a_{n_1}$  is  $g_1(x)$  and the generating function of the sequence  $a_{n_2}$  is  $g_2(x)$  then the generating function of  $a_n = a_{n_1} + a_{n_2}$  is  $g_1(x) + g_2(x)$

The generating function of  $0^2, 1^2, 2^2, \dots$  (or)  $n^2$  is  $g_1(x) = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$

The generating function of  $1, 1, 1, \dots$  is  $g_2(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$

So the generating function of  $n^2 - 2$  is  $g_1(x) - 2g_2(x)$  (2)

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

$\therefore$  The generating function of  $n^2 - 2$  is  $\frac{5x - x^2 - 2}{(1-x)^3}$

Find the generating function of  $(n-1)^2$ .

Sol: Let  $u_n = n^2 + 1 - 2n$ .

The generating function of  $u_n$  is the sum of three sequences  $0^2, 1^2, 2^2, \dots$ ,  $1, 1, 1, \dots$  and  $0, -2, -4, -6, \dots$

suppose generating function of the sequence  $u_{n_1}$  is  $g_1(x)$  and the generating function of the sequence  $u_{n_2}$  is  $g_2(x)$  and the generating function of the sequence  $u_{n_3}$  is  $g_3(x)$ .

Then the generating function of  $u_n = u_{n_1} + u_{n_2} + u_{n_3} = g_1(x) + g_2(x) + g_3(x)$ .

The generating function of  $n^2$  is  $g_1(x) = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$ .

The generating function of  $n$  is  $g_2(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$ .

The generating function of  $1$  is  $g_3(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ .

The generating function of  $(n-1)^2$  is  $g_1(x) - 2g_2(x) + g_3(x)$

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

Find the generating function of  $a^n$  ( $a$  is a constant)

sol: Let  $u_n = a^n$ .

The generating function of  $u_n$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (ax)^n \\ &= 1 + (ax) + (ax)^2 + (ax)^3 + \dots \\ &= (1 - ax)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - ax}$$

The generating function of  $a^n$  ( $a$  is constant) is  $\frac{1}{1 - ax}$ .

Find the generating function of  $na^n$  ( $a$  is a constant)

sol: Let  $u_n = na^n$ .

The generating function of  $na^n$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} na^n x^n \\ &= 0 + ax + 2a^2x^2 + 3a^3x^3 + 4a^4x^4 + \dots \\ &= x [a + 2a^2x + 3a^3x^2 + 4a^4x^3 + \dots] \\ &= x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [ax + a^2x^2 + a^3x^3 + a^4x^4 + \dots] \\ &= x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [(1 - ax)^{-1} - 1] \\ &= x \left[ \frac{d}{dx} (1 - ax)^{-1} - \frac{d}{dx} (1) \right] \\ &= x \cdot \frac{a}{(1 - ax)^2} - 0 = \frac{ax}{(1 - ax)^2} \end{aligned}$$

The generating function of  $na^n$  is  $\frac{ax}{(1 - ax)^2}$ .

Find the generating function of  $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$ .

sol: Let  $a_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$

The generating function of  $a_n$  is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \cdot x^n$$

$$= 0 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)x + \sin(\pi)x^2 + \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)x^3 + \dots$$

$$= x - x^3 + x^5 - x^7 + x^9 + \dots$$

[When  $n$  is even  $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 0$ , when  $n$  is  $4m-1$ ,  $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = -1$ .

when  $n$  is  $4m+1$   $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 1$  when  $n=1$   $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 1$ ]

$$= x [1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + x^8 - \dots]$$

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

$$= \frac{x}{1+x^2}$$

Find the generating function of  $\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$ .

sol: Let  $a_n = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$

The generating function of  $a_n$  is given by  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) x^n$$

$$= \cos 0 \cdot x^0 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cdot x + \cos(\pi) x^2 + \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \cdot x^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + x^8 + \dots$$

[ $\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 0$  when  $n$  is odd,  $\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = -1$  when  $n$  is  $4m-2$ .

$\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 1$  when  $n$  is  $4m$ .]

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

$\therefore$  The generating function of  $\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$  is  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$ .

Find the generating function of  $4^n + 2n$ .

Sol: Given that  $a_n = 4^n + 2n$ , The sequence is  $1+0, 4+2, 4^2+4, 4^3+6, \dots$

We can write this sequence as the sum of two sequences

$1, 4, 4^2, 4^3, \dots, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots$

Suppose generating function of the sequence  $u_n$  is  $g_1(x)$  and the generating function of the sequence  $u_{n2}$  is  $g_2(x)$  then the generating function

of  $u_n = u_{n1} + u_{n2}$  is  $g_1(x) + g_2(x)$

$$u(x) = 1 + 4x + 4^2x^2 + 4^3x^3 + \dots$$

$$g_1(x) = (1 - 4x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 - 4x}$$

$$g_2(x) = 0 + 2x + 4x^2 + 6x^3 + \dots$$

$$g_2(x) = 2x[1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots] = 2x(1-x)^{-2} = \frac{2x}{(1-x)^2}$$

$\therefore$  The generating function of  $4^n + 2n$  is

$$f(x) = g_1(x) + g_2(x)$$

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

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

$$= \frac{1+x^2-2x+2x-8x^2}{(1-4x)(1-x)^2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1-7x^2}{(1-4x)(1-x)^2}$$

$\therefore$  This is the generating function of  $4^n + 2n$ .

## Solving Recurrence Relations by Generating Functions : — 32

### Method of generating functions for first order recurrence relations : —

Suppose the recurrence relation to be solved is of the form

$$a_n = c a_{n-1} + F(n) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

or equivalently  $a_{n+1} = c a_n + \phi(n)$  for  $n \geq 0$  — (1)

Where  $c$  is a constant and  $\phi(n) = F(n+1)$  is a given function of  $n$ .

Let us multiply both sides of the relation (1) by  $x^{n+1}$  :

$$a_{n+1} x^{n+1} = c a_n x^{n+1} + \phi(n) x^{n+1}.$$

Taking the sum of all the relations got from this relation for  $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$

we obtain 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} x^{n+1} = c \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^{n+1}.$$

This can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n - c x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n.$$

$$\left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n - a_0 \right] - c x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n.$$

$$(1-cx) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

If  $f(x)$  is a generating function for the sequence

$\langle a_n \rangle = \langle a_n \rangle = a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  then we have  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  — (3)

Here, we say that  $f(x)$  is a generating function for the recurrence relation (1).

In the recurrence relation (1),  $\phi(n)$  is a known function of  $n$ .

If we set  $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n$  — (4), then  $g(x)$  is a generating

function for the sequence  $\langle \phi(n) \rangle = \phi(0), \phi(1), \phi(2), \dots$  — (5)

Using (3) and (4) in (2), we obtain  $(1-cx)f(x) = a_0 + xg(x)$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0 + xg(x)}{1-cx} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

When a generating function  $g(x)$  of the sequence (5) is known, this expression determines the generating function  $f(x)$  for the recurrence relation (1). This function is unique for a specified  $a_0$ .

Since  $a_n$  is the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $f(x)$ , as is evident from (3), the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the RHS of (6) determines  $a_n$ . Thus the relation (1) is solved.

The generating function for the recurrence relation  $a_{n+1} - a_n = 3^n, n \geq 0$  and  $a_0 = 1$ . Hence solve the relation.

