

Recurrence relations 7C

1 a n even: $5(-1)^{n-1} + 6(-1)^{n-2} = -5 + 6 = 1 = (-1)^n$
 n odd: $5(-1)^{n-1} + 6(-1)^{n-2} = 5 - 6 = -1 = (-1)^n$

b $5 \times 6^{n-1} + 6 \times 6^{n-2} = 6^{n-1}(5 + 1) = 6^n$

c $5(A(-1)^{n-1} + B(6^{n-1})) + 6(A(-1)^{n-2} + B(6^{n-2}))$
 $= -5A(-1)^{n-2} + 6A(-1)^{n-2} + 5B(6^{n-1}) + 6B(6^{n-2})$
 $= A(-1)^{n-2} + 6B(6^{n-1}) = A(-1)^{n-2} + B(6^n)$

2 a $5(3^n) - 6 \times 5(3^{n-1}) + 9 \times 5(3^{n-2}) = (45 - 90 + 45) 3^{n-2} = 0$

b $-n3^n - 6(-(n-1)3^{n-1}) + 9(-(n-2)3^{n-2})$
 $= -n3^n + (6n-6)3^{n-1} + (18-9n)3^{n-2}$
 $= (-9n + 18n - 18 + 18 - 9n)3^{n-2} = 0$

c Follows from parts a and b.

3 a $\cos\left((n+2)\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \cos\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos\left(\pi + n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \cos\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
 $= -\cos\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \cos\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$

b $\sin\left((n+2)\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\pi + n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
 $= -\sin\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$

c Follows from parts a and b.

4 $au_{n-1} + bu_{n-2}$
 $= a(cF(n-1) + dG(n-1)) + b(cF(n-2) + dG(n-2))$
 $= c(aF(n-1) + bF(n-2)) + d(aG(n-1) + bG(n-2))$
 $= cF(n) + dG(n) = u_n$

5 a $r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (r-1)^2 = 0$
 GS is $a_n = A + Bn$

b $r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (r-1)(r-2) = 0$
 GS is $u_n = A + B(2^n)$

c $r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (r-3)^2 = 0$
 GS is $a_n = (A + Bn)3^n$

d $r^2 - 4r + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 2 \pm i$
 GS is $a_n = A(2+i)^n + B(2-i)^n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{6} \quad u_0 &= D + E, u_1 = D + 7E, u_2 = D + 49E \\
 &\Rightarrow D + 49E + a(D + 7E) + b(D + E) = 0 \\
 a + b + 1 &= 0 \\
 7a + b + 49 &= 0 \\
 a &= -8, b = 7
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{7} \quad \mathbf{a} \quad r^2 - 5r + 6 &= 0 \Rightarrow r = 2, 3 \\
 \text{GS is } a_n &= A(2^n) + B(3^n) \\
 A + B &= 2 \\
 3A + 2B &= 5 \\
 A = 1, B &= 1 \\
 a_n &= 2^n + 3^n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{b} \quad r^2 - 6r + 9 &= 0 \Rightarrow r = 3 \\
 \text{GS is } a_n &= (An + B)(3^n) \\
 3(A + B) &= 2 \\
 9(2A + B) &= 5 \\
 A = -\frac{1}{9}, B &= \frac{7}{9} \\
 u_n &= \left(\frac{7}{9} - \frac{1}{9}n\right)3^n = (7 - n)3^{n-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{c} \quad r^2 - 7r + 10 &= 0 \Rightarrow r = 2, 5 \\
 \text{GS is } s_n &= A(2^n) + B(5^n) \\
 A + B &= 4 \\
 2A + 5B &= 17 \\
 A = 1, B &= 3 \\
 s_n &= 2^n + 3(5^n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{d} \quad r^2 - 2r + 5 &= 0 \Rightarrow r = 1 \pm 2i \\
 \text{GS is } s_n &= A(1 + 2i)^n + B(1 - 2i)^n \\
 A + B &= 1 \\
 A(1 + 2i) + B(1 - 2i) &= 5 \\
 A = \frac{1 - 2i}{2}, B &= \frac{1 + 2i}{2} \\
 u_n &= \frac{1 - 2i}{2}(1 + 2i)^n + \frac{1 + 2i}{2}(1 - 2i)^n \\
 &= \frac{5}{2} \left((1 + 2i)^{n-1} + (1 - 2i)^{n-1} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

8 a $r^2 - 5r + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 1, 4$

GS is $s_n = A(4^n) + B$

$A + B = 20$

$4A + B = 19$

$A = -\frac{1}{3}, B = \frac{61}{3}$

$u_n = -\frac{1}{3}(4^n) + \frac{61}{3} = \frac{61}{3} - \frac{1}{3}(4^n)$

b $u_{n+1} - u_n = -4^n < 0 \Rightarrow u_n$ is decreasing

$u_n < 0 \Rightarrow 4n > 61 \Rightarrow n \geq 3$

9 a $r^2 - \sqrt{2}r + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 \pm i) = 2e^{\pm \frac{\pi}{4}}$

GS is $u_n = 2^n \left(A \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + B \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right)$

