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TOPIC:9- SOLUTION OF LINEAR RECURRENCE RELATIONS



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above recurrence relation is $y_n = H.S + P.S$ (or) $y_n = y_n^{(h)} + y_n^{(p)}$

where H.S = Homogeneous Solution

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Rules to find H.S:

1. First write the characteristic equation $c_0 r^2 + c_1 r + c_2 = 0$.
2. Solve the characteristic equation & get the roots.



Problem.

1. Solve the recurrence relation $a_{n+1} - a_n = 3n^2 - n$; $n \geq 0$.
 $a_0 = 3$.

Solu:

The characteristic eqn. is $r - 1 = 0$ (ie) $r = 1$

The H.S is $a_n^{(H)} = C \cdot 1^n = C$
Since the R.S. of the R.R is $3n^2 - n = (3n^2 - n) \cdot 1^n$, let
Assume the particular solution of the R.R be
assumed as $a_n^{(P)} = (A_0 n^3 + A_1 n^2 + A_2 n)$, since 1 is a
characteristic root of the R.R.

Using this in the recurrence relation we have

$$\left[A_0 (n+1)^3 + A_1 (n+1)^2 + A_2 (n+1) \right] - \left[A_0 n^3 + A_1 n^2 + A_2 n \right] = 3n^2 - n$$

(ie) $\left\{ A_0 (3n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1 - n^3) + A_1 (n^2 + 2n + 1 - n^2) + A_2 (n + 1 - n) \right\} = 3n^2 - n$

$$A_0 (3n^2 + 3n + 1) + A_1 (2n + 1) + A_2 = 3n^2 - n$$

Comparing like terms, we have

$$A_0 = 1, \quad 3A_0 + 2A_1 = -1 \quad \& \quad A_0 + A_1 + A_2 = 0.$$

Solving these equations, we get

$$A_0 = 1, \quad A_1 = -2 \quad \& \quad A_2 = 1$$

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

\therefore The general soln. of the recurrence relation

$$a_n = a_n^{(H)} + a_n^{(P)} = C + n(n-1)^2 \quad \text{Given that } a_0 = 3$$

$$a_n = C + n(n-1)^2 \Rightarrow C = 3$$

\therefore The required soln. of the R.R is

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



2. Solve the recurrence relation
 $a_{n+2} - 6a_{n+1} + 9a_n = 3(2^n) + 7(3^n), n \geq 0$
 Given that $a_0 = 1$ and $a_1 = 4$.

Soln: The characteristic equation is

$$r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (r-3)^2 = 0$$

$$r = 3, 3$$

\therefore The homogeneous soln. is $a_n^{(h)} = (c_1 + c_2 n) 3^n$.

Nothing that 3 is a double root of the characteristic equation, we assume the particular soln. of the

R.R. as $a_n = A_0 2^n + A_1 n^2 \cdot 3^n$

Using this in given eqn.

$$A_0 \cdot 2^{n+2} + A_1 (n+2)^2 \cdot 3^{n+2} - 6 \{ A_0 \cdot 2^{n+1} + A_1 (n+1)^2 \cdot 3^{n+1} \} + 9 \{ A_0 \cdot 2^n + A_1 n^2 \cdot 3^n \} = 3(2^n) + 7(3^n)$$

$$A_0 2^n [4 - 12 + 9] + A_1 3^n \{ 9(n+2)^2 - 18(n+1)^2 + 9n^2 \} = 3(2^n) + 7(3^n)$$

$$(ie) A_0 \cdot 2^n + A_1 3^n [9n^2 + 36n + 36 - 18n^2 - 36n - 36 + 9n^2] = 3(2^n) + 7(3^n)$$

$$(ie) A_0 2^n + A_1 3^n \times 18 = 3(2^n) + 7(3^n)$$

Comparing like terms, we get $A_0 = 3$ & $A_1 = 7/18$

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

Hence the general soln. of the R.R is

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

$$(ie) a_n = (c_1 + c_2 n) 3^n + 2^n + \frac{7}{18} n^2 \cdot 3^n$$

$$\text{Given that } a_0 = 1 \quad \therefore c_1 + 3 = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = -2$$

$$a_1 = 4 \quad 3c_1 + 3c_2 + 6 + 7/6 = 4 \Rightarrow c_2 = 17/18$$

\therefore The required soln. is

$$a_n = \frac{5}{18} n \cdot 3^n + 2^n + \frac{7}{18} n^2 \cdot 3^n //$$



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