Sol: Given that the recurrence relation  $a_{n+1} = a_n + 3^n, n \geq 0$ . — (1)

Compare the given recurrence relation with  $a_{n+1} = ca_n + \phi(n)$  — (2) for  $n \geq 0$

$$\text{Here } c=1 \quad \phi(n) = 3^n$$

$\therefore$  The generating function for the relation is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0 + x g(x)}{1 - cx} \quad \text{where } g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n$$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0 + x g(x)}{1 - x} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{H} \quad g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n \cdot x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (3x)^n$$

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

$$g(x) = (1 - 3x)^{-1}$$

Given that  $a_0 = 1$ .

$$\text{From (3), } f(x) = \frac{1 + x(1 - 3x)^{-1}}{(1 - x)}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{(1 - 3x) + x}{(1 - 3x)(1 - x)} = \frac{1 - 2x}{(1 - 3x)(1 - x)} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

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

for  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$* \quad (1-2x) = A(1-3x) + B(1-x).$$

Equating the corresponding coefficients in this, we get

$$A+B=1 \quad -2 = -3A-B$$

Solving these, we get  $A=B=\frac{1}{2}$

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

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

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

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

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (3x)^n \right]$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n + (3x)^n \right] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1+3^n) x^n$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1+3^n) x^n$$

Since  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$

We find that  $a_n = \frac{1}{2} (1+3^n)$

Find a generating function for the recurrence relation  $a_{n+1} - a_n = n^2, n \geq 0$  and  $a_0 = 1$ . Hence solve it.

sol:- Given that  $a_{n+1} = a_n + n^2, n \geq 0$ .

The given relation is of the form  $a_{n+1} = ca_n + \phi(n)$ .

where  $c=1$  and  $\phi(n) = n^2$ .

$\therefore$  A generating function for the relation is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0 + xg(x)}{1-cx} \quad \text{where } g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1+xg(x)}{1-x}$$



$$g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 x^n.$$

This means that  $g(x)$  is a generating function for the sequence.

$$\langle n^2 \rangle = 0^2, 1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)}$$

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

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

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

This is the generating function for the given relation.

$$f(x) = (1-3x+4x^2)(1-x)^{-4}.$$

Wkt If  $n$  is a positive integer  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r.$

$$f(x) = (1-3x+4x^2) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{4+r-1}{r} x^r$$

$$= (1-3x+4x^2) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r}{r} x^r$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r}{r} x^r - 3 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r}{r} x^{r+1} + 4 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r}{r} x^{r+2}.$$

$$\text{Since } f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

We find that  $a_n =$  coefficient of  $x^n$  in the R.H.S. of (i).

$$= \binom{3+n}{n} - 3 \binom{3+n-1}{n-1} + 4 \binom{3+n-2}{n-2}$$

$$a_n = \binom{n+3}{n} - 3 \binom{n+2}{n-1} + 4 \binom{n+1}{n-2}.$$

$$a_n = \frac{(n+3)!}{n! 3!} - 3 \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-1)! 3!} + 4 \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-2)! 3!}.$$

$$a_n = \frac{(n+3)(n+2)(n+1)n!}{n! 3!} - 3 \frac{(n+2)(n+1)n(n-1)!}{(n-1)! 3!} + 4 \frac{(n+1)n(n-1)(n-2)!}{(n-2)! 3!}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)}{6} [(n^2 + 5n + 6) - 3(n^2 + 2n) + 4(n^2 - n)]$$

$$a_n = \frac{(n+1)}{6} (2n^2 - 5n + 6)$$

∴ This is the required solution.

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## Method of generating functions for second order Recurrence Relations:

Suppose the recurrence relation to be solved is of the form.

$$a_n + A a_{n-1} + B a_{n-2} = F(n) \quad \text{for } n \geq 2.$$

$$\text{or equivalently } a_{n+2} + A a_{n+1} + B a_n = \phi(n) \quad \text{for } n \geq 0. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Where  $A$  and  $B$  are known constants and  $\phi(n) = F(n+2)$  is a specified function.

Let us multiply both sides of the relation (1) by  $x^{n+2}$  and take the sum of all the resulting relations that correspond to  $n=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Then,

$$\text{we obtain. } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+2} x^{n+2} + A \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} x^{n+2} + B \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^{n+2}.$$

This may be rewritten as

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n x^n + A x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n + B x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n.$$

$$\left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n - a_0 - a_1 x \right) + A x \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n - a_0 \right) + B x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n.$$

$$(1 + Ax + Bx^2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + (a_1 + a_0 A)x + x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Let  $f(x)$  be a generating function for the sequence  $\langle a_n \rangle$  for which (1) is the recurrence relation. Then, we have.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n. \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Here we say that  $f(x)$  is a generating function for the relation (1).

In the relation (1),  $\phi(n)$  is a known function of  $n$ .

$$\text{If we set } g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) x^n \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

then  $g(x)$  is a generating function for the sequence  $\langle \phi(n) \rangle = \phi(0), \phi(1), \dots$  --- (5)

Sub. (3) and (4) in (2), we get

$$(1 + Ax + Bx^2) f(x) = a_0 + (a_1 + a_0 A)x + x^2 g(x).$$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0 + (a_1 + a_0 A)x + x^2 g(x)}{1 + Ax + Bx^2} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

When the generating function  $g(x)$  of the sequence (5) is known, this expression determines the generating function  $f(x)$  for the recurrence relation (1). This function is unique for specified  $a_0$  and  $a_1$ . Since  $a_n$  is the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $f(x)$ , as is evident from (6), the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the RHS of (6) determines  $a_n$ . Thus the relation (1) is solved.

Note:- If the relation (1) is homogeneous, that is if  $\phi(n) = 0$  then  $g(x) = 0$  and expression (6) becomes  $f(x) = \frac{a_0 + (a_1 + a_0 A)x}{1 + Ax + Bx^2}$  --- (7).

Solve the recurrence relation  $a_{n+2} - 2a_{n+1} + a_n = 2^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . and  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 2$  by the method of generating function. (5)

Sol:- Given that the recurrence relation  $a_{n+2} - 2a_{n+1} + a_n = 2^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . (1)

Compare the relation (1) with  $a_{n+2} + Aa_{n+1} + Ba_n = \phi(n)$ .

$$A = -2 \quad B = 1 \quad \phi(n) = 2^n$$

$\therefore$  The generating function for the given relation is.

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0 + (a_1 + a_0 A)x + x^2 g(x)}{1 + Ax + Bx^2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0 + (a_1 - 2a_0)x + x^2 g(x)}{1 - 2x + x^2}$$

$$\text{We have } a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = 2$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1 + x^2 g(x)}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$\text{Here } g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) \cdot x^n$$

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n \cdot x^n = 1 + (2x)^1 + (2x)^2 + \dots$$

$$g(x) = (1 - 2x)^{-1}$$

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

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

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-2x}$$

This is the generating function for the given relation.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-2x} = (1-2x)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2x)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n \cdot x^n$$

$$\text{since } f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$\therefore a_n = 2^n$ . This is the required solution.

Using generating function, solve  $a_{n+2} - 4a_{n+1} + 3a_n = 0$ , given  $a_0 = 2, a_1 = 4$ .

Sol: Given that the relation  $a_{n+2} - 4a_{n+1} + 3a_n = 0$  — (1) for  $n \geq 0$ .

Compare the relation (1) with  $a_{n+2} + Aa_{n+1} + Ba_n = \phi(n)$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

$$A = -4 \quad B = 3 \quad \phi(n) = 0.$$

$\therefore$  A generating function for the relation is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0 + (a_1 + a_0 A)x}{1 + Ax + Bx^2}$$

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

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

$$f(x) = \frac{A}{1-3x}$$

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

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

Put  $x = 0$ , Then  $B = 1$ .