$u_0 = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1$

$u_1 = 1 \Rightarrow 2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{B}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = 1$

$\Rightarrow B = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 1$

$u_n = 2^n \left(\cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 1 \right) \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right)$

b cos and sin are periodic of period 2π , so period for u_n is $\frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{4}} = 8$

10 a $L_1 = 1, L_2 = 3, L_3 = 4, L_4 = 7, L_5 = 11, L_6 = 18, L_7 = 29$

b Auxiliary equation is $r^2 - r - 1 = 0$, so $r = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ and

$L_n = A \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + B \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$

$L_1 = \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}B - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}B = 1$

$L_2 = \frac{3}{2}A + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}A + \frac{3}{2}B - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}B = 3$

Solving these equations gives $A = B = 1$, so the closed form is $L_n = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$

$$11 \text{ a } r^2 - 5r + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 2, 3$$

$$\text{CF is } A(2^n) + B(3^n)$$

$$\text{PS is } \lambda$$

$$\lambda = 5\lambda - 6\lambda + 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_n = A(2^n) + B(3^n) + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$11 \text{ b } r^2 - r - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 2, -1$$

$$\text{CF is } A(2^n) + B(-1)^n$$

$$\text{PS is } \lambda n + \mu$$

$$\lambda n + \mu - (\lambda(n-1) + \mu) - 2(\lambda(n-2) + \mu) = 2n$$

$$\lambda = -1, \mu = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$u_n = A(2^n) + B(-1)^n - n - \frac{5}{2}$$

$$11 \text{ c } r^2 + 4r + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -1, -3$$

$$\text{CF is } A(-1)^n + B(-3)^n$$

$$\text{PS is } C(-2)^n$$

$$C(-2)^{n+2} + 4C(-2)^{n+1} + 3C(-2)^n = 5(-2)^n$$

$$4C - 8C + 3C = 5 \Rightarrow C = -5$$

$$a_n = A(-3)^n + B(-1)^n - 5(-2)^n$$

$$11 \text{ d } r^2 + 4r + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -1, -3$$

$$\text{CF is } A(-3)^n + B(-1)^n$$

$$\text{PS is } Cn(-3)^n$$

$$C(n+2)(-3)^{n+2} + 4C(n+1)(-3)^{n+1} + 9Cn(-3)^n = 12(-3)^n$$

$$9C(n+2) - 12C(n+1) + 3Cn = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 6C = 12 \Rightarrow C = 2$$

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

$$11 \text{ e } r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 3$$

$$\text{CF is } A(3^n) + Bn(3^n)$$

$$\text{PS is } Cn^2(3)^n$$

$$C(n+2)^2(3^{n+2}) - 6C(n+1)^2(3^{n+1}) + 9Cn^2(3^n) = 3^n$$

$$9C(n+2)^2 - 18C(n+1)^2 + 9Cn^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 36C - 18C = 1 \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{18}$$

$$a_n = A(3^n) + Bn(3^n) + \frac{1}{18}n^2(3^n)$$

$$= \left(A + Bn + \frac{n^2}{18} \right) 3^n$$

$$11 \text{ f } r^2 - 7r + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 2, 5$$

$$\text{CF is } A(2^n) + B(5^n)$$

$$\text{PS is } C + Dn$$

$$C + Dn = 7(C + D(n-1)) - 10(C + D(n-2)) + 6 + 8n$$

$$C = 8, D = 2$$

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

$$12 \text{ a } r^2 - 2r - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -1, 2$$

$$\text{CF is } A(-1)^n + B(3^n)$$

$$\text{PS is } \lambda$$

$$\lambda = 2\lambda + 3\lambda + 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{GS is } A(-1)^n + B(3^n) - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$-A + 3B - \frac{1}{4} = 3$$

$$A + 9B - \frac{1}{4} = 7$$

$$A = -\frac{5}{8}, B = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$u_n = \frac{1}{8}(7(3^n) - 5(-1)^n - 2)$$

$$12 \text{ b } r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 1, 2$$

$$\text{CF is } A + B(2^n)$$

$$\text{PS is } C(-1)^n$$

$$-C - 3C - 2C = 6 \Rightarrow C = -1$$

$$\text{GS is } A + B(2^n) + (-1)^{n+1}$$

$$A + B - 1 = 12$$

$$A + 2B + 1 = 12$$

$$A = 15, B = -2$$

$$a_n = 15 - 2^{n+1} + (-1)^{n+1}$$

$$\text{c } r^2 - 3r - 10 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 5, -2$$

$$\text{CF is } A(5^n) + B(-2)^n$$

$$\text{PS is } Cn(5^n)$$

$$Cn(5^n) = 3C(n-1)(5^{n-1}) + 10C(n-2)(5^{n-2}) + 7 \times 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow 25Cn = 15C(n-1) + 10C(n-2) + 175$$

$$C = 5$$

$$A + B = 4$$

$$5A - 2B + 25 = 3$$

$$A = -2, B = 6$$

$$u_n = n5^{n+1} - 2 \times 5^n + 6(-2)^n$$

$$\text{d } r^2 - 10r + 25 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 5$$

