



TOPIC 10: Formation of difference equation

Problem 1 :

Form the difference equation corresponding to the family of curves $y_x = ax + b2^x$.

Solution:

$$y_x = ax + b2^x \quad - (1)$$

$$y_{x+1} = a(x+1) + b2^{x+1}$$

$$\Delta y = a + b(2^{x+1} - 2^x) = a + b2^x \quad - (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^2 y &= (a + b2^{x+1}) - (a + b2^x) \\ &= b2^x \quad - (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{from (3), } b = \frac{\Delta^2 y}{2^x}$$

sub in (2)

$$\Delta y = a + \frac{\Delta^2 y}{2^x} 2^x$$

$$\therefore a = \Delta y - \Delta^2 y$$

sub in (1)

$$y_x = (\Delta y - \Delta^2 y)^x + \frac{\Delta^2 y}{2^x} 2^x.$$

$$= (1-x)\Delta^2 y + x\Delta y \text{ or}$$

$$(1-x)(y_{x+2} - 2y_{x+1} + y_x) + x(y_{x+1} - y_x) - y_{x=0}$$

$$\therefore \text{ie } (x-1)y_{x+2} - (3x-2)y_{x+1} + 2xy_x = 0$$



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Problem 2:

From $y_n = A.3^n + B.5^n$, derive a difference equation by eliminating arbitrary constants.

Solution:

$$y_n = A.3^n + B.5^n \quad (1)$$

$$y_{n+1} = A.3^{n+1} + B.5^{n+1}$$

$$y_{n+1} = 3A.3^n + 5B.5^n \quad (2)$$

$$y_{n+2} = 9A.3^n + 25B.5^n \quad (3)$$

Eliminating arbitrary A and B from (1), (2) and (3).

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_n & 1 & 1 \\ y_{n+1} & 3 & 5 \\ y_{n+2} & 9 & 25 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$y_n [75 - 45] - 1 [25y_{n+1} - 5y_{n+2}] + 1 [9y_{n+1} - 3y_{n+2}] = 0$$

$$30y_n - 25y_{n+1} + 5y_{n+2} + 9y_{n+1} - 3y_{n+2} = 0$$

$$30y_n - 16y_{n+1} + 2y_{n+2} = 0$$

$$\text{or } 2y_{n+2} - 16y_{n+1} + 30y_n = 0$$

$$\text{or } y_{n+2} - 8y_{n+1} + 15y_n = 0.$$



Problem 3:

Derive a difference equation from the following $y_n = (A + Bn)3^n$.

Solution:

$$y_n = (A + Bn)3^n$$

$$y_n = A3^n + Bn3^n \quad (1)$$

$$y_{n+1} = 3A3^n + 3B(n+1)3^n \quad (2)$$

$$y_{n+2} = 9A3^n + 9B(n+2)3^n \quad (3)$$

Eliminating arbitrary A and B from (1), (2) and (3).

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_n & 1 & n \\ y_{n+1} & 3 & 3(n+1) \\ y_{n+2} & 9 & 9(n+2) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$y_n [27(n+2) - 27(n+1)] - [9y_{n+1}(n+2) - 3(n+1)y_{n+2}] + n[9y_{n+1} - 3y_{n+2}] = 0$$

$$y_n [27n + 54 - 27n - 27] - [9ny_{n+1} + 18y_{n+1} - 3ny_{n+2} - 3y_{n+2}]$$

$$+ 9ny_{n+1} - 3ny_{n+2} = 0$$

$$\text{or } 3y_{n+2} - 18y_{n+1} + 27y_n = 0$$

$$\text{or } y_{n+2} - 6y_{n+1} + 9y_n = 0.$$