Put  $x = \frac{1}{3}$  Then  $A = 1$ .

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

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

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (3x)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (3^n x^n + x^n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1+3^n) x^n$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1+3^n) x^n$$

Since  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$

$$a_n = 1 + 3^n$$

This is the solution of the given relation.

Find the generating function for the Fibonacci sequence  $\langle F_n \rangle$  and hence obtain an expression for  $F_n$ . (5)

Sol: We know the Fibonacci sequence is defined through the recurrence

relation is:  $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$  for  $n \geq 0$  with  $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$ .

This relation is homogeneous and the coefficients of  $F_{n+1}$  and  $F_n$  are constants.

Compare the given relation with  $a_{n+2} + Aa_{n+1} + Ba_n = \phi(n)$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

$$A = -1 \quad B = -1 \quad \phi(n) = 0$$

The generating function for  $F_n$  is

$$f(x) = \frac{F_0 + (F_1 + F_0 A)x}{1 + Ax + Bx^2} = \frac{0 + (1 + 0 \cdot (-1))x}{1 - x - x^2}$$

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

We note that the roots of  $x^2 + x - 1 = 0$  are

$$\alpha, \beta = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(-1 \pm \sqrt{5})$$

So that  $x^2 + x - 1 = (x - \alpha)(x - \beta)$ .

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \frac{-x}{x^2 + x - 1} = \frac{A}{x - \alpha} + \frac{B}{x - \beta}$$

$$-x = A(x - \beta) + B(x - \alpha)$$

$$\text{Put } x = \alpha, \quad A = \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \quad \text{Put } x = \beta, \quad B = \frac{\beta}{\alpha - \beta}$$

With  $A$  and  $B$  determined as above, we have

$$f(x) = \frac{A}{x - \alpha} + \frac{B}{x - \beta}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{-A}{\alpha(1-\frac{x}{\alpha})} - B \frac{1}{B(1-\frac{x}{B})} \\
 &= -\frac{A}{\alpha} \left(1-\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^{-1} - \frac{B}{B} \left(1-\frac{x}{B}\right)^{-1} \\
 &= -\frac{A}{\alpha} \left[1 + \frac{x}{\alpha} + \left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^2 + \dots\right] - \frac{B}{B} \left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{B}\right) + \left(\frac{x}{B}\right)^2 + \dots\right] \\
 &= -\frac{A}{\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^n - \frac{B}{B} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{B}\right)^n \\
 &= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{A}{\alpha^{n+1}} + \frac{B}{B^{n+1}}\right) x^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(x)$  is the generating function for  $F_n$ , the coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $f(x)$  is equal to  $F_n$ .

$$F_n = -\left(\frac{A}{\alpha^{n+1}} + \frac{B}{B^{n+1}}\right) = -\frac{1}{(\alpha B)^n} \left[\frac{A B^n}{\alpha} + \frac{B \alpha^n}{B}\right]$$

$$F_n = -\frac{1}{(-1)^n} \left[\frac{1}{(B-\alpha)} B^n + \frac{1}{(\alpha-B)} \alpha^n\right]$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{5}} (B^n - \alpha^n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[(-B)^n - (-\alpha)^n\right]$$

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

Which is the required solution of given recurrence relation.

$$\begin{cases}
 \therefore B = \frac{-1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \\
 \alpha = \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \\
 B - \alpha = -\sqrt{5} \\
 \alpha B = -1.
 \end{cases}$$

## A Counting Technique:

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Suppose we wish to determine the number of integer solutions of the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n = r$  where  $n \geq r \geq 0$  under the constraints

that  $x_1$  can take the integer values  $p_{11}, p_{12}, p_{13}, \dots$

$x_2$  can take the integer values  $p_{21}, p_{22}, p_{23}, \dots$

$x_n$  can take the integer values  $p_{n1}, p_{n2}, p_{n3}, \dots$

To solve this problem we first define the functions  $f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)$  as follows.

$$f_1(x) = x^{p_{11}} + x^{p_{12}} + x^{p_{13}} + \dots$$

$$f_2(x) = x^{p_{21}} + x^{p_{22}} + x^{p_{23}} + \dots$$

$$f_n(x) = x^{p_{n1}} + x^{p_{n2}} + x^{p_{n3}} + \dots$$

We then consider the function  $f(x)$  defined by

$$f(x) = f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x) \cdot f_3(x) \cdot \dots \cdot f_n(x)$$

and determine the coefficient of  $x^r$  in this function.

This coefficient happens to be equal to the number of solutions that we desired to find. The function  $f(x)$  is called the generating function for the problem.

- (1) Using generating function, find the number of (i) non negative and (ii) positive integer solutions of the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 25$ .

Sol: (i) In the case of non negative integer solutions  $x_i$ 's can take the values  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\text{Let us take } f_1(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + x^3 + \dots, f_2(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + \dots$$

$$f_3(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + x^3 + \dots, f_4(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + \dots$$

$\therefore$  The generating function is

$$f(x) = f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x) \cdot f_3(x) \cdot f_4(x)$$

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

$$f(x) = [(1-x)^{-1}]^4 = (1-x)^{-4} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

We know that if  $n$  is a positive integer,  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$ .

The coefficient of  $x^{25}$  in ① is  $\binom{4+25-1}{25} = \binom{28}{25} = \frac{28!}{25!3!} = 3276$ .

∴ The given equation has 3276 non -ve integer solutions.

(ii) Given that  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 25$ .

In the case of positive integer solutions  $x_i$ 's can take the values

1, 2, 3, 4, ...

$$\text{Let us take } f_1(x) = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \quad f_2(x) = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$f_3(x) = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \quad f_4(x) = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

∴ The generating function is

$$f(x) = f_1(x) f_2(x) \cdot f_3(x) f_4(x)$$

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

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

$$f(x) = x^4 [(1-x)^{-1}]^4 = x^4 (1-x)^{-4} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

We know that If  $n$  is a positive integer,  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$ .

The coefficient of  $x^{25}$  in ① is  $\binom{4+21-1}{21} = \binom{24}{21} = \frac{24!}{21!3!} = 2024$ .

∴ The given equation has 2024 positive integer solutions.

Find the generating function for the number of integer solutions to the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 20$ . Where  $-3 \leq x_1$ ,  $-3 \leq x_2$ ,  $-5 \leq x_3 \leq 5$  and  $0 \leq x_4$ . Hence find the number of such solutions. (29)

sol. Given that  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 20$  — (1)

$$-3 \leq x_1, -3 \leq x_2, -5 \leq x_3 \leq 5, 0 \leq x_4$$

Let us set  $y_1 = x_1 + 3$ ,  $y_2 = x_2 + 3$ ,  $y_3 = x_3 + 5$ ,  $y_4 = x_4$  — (2)

Then  $y_1 \geq 0$ ,  $y_2 \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq y_3 \leq 10$ ,  $y_4 \geq 0$ . — (3)

Sub (2) in (1), we get

$$(y_1 - 3) + (y_2 - 3) + (y_3 - 5) + y_4 = 20$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 = 31. \text{ — (4)}$$

Thus the number integer solutions of the given equation under the given constraints is equal to the number of integer solutions of equation (4) under the constraints (3).

