

ch. 7 continued.

Recursion - recursive formulas - self-reference

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 5, n > 0. \quad a_0 = 1$$

n	a_n
0	1
1	$2a_0 + 5 = 7$
2	$2a_1 + 5 = 19$
3	$2a_2 + 5 = 43$

Idea: to find a shortcut to a_n

we look for an o.g.f. $f(x)$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

Plan: Put both sides of the recursive equation

into the sum $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{---} x^n$.

$n=0$
↑ starting value for equations

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2a_{n-1} + 5) x^n$$

↑ since $n > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n - a_0 x^0 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2a_n + 5) x^{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - 1 = 2x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n + 5x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - 1 = 2x f(x) + \frac{5x}{1-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x)(1-2x) = \frac{5x}{1-x} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{5x}{(1-x)(1-2x)} + \frac{1}{1-2x}$$

Since $f(x)$ is an o.g.f.

• we can find $a_3 = f^{(3)}(0)/3! = \boxed{43}$

• or, find the series for $f(x)$: series $[f(x)]$
(wolfram)

$$= 1 + 7x + 19x^2 + \boxed{43}x^3 + \dots$$

and a_n is the coefficient of x^n .

• or we can find the MacLaurin series for $f(x)$:

$$f(x) = \frac{5x}{(1-x)(1-2x)} + \frac{1}{1-2x}$$

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

$$5x = A - 2Ax + B - Bx$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A+B=0 \\ -2A-B=5 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow -A = +5$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = -5 \\ B = 5 \end{cases}$$

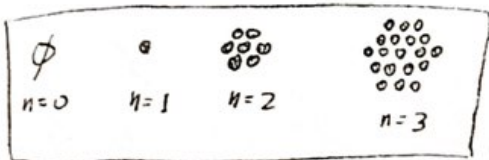
$$= \frac{-5}{1-x} + \frac{5}{1-2x} + \frac{1}{1-2x}$$

$$= -5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n + 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2x)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2x)^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-5 + 6(2^n)) x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 6(2^n) - 5$$

$$a_3 = 6 \cdot 8 - 5 = \boxed{43}$$



$$a_{n+1} = a_n + 6n, n \geq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 0 \\ a_1 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since our recurrence is true for $n \geq 1$, we start with:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+1} x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + 6n) x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} x^n - \underbrace{a_{0+1}}_1 x^0 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n + 6n) x^n - \underbrace{(a_0 + 6 \cdot 0)}_0 x^0$$

(mult. by x)

$$\Rightarrow x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} x^n - x = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n + 6n) x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} x^{n+1} - x = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 6n x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n - x = x f + x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 6n x^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n - \underbrace{a_0}_0 x^0 - x = x f + x^2 \frac{6}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f - x = x f + \frac{6x^2}{(1-x)^2}$$

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$$\Rightarrow f(1-x) = x + \frac{6x^2}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \boxed{\frac{x}{1-x} + \frac{6x^2}{(1-x)^3}} \text{ o.g.f.}$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 1 + 3n(n-1), & n \geq 1 \\ 0, & n = 0 \end{cases}$$

closed formula

$$\text{Now } f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n - 1 + 3x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) x^{n-2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 + 3n(n-1)) x^n - 1$$

Power Series

Approximate $f(x)$ as polynomials

Power Series Solution for differential equation; Find $y=f(x)$ where y, x, y', y'' are related.

Generating Function Solution for combinatorial series C_n (non-negative integers) (exponential or ordinary) Find $C_n = g(n)$.

Find values of C_n

get recursive formulas for C_n

$$y = f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n$$

Find Generating function $f(x)$

Find closed form and Recognize known series

Find standard form for $f(x)$ (sin, cos, e^x , etc)

Substitute into known Diff. Eq. $y'' + by' + \dots = 0$ and get equations with ∞ sums

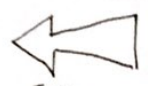
apply to known recursive formula $C_{n+1} = \dots C_n$ and get functional or diff. eq.

use known series to rewrite $f(x)$ as series

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Substitute info known

Diff. Eq.

$$y'' + by' + c = 0$$

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