$$\text{CF is } A(5^n) + Bn(5^n)$$

$$\text{PS is } Cn^2(5^n)$$

$$Cn^2(5^n) = 10C(n-1)^2(5^{n-1}) - 25C(n-2)^2(5^{n-2}) + 8 \times 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow 25Cn^2 = 50C(n-1)^2 - 25C(n-2)^2 + 200$$

$$C = 4$$

$$\text{GS is } A(5^n) + Bn(5^n) + 4n^2(5^n)$$

$$A = 6$$

$$5A + 5B + 20 = 10 \Rightarrow B = -8$$

$$x_n = (4n^2 - 8n + 6)5^n$$

$$13 \text{ a } k + 4k + 4k = 7 \Rightarrow k = \frac{7}{9}$$

$$\text{b } r^2 + 4r + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -2$$

$$\text{CF is } A(-2)^n + Bn(-2)^n$$

$$\text{GS is } A(-2)^n + Bn(-2)^n + \frac{7}{9}$$

$$A + \frac{7}{9} = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$-2A - 2B + \frac{7}{9} = 2 \Rightarrow B = -\frac{5}{6}$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{9}(-2)^n - \frac{5}{6}n(-2)^n + \frac{7}{9}$$

$$14 \text{ a } r^2 - 7r + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 6, 1$$

$$\text{CF is } A(6^n) + B$$

$$\text{PS is } \lambda n$$

$$\lambda n = 7(\lambda(n-1)) - 6(\lambda(n-2)) + 75$$

$$\lambda = -15$$

$$u_n = A(6^n) + B - 15n$$

$$\text{b } A + 6B = 17$$

$$A + B = 2$$

$$A = -1, B = 3$$

$$u_n = 3(6^n) - 15n - 1$$

$$15 \text{ a } k(n+2)^2 3^{n+2} - 6k(n+1)^2 3^{n+1} + 9kn^2 3^n = 7 \times 3^n$$

$$\Rightarrow 9k(n+2)^2 - 18k(n+1)^2 + 9kn^2 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 18k = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{7}{18}$$

$$\text{b } r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 3$$

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

$$\text{c } \text{GS is } (A + Bn)3^n + \frac{7}{18}n^2 3^n$$

$$A = 1$$

$$(A + B)3 + \frac{21}{18} = 4 \Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{18}$$

$$u_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{18}n + \frac{7}{18}n^2\right)3^n$$

16 a Auxiliary equation is $r^2 - r + 1 = 0$, so $r = e^{\pm \frac{\pi}{3}}$, and the general solution has the form

$$u_n = A \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}n\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}n\right)$$

$$u_0 = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0, \text{ and } u_1 = 3 \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}B = 3 \Rightarrow B = 2\sqrt{3}$$

b We have that $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}n\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}n + 2\pi\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi(n+6)}{3}\right)$ so the sequence is periodic with period 6.

17 a 22 (ABA, ABB, ABC, ACA, ACB, ACC, BAB, BAC, BBA, BBB, BBC, BCA, BCB, BCC, CAB, CAC, CBA, CBB, CBC, CCA, CCB, CCC.)

b If we have any string of length $n-1$ we can add a B or C to make a string of length n .

This gives $2s_{n-1}$. If we have a string of length $n-1$ which doesn't end in A , we can add an A to make a string of length n .

This gives $2s_{n-2}$ because we have a string of length $n-2$ followed by B or C . So

$$s_n = 2s_{n-1} + 2s_{n-2}, s_0 = 1, s_1 = 3$$

c i $r^2 - 2r - 2 = 0, r = 1 \pm \sqrt{3}$

$$\text{GS is } s_n = A(1 + \sqrt{3})^n + B(1 - \sqrt{3})^n$$

$$A + B = 1$$

$$A(1 + \sqrt{3}) + B(1 - \sqrt{3}) = 3$$

$$A = \frac{3 + 2\sqrt{3}}{6}, B = \frac{3 - 2\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$s_n = \frac{1}{6} \left((3 + 2\sqrt{3})(1 + \sqrt{3})^n + (3 - 2\sqrt{3})(1 - \sqrt{3})^n \right)$$

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Challenge

1 Take \log_2 of both sides

$$2v_n + v_{n-1} - v_{n-2} = 0$$

$$2r^2 + r - 1 = 0, r = \frac{1}{2}, -1$$

$$v_n = A(-1)^n + B\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$v_0 = 3, v_1 = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$A + B = 3$$

$$-A + \frac{1}{2}B = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$A = 2, B = 1$$

$$v_n = 2(-1)^n + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow u_n = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + 2(-1)^n$$

2 To have period 12 it must be based on cos and sin of $\frac{n\pi}{6}$

$$r^2 - ar - b = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{a \pm \sqrt{a^2 + 4b}}{2}$$

So to give the desired roots of $\frac{\sqrt{3} \pm i}{2}$

$$a = \sqrt{3}, b = -1$$

$$u_n = 2k \sin \frac{n\pi}{6}$$

$$\max = 2k, \min = -2k$$