Let us take  $f_1(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + \dots = (1-x)^{-1}$

$$f_2(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + \dots = (1-x)^{-1}$$

$$f_3(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + \dots + x^{10}$$

$$f_4(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + \dots = (1-x)^{-1}$$

$\therefore$  The generating function is

$$f(x) = f_1(x) f_2(x) f_3(x) f_4(x) = (1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{10}) (1-x)^{-3}$$

We know that if  $n$  is a +ve integer  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+\delta-1}{\delta} x^{\delta}$ .

$$f(x) = (1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{10}) \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+\delta-1}{\delta} x^{\delta}$$

$$f(x) = (1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{10}) \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+\delta}{\delta} x^{\delta} \text{ — (5)}$$

The coefficient of  $x^3$  in (5) is

$$\binom{33}{31} + \binom{32}{30} + \binom{31}{29} + \dots + \binom{23}{21}$$

This is the required number of solutions.

In how many ways can 12 oranges be distributed among three children A, B, C so that A gets at least four, B and C get at least two but "C" gets at least two but C gets no more than five?

Sol- Let  $x_1$  be the number of oranges which A can get,  $x_2$  be the number of oranges which B can get, and  $x_3$  be the number of oranges which C can get.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = \text{Total no. of oranges} = 12 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

From the given constraints we note that  $x_1 \geq 4$ ,  $x_2 \geq 2$ ,  $2 \leq x_3 \leq 5$  --- (2).  
The required number is equal to the number of integer solutions of the equation (1) under the constraints (2).

$$\text{Let us take } f_1(x) = x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + \dots$$

$$f_2(x) = x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots$$

$$f_3(x) = x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5$$

$\therefore$  The generating function is

$$f(x) = f_1(x) f_2(x) f_3(x)$$

$$= (x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + \dots)(x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots)(x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5)$$

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

$$= x^8(1-x)^{-1}(1-x)^{-1}(1+x+x^2+x^3)$$

$$= x^8(1+x+x^2+x^3)(1-x)^{-2}$$

$$= (x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{11})(1-x)^{-2} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

We know that If  $n$  is a positive integer,  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$

The coefficient of  $x^{12}$  in (3) is

$$= (x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{11}) \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r-1}{r} x^r \right\}$$

$$= (x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{11}) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{1+r}{r} x^r$$

The coefficient of  $x^{12}$  is

$$\binom{4+1}{4} + \binom{3+1}{3} + \binom{2+1}{2} + \binom{1+1}{1} = 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 = 14$$

$\therefore$  There are 14 ways of making the distribution

In  $(1+x^5+x^9)^{10}$  find (a) the coefficient of  $x^{23}$  (b) the coefficient of  $x^{32}$

sol: Given that  $(1+x^5+x^9)^{10}$ .

(i) To find the coefficient of  $x^{23}$ .

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 23.$$

$$e_i = 0, 5, 9.$$

The coefficient of  $x^{23}$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 5, 9$ .

When we take two 9's, one 5 and seven 0's.

Hence the coefficient of  $x^{23}$  in  $(1+x^5+x^9)^{10}$  is  $\frac{10!}{2!1!7!}$ .

(ii) To find the coefficient of  $x^{32}$ .

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 32.$$

$$e_i = 0, 5, 9.$$

The coefficient of  $x^{32}$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 5, 9$ .

When we take three 9's, one 5 and six 0's.

Hence the coefficient of  $x^{32}$  in  $(1+x^5+x^9)^{10}$  is  $\frac{10!}{3!1!6!}$ .

→ Determine the coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $(a+bx+cx^2)^{10}$ .

sol: Given that  $(a+bx+cx^2)^{10}$ .

To find the coefficient of  $x^5$ .

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 5.$$

$$e_i = 0, 1, 2 \quad e_i \text{ takes the values } 0, 1, 2.$$

The coefficient of  $x^5$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 1, 2$ .

(i) When we take two 2's, one 1, and seven 0's. i.e.  $\frac{10!}{2!1!7!} a^7 c^2 b$ .

(ii) When we take three 1's, one 2 and six 0's. i.e.  $\frac{10!}{3!1!6!} b^3 c a^6$ .

(iii) When we take five 0's, five 1's. i.e.  $\frac{10!}{5!5!} a^5 b^5$ .

Hence the coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $(a+bx+cx^2)^{10}$  is

$$\frac{10!}{2!1!7!} a^7 b c^2 + \frac{10!}{6!3!1!} a^6 b^3 c + \frac{10!}{5!5!} a^5 b^5.$$

Find the coefficient of  $x^{14}$  in  $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^{10}$ .

Sol: Given that  $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^{10}$ .

To find the coefficient of  $x^{14}$

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 14.$$

$e_i = 0, 1, 2, 3$  i.e.  $e_i$  takes the values  $0, 1, 2, 3$ .

The coefficient of  $x^{14}$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

(i) when we take five 0's, one 2, four 3's i.e.  $\frac{10!}{5!1!4!}$

(ii) when we take four 0's one 1, two 4's three 3's i.e.  $\frac{10!}{4!1!2!3!}$

(iii) when we take three 0's and seven 2's i.e.  $\frac{10!}{3!7!}$

Hence the coefficient of  $x^{14}$  in  $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^{10}$  is

$$= \frac{10!}{5!1!4!} + \frac{10!}{4!1!2!3!} + \frac{10!}{3!7!}$$

Find a generating function for  $a_n =$  The number of non negative integral solutions of  $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4 + e_5 = n$  where  $0 \leq e_1 \leq 3$ ,  $0 \leq e_2 \leq 3$ ,  $2 \leq e_3 \leq 6$ ,  $2 \leq e_4 \leq 6$ ,  $e_5$  is odd and  $1 \leq e_5 \leq 9$ . (1)

sol: Given that  $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4 + e_5 = n$ .

The given constraints are  $0 \leq e_1 \leq 3$ ,  $0 \leq e_2 \leq 3$ ,  $2 \leq e_3 \leq 6$ ,  $2 \leq e_4 \leq 6$ ,  $e_5$  is odd and  $1 \leq e_5 \leq 9$ .

$e_1, e_2$  can take the values 0, 1, 2, 3,

$e_3, e_4$  can take the values, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

$e_5$  is odd and  $1 \leq e_5 \leq 9$ ,  $e_5$  can take the values 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.

Let us take  $f_1(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + x^3 = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3$ .

$f_2(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + x^3 = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3$

$f_3(x) = x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6$

$f_4(x) = x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6$

$f_5(x) = x^1 + x^3 + x^5 + x^7 + x^9$ .

The generating function for the sequence  $a_n$  is given by.

$$f(x) = f_1(x) f_2(x) f_3(x) f_4(x) f_5(x)$$

$$= (1+x+x^2+x^3)(1+x+x^2+x^3)(x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5+x^6)(x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5+x^6)(x+x^3+x^5+x^7+x^9)$$

$$= (1+x+x^2+x^3)^2 x^5 (1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4)^2 (1+x^2+x^4+x^6+x^8)$$

$$= x^5 (1+x+x^2+x^3)^2 (1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4)^2 (1+x^2+x^4+x^6+x^8) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

We know that  $1+x+x^2+\dots+x^n = \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x}$ .

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

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

sub. (2), (3) in (1), we get

$$f(x) = x^5 \left(\frac{1-x^4}{1-x}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1-x^5}{1-x}\right)^2 (1+x^2+x^4+x^6+x^8)$$



$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{x^5 (1-x^4)^2 (1-x^5)^2}{(1-x)^4} (1+x^2+x^4+x^6+x^8)$$

Find a generating function for  $a_n =$  the number of ways of distributing 5 similar balls into  $n$ -numbered boxes where each box is non empty.

Sol: The generating function for  $a_n =$  the number of ways of distributing 5 similar balls into  $n$ -numbered boxes.

