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Quiz #10 (4%)

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This is a take-home quiz. Please turn in your answer to the TA by June 12th, 2014. Please make appointment with the TA if you want your graded quiz back.

1) (1%) If $a_n, n \geq 0$, is the unique solution of the recurrence relation $a_{n+1} - da_n = 0$, and $a_3 = 153/49, a5 = 1377/2401$, what is d?

Solution:

$a_5 = d \cdot a_4 = d^2 \cdot a_3$

$\Rightarrow d^2 = \frac{a_5}{a_3} = \frac{9}{49}$

$\Rightarrow d = \pm\frac{3}{7}$

2) (1%) If $a_0 = 0$, $a_1 = 1$, $a_2 = 4$, and $a_3 = 37$ satisfy the recurrence relation $a_{n+2} + ba_{n+1} + ca_n = 0$, where $n \geq 0$ and b, c are constants, determine b, c, and solve for a_n.

Solution:

If $n = 0 : ca_0 + ba_1 + a_2 = 0 \Rightarrow b + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow b = -4$

If $n = 1 : ca_0 + ba_1 + a_3 = 0 \Rightarrow c + 4b + 37 = 0 \Rightarrow c = -21$

$\Rightarrow a_{n+2} - 4a_{n+1} - 21 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x - 21 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 7, -3$

$\Rightarrow a_n = A \cdot 7^n + B \cdot (-3)^n$

$\Rightarrow a_0 = A + B = 0, a_1 = 7A - 3B = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{10}, B = \frac{-1}{10}$

$\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{7^n}{10} - \frac{(-3)^n}{10}$

3) (1%) Solve the following recurrence relations: (a) $a_{n+2} + 3a_{n+1} + 2a_n = 3^n, n \geq 0, a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$, (b)$a_{n+2} + 4_{n+1} + 4a_n = 7, n \geq 0, a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$.

Solution:

a) $x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2, -1 \Rightarrow a_n^{(h)} = A(-2)^n + B(-1)^n$
And $a_n^{(p)} = C3^n \Rightarrow C3n^{n+2} + 3C3^{n+1} + 2C3^n = 3^n \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{20}$
Then, $a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)} = A(-2)^n + B(-1)^n + \frac{1}{20}3^n$
$a_0 = A + B + \frac{1}{20} = 0$, $a_1 = -2A - B + \frac{3}{20} = 1$
$A = \frac{-4}{5}$, $B = \frac{3}{4}$
So $a_n = \frac{-4}{5}(-2)^n + \frac{3}{4}(-1)^n + \frac{1}{20}3^n$

b) $x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2, -2 \Rightarrow a_n^{(h)} = A(-2)^n + Bn(-2)^n$
And $a_n^{(p)} = C \Rightarrow C + 4C + 4C = 7 \Rightarrow C = \frac{7}{9}$
Then $a_n = a_n^{(h)} a_n^{(p)} = A(-2)^n + Bn(-2)^n + \frac{7}{9}$
$a_0 = A + \frac{7}{9} = 1$, $a_1 = -2A - 2B + \frac{7}{9} = 2$
$A = \frac{2}{9}, B = \frac{-5}{6}$
So $\frac{2}{9}(-2)^n + \frac{-5}{6}(-2)^n + \frac{7}{9}$

4) (1%) Solve the following recurrence relation by the method of generating functions: $a_{n+2} - 2a_{n+1} + a_n = 2^n$, $n \geq 0, a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$.

Solution:

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

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

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

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

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

So $a_n = 2^n$