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UNIT-II COMBINATORICS

LINEAR NON-HOMOGENEOUS RECURRENCE EQUATIONS:

① Solve the recurrence equation $S(k) - 7S(k-1) + 10S(k-2) = 8k + 6$, with the initial conditions $S(0) = 1$, $S(1) = 2$.

Given: $S(k) - 7S(k-1) + 10S(k-2) = 8k + 6$ with $S(0) = 1$, $S(1) = 2$.

(a) $a_n - 7a_{n-1} + 10a_{n-2} = 8n + 6$ with $a_0 = 1$, $a_1 = 2$

∴ The char. eqn is $m^2 - 7m + 10 = 0$

char. roots are $m = 2, 5$

∴ The char. eqn is $a_n = A(2)^n + B(5)^n$

Given: RHS = $8n + 6$

Finding particular solution:

$$\text{put } a_n = d_0 + d_1(n)$$

$$a_{n-1} = d_0 + d_1(n-1)$$

$$a_{n-2} = d_0 + d_1(n-2)$$

∴ recurrence equation becomes,

$$d_0 + d_1 n - 7(d_0 + d_1(n-1)) + 10(d_0 + d_1(n-2)) = 8n + 6$$

$$d_0 + d_1 n - 7d_0 - 7d_1 n + 7d_1 + 10d_0 + 10d_1 n - 20d_1 = 8n + 6$$

$$4d_0 + 4d_1 n - 13d_1 = 8n + 6$$



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By equating co-efficient of n & constant, we get

$$4d_0 = 8 \quad ; \quad 4d_0 - 13d_1 = 6$$

$$d_1 = 2 \quad \quad 4d_0 - 26 = 6$$

$$d_0 = 8$$

\therefore particular soln. $a_n = 8 + 2n$

\therefore general soln is $a_n = \text{char eqn} + \text{particular soln}$

$$a_n = A(2)^n + B(5)^n + 8 + 2n$$

Given: $a_0 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = A(2)^0 + B(5)^0 + 8 + 2(0)$$

$$1 = A + B + 8$$

$$-7 = A + B \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

& also given: $a_1 = 2$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = A(2)^1 + B(5)^1 + 8 + 2(1)$$

$$2 = 2A + 5B + 10$$

$$-8 = 2A + 5B \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

By solving (1) & (2) we get,

$$A = -9; \quad B = 2$$

$$\therefore a_n = -9(2)^n + 2(5)^n + 8 + 2n$$



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2) Solve $a_n - 2a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2} = 4^n + 6$

Given: $a_n - 2a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2} = 4^n + 6$

\therefore The char. eqn. is $m^2 - 2m - 3 = 0$

\therefore char roots are $m = -1, 3$

\therefore The char. eqn. is $a_n = A(-1)^n + B(3)^n$

Given: RHS = $4^n + 6$

Finding particular solution 1:

put $a_n = d \cdot 4^n$

$a_{n-1} = d \cdot 4^{n-1}$

$a_{n-2} = d \cdot 4^{n-2}$

\therefore recurrence equation becomes,

$$d \cdot 4^n - 2d \cdot 4^{n-1} - 3d \cdot 4^{n-2} = 4^n + 6$$

$$4^n \left[d - 2d \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 3d \cdot \frac{1}{16} \right] = 4^n + 6$$

$$\frac{16d - 8d - 3d}{16} = 1 \Rightarrow d = 16/5$$

\therefore particular soln, $a_n = \left(\frac{16}{5}\right) 4^n$

Finding particular solution 2:

put $a_n = a_{n-1} = a_{n-2} = d$

\therefore recurrence eqn. becomes, $d - 2d - 3d = 6$



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$$\Rightarrow d = -3/2$$

\therefore particular soln, $a_n = -3/2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{general soln. } a_n &= \text{char. eqn} + \text{part. soln} + \text{part. soln} \\ &= A(3)^n + B(-1)^n + \frac{16}{5} 4^n - \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

③ Solve the recurrence equation $a_n - 4a_{n+1} + 4a_{n-2} = 2^n + 3n$, $n \geq 2$.

Given: $a_n - 4a_{n+1} + 4a_{n-2} = 2^n + 3n$

\therefore The char. eqn. is $m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0$
char. roots are $m = 2, 2$

\therefore char. eqn. is $a_n = (A + Bn)(2)^n$

Given: RHS = $2^n + 3n$

Finding particular soln. 1: (roots are repeated)

put $a_n = dn^2(2)^n$

$$a_{n-1} = d(n-1)^2(2)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{n-2} = d(n-2)^2(2)^{n-2}$$

\therefore recurrence equation becomes

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



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$$(2)^n \left[dn^2 - \frac{4dn^2}{2} + \frac{8dn}{2} - \frac{4d}{2} + \frac{4dn^2}{4} - \frac{16dn}{4} + \frac{16d}{4} \right] = 2^n$$

$$dn^2 - 2dn^2 + 4dn - 2d + \frac{dn^2}{4} - 4dn + 4d = 1$$

$$-\frac{3}{4}dn^2 + 4dn - 2d + \frac{dn^2}{4} - 4dn + 4d = 1$$

$$-2d = 1$$

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

\therefore particular solution, $a_n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n^2(2)^n$

Finding particular soln. 2 :

$$\text{put } a_n = d_0 + d_1 n$$

$$a_{n-1} = d_0 + d_1(n-1)$$

$$a_{n-2} = d_0 + d_1(n-2)$$

\therefore recurrence equations becomes,

$$(d_0 + d_1 n) - 4(d_0 + d_1(n-1)) + 4(d_0 + d_1(n-2)) = 3n$$

$$d_0 + d_1 n - 4d_0 - 4d_1 n + 4d_1 + 4d_0 + 4d_1 n - 8d_1 = 3n$$

$$d_0 + d_1 n - 4d_1 = 3n$$

By equating the co-eff. of n & const. we get

$$d_1 = 3 \quad ; \quad d_0 - 4d_1 = 0$$

$$d_0 = 4(3) = 12$$

\therefore particular soln. 2, $a_n = 12 + 3n$

\therefore general soln. is $a_n = \text{char. eqn.} + \text{particular soln.}$

$$= (A + Bn)(2)^n + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)n^2(2)^n + 12 + 3n$$