Let an integral solution of an equation by counting the number of integral solutions to  $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_n = 5$  where each  $e_i \geq 1$ .

$\therefore$  Each box is nonempty

Here  $e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n$  can take the values 1, 2, 3, ...

$$\text{Let } f_1(x) = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$f_2(x) = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

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

The generating function for the sequence  $a_n$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f_1(x) f_2(x) f_3(x) \dots f_n(x) \\ &= (x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots)(x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) \dots (x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) \\ &= (x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots)^n \\ &= x^n (1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^n \\ &= x^n (1-x)^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = x^n (1-x)^{-n}$$

which is the required generating function.

Write the generating function for  $a_r = \frac{(-1)^r (r+2)(r+1)}{r!}$

(2)

Sol: Given that  $a_r = \frac{(-1)^r (r+2)(r+1)}{r!}$

The generating function  $f(x)$  for the sequence  $a_r$  is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r \cdot x^r$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r (r+2)(r+1)}{r!} x^r \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$a_r = \frac{(-1)^r (r+2)(r+1)}{r!}$$

$$r=0, a_0 = \frac{(-1)^0 2 \cdot 1}{0!} \quad r=1, a_1 = \frac{(-1)^1 (1+2)(1+1)}{1!} = -\frac{3 \cdot 2}{1}$$

$$r=2, a_2 = \frac{(-1)^2 (2+2)(2+1)}{2!} = \frac{4 \cdot 3}{2!} \quad r=3, a_3 = \frac{(-1)^3 (3+2)(3+1)}{3!} = -\frac{5 \cdot 4}{3!}$$

$$r=4, a_4 = \frac{(-1)^4 (4+2)(4+1)}{4!} = \frac{6 \cdot 5}{4!} \quad r=5, a_5 = \frac{(-1)^5 (5+2)(5+1)}{5!} = -\frac{7 \cdot 6}{5!}$$

Sub. all these values in (1), we get

$$f(x) = 2 - \frac{3 \cdot 2}{1} x + \frac{4 \cdot 3}{2!} x^2 + \frac{5 \cdot 4}{3!} x^3 + \frac{6 \cdot 5}{4!} x^4 - \frac{7 \cdot 6}{5!} x^5 + \dots$$

$$= 2 \left[ 1 - 3x + \frac{3 \cdot 2}{1 \cdot 2} x^2 + \frac{5 \cdot 2}{3!} x^3 + \frac{5 \cdot 3}{4!} x^4 - \frac{7 \cdot 3}{5!} x^5 + \dots \right]$$

Write a generating function for  $a_x$  where  $a_x$  is the number of integers between 0 and 999 whose sum of digits is  $x$ .

Sol: Given that  $a_x$  is the number of integers b/n 0 and 999.

Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are positions of the digits

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = x.$$

Here  $0 \leq x_1 \leq 9, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 9, 0 \leq x_3 \leq 9$ .

$$\text{Let us take } f_1(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + \dots + x^9$$

$$f_2(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + \dots + x^9$$

$$f_3(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + \dots + x^9$$

$\therefore$  The generating function is

$$f(x) = f_1(x) f_2(x) f_3(x)$$

$$= (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^9) (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^9) (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^9)$$

$$f(x) = (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^9)^3.$$

$$\text{We know that } 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n = \frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{1 - x}.$$

$$= \left( \frac{1 - x^{10}}{1 - x} \right)^3$$

$$= \frac{(1 - x^{10})^3}{(1 - x)^3}$$

$$f(x) = (1 - x^{10})^3 (1 - x)^{-3}.$$

Which is the required generating function for  $a_x$ .

Write a generating function for  $a_x$  when  $a_x$  is

(a) the number of ways of selecting  $x$  balls from 3 red balls, 5 blue balls, 7 white balls.

(b) the number of integers between 0 and 999 whose sum of digits is  $x$ .

Sol: (a). Let  $x_1$  be the number of red balls selecting,  $x_2$  be the no. of blue balls selecting and  $x_3$  be the no. of white balls selecting.

$$\text{Then } x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = x.$$

Here  $0 \leq x_1 \leq 3$ ,  $0 \leq x_2 \leq 5$ , and  $0 \leq x_3 \leq 7$ .

$$\text{Let us take } f_1(x) = x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + x^3$$

$$f_2(x) = x^0 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^5$$

$$f_3(x) = x^0 + x + \dots + x^7.$$

$\therefore$  The generating function is.

$$f(x) = f_1(x)f_2(x)f_3(x)$$

$$f(x) = (1+x+x^2+x^3)(1+x+x^2+\dots+x^5)(1+x+\dots+x^7)$$

(b). Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are digits. Then  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = x$ .

Here  $0 \leq x_1 \leq 9$ ,  $0 \leq x_2 \leq 9$ ,  $0 \leq x_3 \leq 9$ .

$$\text{Let us take } f_1(x) = x^0 + x^1 + \dots + x^9$$

$$f_2(x) = x^0 + x^1 + \dots + x^9$$

$$f_3(x) = x^0 + x^1 + \dots + x^9$$

The generating function is

$$f(x) = f_1(x)f_2(x)f_3(x)$$

$$f(x) = (1+x+x^2+\dots+x^9)^3.$$



## The Pigeonhole Principle :—

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If  $m$  pigeons occupy  $n$  pigeonholes and if  $m > n$  then two or more pigeons occupy the same pigeonhole.

This is often restated as follows.

If  $m$  pigeons occupy  $n$  pigeonholes where  $m > n$  then at least one pigeonhole must contain two or more pigeons in it. (OR)

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  where  $X$  and  $Y$  are finite sets  $|X| = m$   $|Y| = n$  and  $m > n$ .

Then there exists at least two distinct elements  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $X$  such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ .

Proof :— Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m\}$  Suppose  $f$  is injective Then  $f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_m)$  are distinct elements in  $Y$ . so  $m \leq n$ .

But this contradicts the assumption that  $m > n$ .

$\therefore f$  is not injective and there must be at least two distinct elements  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ .

→ The pigeonhole principle is also called the Dirichlet Box Principle.

~~also~~ Another form of the pigeonhole principle :—

If  $A$  is the average number of pigeons per hole, then some pigeonhole contains at least  $A$  pigeons and some pigeonhole contains at most  $A$  pigeons.

If  $n$  is the number of pigeonholes and  $m_i$  is the number of pigeons in the  $i$ th hole, then we prove that either  $m_1 \geq A$  or  $m_2 \geq A$  or  $\dots$  or  $m_n \geq A$ .

Let us assume the contrary, namely that  $m_1 < A$  and  $m_2 < A$   $\dots$  and  $m_n < A$ .

But then the sum  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots + m_n < nA =$  the total number of pigeons.

This clearly contradiction since  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots + m_n$  also equals the total number of pigeons.

→ The number of pigeons in a pigeonhole is necessarily an integer, but the average  $A$  need not be an integer.

If  $A$  is the average number of pigeons per hole, then some pigeonhole contains at least  $\lceil A \rceil$  pigeons and some pigeonhole contains at most  $\lfloor A \rfloor$  pigeons.

Generalization of Pigeonhole principle: -

If  $m$  pigeons occupy  $n$  pigeonholes then at least one pigeonhole must contain  $(p+1)$  or more pigeons where  $p = \lfloor (m-1)/n \rfloor$

Proof: - We prove this principle by the method of contradiction.

Assume that the conclusion part of the principle is not true.

Then, no pigeonhole contains  $(p+1)$  or more pigeons.

This means that every pigeonhole contains  $p$  or less number of pigeons.

$$\text{Total number of pigeons} \leq np = n \lfloor (m-1)/n \rfloor \leq n \left( \frac{m-1}{n} \right) = (m-1)$$

This is a contradiction, because the total number of pigeons is  $m$ .

Hence our assumption is wrong and the principle is true.

## Applications of the pigeonhole principle :-

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1. If  $n+1$  pigeons are distributed among  $n$  pigeonholes then some hole contains at least 2 pigeons. If  $2n+1$  pigeons are distributed among  $n$  pigeonholes then some pigeon hole contains at least 3 pigeons.

In general, if  $k$  is an integer and  $kn+1$  pigeons are distributed among  $n$  pigeonholes, then some hole contains at least  $k+1$  pigeons.

This follows since the average number of pigeons per hole is  $k+1/n$  and  $\lceil k+1/n \rceil = k+1$ .

2. In any group of 367 people there must be at least one pair with the same birthday.

3. If 4 different pairs of socks are scrambled in a drawer, one need only select 5 individual socks in order to guarantee finding a matching pair. Here the pairs determine 4 pigeonholes and 5 individual socks in 4 holes implies a matching pair.

4. In a group of 61 people at least 6 people were born in the same month.

5. If 401 letters were delivered to 50 apartments then some apartment received at most 8 letters.

6. Suppose 50 chairs are arranged in a rectangular array of 5 rows and 10 columns. Suppose that 41 students are seated randomly in the chairs (one student per chair.) Then some row contains at least 9 students. Some column contains at least 5 students, some row contains at most 8 students and some column contains at most 4 students. The result follows from the pigeonhole principle because the average number of students per row is 8.2 and the average number per ~~number~~ column is 4.1.



(7) If  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_8$  are 8 distinct integers then there is some pair of these integers with the same remainder when divided by 7.

If each integer is divided by 7 and their remainders are recorded, the only possibilities for the remainders are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Thus we have 7 possible remainders to be distributed among the 8 integers.

In other words, it is like distributing 8 pigeons among 7 pigeon holes. We conclude that there are at least 2 pigeons in some hole or there are at least 2 of the remainders which are equal.

Applying pigeon hole principle show that of any 14 integers are, 14 selected from the set  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 25\}$  there are at least two whose sum is 26. Also write a statement that generalizes this result.

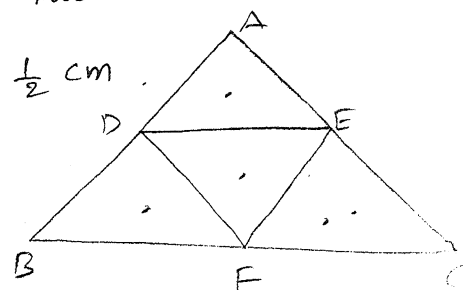
Sol: The different sets, each containing two numbers whose sum is equal to 26 are  $\{1, 25\}$   $\{2, 24\}$  ...  $\{12, 14\}$   $\{13\}$ . These 13 sets can be thought of as pigeonhole and 14 chosen numbers as pigeon. Since  $13 < 14$  i.e. the number of pigeonholes less than the number of pigeons, by pigeon hole principle we can conclude that two of the selected numbers must belong to the same set whose sum is 26.

(b) If  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n+1\}$  for a +ve integer  $n$ . Then any subset of size  $n+2$  from  $S$  must contain at least one two element subset whose sum is  $2n+2$ .

ABC is an equilateral triangle whose sides are of length 1 cm each. If we select 5 points inside the triangle prove that at least two of these points are such that the distance between them is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm.

Sol: Consider the triangle DEF formed by the mid points of the sides BC, CA and AB of the given triangle ABC. Then the triangle ABC is partitioned into four small equilateral triangles, each of which has sides equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm. Treating each of these four positions as pigeonhole and five points chosen inside the triangle as pigeons, we find by using the pigeon hole principle that at least one position must contain two or more points.

$\therefore$  The distance b/w such points is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm.



Prove that in any set of 29 persons at least 5 persons must have been born on the same day of the week.

Sol: Treating the seven days of a week as 7 pigeonholes and 29 persons as pigeons. We find by using the generalized pigeonhole principle that at least one day of the week is assigned to  $\lfloor \frac{29-1}{7} \rfloor + 1 = 5$  or more persons. In other words, at least 5 of any 29 persons must have been born on the same day of the week.

How many persons must be chosen in order that at least five of them will have birthdays in the same calendar month?

Sol: Let  $n$  be the required number of persons, since the number of months over which the birthdays are distributed is 12, the least number of persons who have their birthdays in the same month is, by the generalized pigeonhole principle equal to  $\lfloor \frac{n-1}{12} \rfloor + 1$ . This number is 5.

$$\text{It } \lfloor \frac{n-1}{12} \rfloor + 1 = 5 \text{ or } n = 49.$$

$\therefore$  The number of persons is 49 (at least)

If we select any group of 1000 students on campus show that at least three of them must have the same birthday.

Sol: The maximum number of days in a year is 366.

Think of students as pigeons and days of the year as pigeon holes.

Then, by the generalized pigeonhole principle, the maximum number

of students having the same birthday is  $\lfloor \frac{1000-1}{366} \rfloor + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3$ .

Solve  $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} + (n+3)3^n$ .

sol:- Given that  $a_n - 3a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} = (n+3)3^n$  — (1)

The homogeneous part of the given recurrence relation is

$$a_n - 3a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Let  $a_n = ck^n$  — (3) where  $c \neq 0$   $k \neq 0$  be the solution of relation (2)

sub (3) in (2), we get

$$ck^n - 3ck^{n-1} - 2ck^{n-2} = 0.$$

$$ck^n \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{k} - \frac{2}{k^2} \right] = 0.$$

$$ck^n \frac{[k^2 - 3k - 2]}{k^2} = 0.$$

$$ck^{n-2} \neq 0 \quad k^2 - 3k - 2 = 0.$$

Which is the characteristic equation of the relation (2).

$$k = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9+8}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{2}$$

$$k_1 = \frac{3+\sqrt{17}}{2} \quad k_2 = \frac{3-\sqrt{17}}{2} \quad \text{The roots are real and distinct.}$$

The general solution of the relation (2) is

$$a_n^{(h)} = A_0 k_1^n + A_1 k_2^n.$$

$$a_n^{(h)} = A_0 \left( \frac{3+\sqrt{17}}{2} \right)^n + A_1 \left( \frac{3-\sqrt{17}}{2} \right)^n.$$

We observe that the R.H.S of equation is of the form  $f(n) = (n+3)3^n$

i.e  $f(n) = \phi(n) \cdot b^n$

Since 3 is not characteristic root of the associated homogeneous relation.

$$\text{Let } a_n^{(p)} = (A_0 + A_1 n) 3^n.$$

Substitute all these values in (1), we get .

$$n(A_0 + A_1 n) 3^n - [(n-1) [A_0 + A_1 (n-1)] 3^{n-1}] - 6(n-2) [A_0 + A_1 (n-2)] 3^{n-2} =$$

$$[A_0 n + A_1 n^2] 3^n - [A_0 (n-1) + A_1 (n-1)^2] 3^{n-1} - [6A_0 (n-2) + 6A_1 (n-2)^2] 3^{n-2} =$$

$$[A_0 n + A_1 n^2] 3^n - [A_0 (n-1) + A_1 (n^2 - 2n + 1)] \frac{3^n}{3} - \frac{3^n}{9} [6A_0 n - 12A_0 + 6A_1 (n^2 - 4n)] =$$

$$= n 3^n + 3^n$$

$$[A_0 n - A_1 n^2] - \frac{[A_0 n + A_0 + A_1 n^2 + A_1 + 2A_1 n]}{3} - \frac{[6A_0 n - 12A_0 + 6A_1 n^2 + 24A_1 - 24A_1 n]}{9} = (n+1)$$

$$9A_0 n + 9A_1 n^2 - 3A_0 n + 3A_0 - 3A_1 n^2 - 3A_1 + 6A_1 n - 6A_0 n + 12A_0 - 6A_1 n^2 - 24A_1 + 24A_1 n = 9n + 9.$$

$$-18A_1 n^2 + 30A_1 n + 15A_0 - 27A_1 = 9n + 9.$$

Comparing the coefficient of  $n$  and constant terms,

$$\text{we get } 30A_1 = 9 \implies A_1 = \frac{9}{30} = \frac{3}{10}.$$

$$15A_0 - 27A_1 = 9$$

$$15A_0 - 27 \cdot \frac{3}{10} = 9 \implies 15A_0 = 9 + \frac{81}{10}.$$

$$15A_0 = \frac{171}{10}$$

$$A_0 = \frac{171}{10 \cdot 15} = \frac{57}{50}$$

$$A_0 = \frac{57}{50}.$$

$$\therefore a_n^{(p)} = n \left( \frac{57}{50} + \frac{3}{10} n \right) 3^n$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of (1) is  $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$

$$a_n = A_0 (-2)^n + A_1 3^n + n \left( \frac{57}{50} + \frac{3}{10} n \right) 3^n.$$

Find the coefficient of  $x^{23}$  and  $x^{32}$  in  $(1+x^5+x^9)^{10}$ .

sol:- Given that  $(1+x^5+x^9)^{10}$ .

(i) To find the coefficient of  $x^{23}$

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4 + \dots + e_{10} = 23.$$

$$e_i = 0, 5, 9. \quad \therefore e_i \text{ takes the values } 0, 5, 9.$$

The coefficient of  $x^{23}$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 5, 9$  when we take two 9's and one 5 and remaining seven 0's.

$\therefore$  The coefficient of  $x^{23}$  in  $(1+x^5+x^9)^{10}$  is  $\frac{10!}{9!1!7!}$ .

(ii) To find the coefficient of  $x^{32}$ .

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 32.$$

$$e_i = 0, 5, 9. \quad e_i \text{ takes the values } 0, 5, 9.$$

The coefficient of  $x^{32}$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 5, 9$  when we take three 9's, one 5 and remaining six 0's.

$\therefore$  The coefficient of  $x^{32}$  in  $(1+x^5+x^9)^{10}$  is  $\frac{10!}{3!1!6!}$ .

Find the coefficient of  $x^{16}$  in  $(1+x^4+x^8)^{10}$ .

sol:- Given that  $(1+x^4+x^8)^{10}$ .

To find the coefficient of  $x^{16}$ .

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 16.$$

$$e_i = 0, 4, 8. \quad e_i \text{ takes the values } 0, 4, 8.$$

The coefficient of  $x^{16}$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 4, 8$  when we take four 4's, no 8's and six 0's; two 8's, no 4's and eight 0's; two 4's, one 8 and seven 0's.

$\therefore$  The coefficient of  $x^{16}$  in  $(1+x^4+x^8)^{10}$  is  $\frac{10!}{4!6!} + \frac{10!}{2!8!} + \frac{10!}{2!1!7!}$ .

Find the coefficient of  $x^9$  and  $x^{25}$  in  $(1+x^3+x^8)^{10}$ .

sol:- Given that  $(1+x^3+x^8)^{10}$ .

(i) To find the coefficient of  $x^9$ .

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 9.$$

$$e_i = 0, 3, 8 \quad e_i \text{ takes the values } 0, 3, 8.$$

The coefficient of  $x^9$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 5, 9$  when we take three 3's and remaining seven 0's.

$$\therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^9 \text{ in } (1+x^3+x^8)^{10} \text{ is } \frac{10!}{3! 7!}.$$

(ii) To find the coefficient of  $x^{25}$ .

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 25.$$

$$e_i = 0, 3, 8 \quad e_i \text{ takes the values } 0, 3, 8.$$

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In  $(1+x^5+x^9)^{10}$  find (a) the coefficient of  $x^{23}$  (b) the coefficient of  $x^{32}$

(10)

Sol: Given that  $(1+x^5+x^9)^{10}$ .

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→ Determine the coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $(a+bx+cx^2)^{10}$

Sol: Given that  $(a+bx+cx^2)^{10}$ .

To find the coefficient of  $x^5$ .

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 5.$$

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The coefficient of  $x^5$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 1, 2$ .

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(iii) When we take five 0's, five 1's i.e.  $\frac{10!}{5! 5!} a^5 b^5$ .

Hence the coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $(a+bx+cx^2)^{10}$  is

$$\frac{10!}{2! 1! 7!} a^7 b c^2 + \frac{10!}{6! 3! 1!} a^6 b^3 c + \frac{10!}{5! 5!} a^5 b^5$$



Find the coefficient of  $x^9$  and  $x^{25}$  in  $(1+x^3+x^8)^{10}$ .

Sol: Given that  $(1+x^3+x^8)^{10}$ .

(i) To find the coefficient of  $x^9$ .

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 9.$$

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Find the coefficient of  $x^3 y^2 z^3$  in the expansion of  $(x+y+z)^8$ .

Sol: We know that for any positive integers  $n$  and  $t$ ,

The coefficient of  $x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} x_3^{n_3} \dots x_t^{n_t}$  in the expansion of  $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_t)^n$  is

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! n_3! \dots n_t!} \text{ where each } n_i \text{ is a non-ve integer } \leq n \text{ and}$$

$$n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_t = n.$$

$$\therefore \text{ The coefficient of } x^3 y^2 z^3 \text{ in } (x+y+z)^8 \text{ is } = \frac{8!}{3! 2! 3!}$$

Find the coefficient of  $x^5 y^{10} z^5 w^5$  in  $(x+y+3z+w)^{25}$ .

Sol: We know that for any +ve integer  $n$  and  $t$ ,

The coefficient of  $x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} x_3^{n_3} \dots x_t^{n_t}$  in the expansion of  $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_t)^n$  is

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! n_3! \dots n_t!} \text{ where } n_i \text{ is a non-ve integer } \leq n \text{ and}$$

$$n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_t = n.$$

$\therefore$  The coefficient of  $x^5 y^{10} z^5 w^5$  in  $(x+y+3z+w)^{25}$  is

$$\frac{25!}{5! 10! 5! 5!} \cdot 3^5$$

Find the term which contains  $x^{11}$  and  $y^4$  in the expansion of  $(2x^3 - 3xy^2 + z^2)^6$ .

Sol: Given that  $(2x^3 - 3xy^2 + z^2)^6$ .

The coefficient of  $x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} x_3^{n_3} \dots x_t^{n_t}$  in the expansion of  $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_t)^n$  is

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! n_3! \dots n_t!} \text{ where each } n_i \text{ is a non-ve integer } \leq n \text{ and}$$

$$n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_t = n.$$

Sol: By the multinomial theorem, the general term in the given expansion is

$$\binom{6}{n_1 n_2 n_3} (2x^3)^{n_1} (-3xy^2)^{n_2} (z^2)^{n_3} = \binom{6}{n_1 n_2 n_3} 2^{n_1} (-3)^{n_2} x^{3n_1+n_2} y^{2n_2} z^{2n_3}$$

Thus, for the term containing  $x^{11}$  and  $y^4$  we should have  $3n_1 + n_2 = 11$

and  $2n_2 = 4$  so that  $n_1 = 3$  and  $n_2 = 2$  since  $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 = 6$  we should

have  $n_3 = 1$ .

The term containing  $x^{11}$  and  $y^7$  is

$$\binom{6}{3, 2, 1} 2^3 (-3)^2 x^{11} y^7 z^2 = \left\{ \frac{6!}{3! 2! 1!} 8 \times 9 \right\} x^{11} y^7 z^2 = 4320 x^{11} y^7 z^2$$

∴ The generating function is  $f(x) = f_1(x) f_2(x) f_3(x) \dots f_6(x)$ .

$$f(x) = (x + x^2 + \dots + x^5) (x^2 + x^3 + \dots)^5$$

$$f(x) = x(1 + x^2 + \dots + x^4) x^2 (1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^5$$

$$f(x) = x^3 (1 + x^2 + \dots + x^4) [(1-x)^{-1}]^5$$

$$= x^3 (1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + x^8) (1-x)^{-5}$$

We know that  $1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n = \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x}$ .

$$= x^3 \left( \frac{1-x^5}{1-x} \right) (1-x)^{-5}$$

$$= x^3 (1-x^5) (1-x)^{-6}$$

We know that If  $n$  is a positive integer,  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$

$$= x^3 (1-x^5) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{6+r-1}{r} x^r$$

$$= (x^3 - x^8) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{5+r}{r} x^r$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{5+r}{r} x^{r+3} - \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{5+r}{r} x^{r+8}$$

∴ The coefficient of  $x^{20}$  in this last product is

$$= \binom{14}{9} - \binom{9}{4}$$

Find the coefficient of  $x^{20}$  in  $x^4(1+x+x^2+x^3)(1+x+\dots+x^4) \cdot (1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{12})$ .

sol:  $x^4(1+x+x^2+x^3)(1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4)(1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{12}) =$

We know that  $1+x+x^2+\dots+x^n = \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x}$ .

$$= x^4 \left( \frac{1-x^4}{1-x} \right) \left( \frac{1-x^5}{1-x} \right) \left( \frac{1-x^{13}}{1-x} \right)$$

$$= x^4 (1-x^4) (1-x^5) (1-x^{13}) (1-x)^{-3}$$

Find the coefficient of  $x^{20}$  in  $(x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \dots)^5$  (1)

sol:- Given that  $(x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \dots)^5 = [x^3(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)]^5$

$$= x^{15}(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^5$$

$$= x^{15}[(1-x)^{-1}]^5 = x^{15}(1-x)^{-5}$$

[∵ WKT  $(1-x)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$ ]

If  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$ .

$$(x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \dots)^5 = x^{15} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{5+r-1}{r} x^r$$

$$= x^{15} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{4+r}{r} x^r$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{4+r}{r} x^{15+r}$$

The coefficient of  $x^{20}$  in  $(x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \dots)^5$  is  $\binom{9}{5} = 9C_5$  [∵  $r=5$ ]

$$9C_5 = \frac{9!}{4!5!} = \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!}{4! \times 5!}$$

$$=$$

Find the number of ways of placing 20 similar balls into 6 numbered boxes so that the first box contains any no. of balls between 1 and 5 inclusive and the other 5 boxes must contain 2 or more balls each.

sol:- Given that the total no. of balls 20 and no. of boxes 6. let  $x_1$  be the first box contains any no. of balls b/n 1 and 5 inclusive and let  $x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6$  are other boxes contain 2 or more balls.

We count the number of integral solutions to  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6 = 20$  where  $1 \leq x_1 \leq 5$  and  $2 \leq x_2, x_3, \dots, x_6$ .

Let-  $f_1(x) = x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5$

$f_2(x) = x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots$

$f_6(x) = x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots$

We know that If  $n$  is a positive integer  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$  (6)

$$= x^4 (1-x^4)(1-x^5)(1-x^{13}) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+r-1}{r} x^r$$

$$= x^4 (1-x^5-x^4-x^{11})(1-x^{13}) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r}{r} x^r$$

$$= x^4 (1-x^{13}-x^5-x^{18}-x^4-x^{17}-x^{11}-x^{24}) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r}{r} x^r$$

$$= (x^4 - x^8 - x^9) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r}{r} x^r \quad (\text{Neglecting remaining terms because those powers of } x \text{ greater than } 10)$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r}{r} x^{r+4} - \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r}{r} x^{r+8} - \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r}{r} x^{r+9}$$

The coefficient of  $x^{10}$  in last product is

$$= \binom{8}{6} - \binom{7}{2} - \binom{3}{1}$$

Find the coefficient of  $x^{12}$  in  $\frac{(1-x^4-x^7+x^{11})}{(1-x)^5}$

Sol: Given that  $\frac{1-x^4-x^7+x^{11}}{(1-x)^5} = (1-x^4-x^7+x^{11})(1-x)^{-5}$

Wkt If  $n$  is a positive integer,  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$

$$(1-x^4-x^7+x^{11})(1-x)^{-5} = (1-x^4-x^7+x^{11}) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{5+r-1}{r} x^r$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{4+r}{r} x^r - \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{4+r}{r} x^{r+4} - \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{4+r}{r} x^{r+7}$$

$$+ \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{4+r}{r} x^{r+11}$$

$\therefore$  The coefficient of  $x^{12}$  in this last product is

$$= \binom{16}{12} - \binom{12}{8} - \binom{9}{5} + \binom{5}{1}$$



Find the coefficient of  $x^9$  and  $x^{25}$  in  $(1+x^3+x^8)^{10}$ .

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(i) To find the coefficient of  $x^9$ .

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To find the coefficient of  $x^{16}$ .

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 16.$$

$$e_i = 0, 4, 8 \quad e_i \text{ takes the values } 0, 4, 8.$$

The coefficient of  $x^{16}$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 4, 8$  when we take four 4's, no 8's and six 0's; two 8's, no 4's and eight 0's;

two 4's, one 8 and seven 0's.

$$\therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^{16} \text{ in } (1+x^4+x^8)^{10} \text{ is } \frac{10!}{4!6!} + \frac{10!}{2!8!} + \frac{10!}{2!1!7!}$$

Find the coefficient of  $x^{14}$  in  $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^{10}$ .

Sol: Given that  $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^{10}$ .

To find the coefficient of  $x^{14}$

$$\text{i.e. } e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots + e_{10} = 14.$$

$e_i = 0, 1, 2, 3$  i.e.  $e_i$  takes the values  $0, 1, 2, 3$ .

The coefficient of  $x^{14}$  can be formed with  $e_i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

(i) When we take five 0's, one 2, four 3's i.e.  $\frac{10!}{5!1!4!}$

(ii) When we take four 0's one 1, two 4's three 3's i.e.  $\frac{10!}{4!1!2!3!}$

(iii) When we take three 0's and seven 2's i.e.  $\frac{10!}{3!7!}$

Hence the coefficient of  $x^{14}$  in  $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^{10}$  is

$$= \frac{10!}{5!1!4!} + \frac{10!}{4!1!2!3!} + \frac{10!}{3!7!}$$

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(iii) When we take five 0's, five 1's i.e.  $\frac{10!}{5! 5!} a^5 b^5$ .

Hence the coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $(a+bx+cx^2)^{10}$  is

$$\frac{10!}{2! 1! 7!} a^7 b c^2 + \frac{10!}{6! 3! 1!} a^6 b^3 c + \frac{10!}{5! 5!} a^5 b^5$$