

$$x^2 \ln(x) - 4x^2 + e^x = x - 1$$

$$2x \ln(x) - y^2 + e^x + \frac{x^2}{y} - 2xy$$

$$2 \ln(x) \cdot \frac{x^2}{y} = y^2 - 2xy + e^x \cdot 0$$

Lecture Notes

Intro! Generating function - clothe line hang up series of unknown #'s a_n

$$\hookrightarrow P(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

power series - infinite series of the form of a polynomial w/ infinite # of terms

1.1 two-term recurrence - n^{th} term of a sequence is equal to a given combination of previous terms

Ex: 1.1 $\rightarrow$ certain sequence of #'s satisfies $a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 1$, ($n \geq 0, a_0 = 0$)
 $\hookrightarrow$ Find the sequence $\hookrightarrow$ (1.1)

$$a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 3, a_3 = 7, a_4 = 15, a_5 = 31$$

$\hookrightarrow$ look like (less) than powers of 2.

$$\hookrightarrow a_n = 2^n - 1 \quad (n \geq 0)$$

What about generating functions method?

$\hookrightarrow$ instead of finding sequence $\{a_n\}$, find generating function

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

$\hookrightarrow$ function would tell us explicit formula for the a_n 's by expanding $A(x)$ in a series

Find $A(x)$ by multiplying both sides of recurrence relation ($a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 1$) by (x^n) and sum of values over n which the recurrence is valid ($\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}$)

$$\hookrightarrow \text{gives } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} x^n = a_1 + a_2 x + a_3 x^2 + a_4 x^3 + \dots$$

$\hookrightarrow$ compare to $A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \rightarrow$ almost same (a_n vs. a_{n+1})

$$\hookrightarrow \text{however, recall } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} x^n = \{ (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots) - a_0 \} / x$$

$$= A(x) / x \quad \text{since } a_0 = 0$$

$\hookrightarrow$ left side of 1.1

Now, right side of 1.1 (multiply $\cdot x^n$ and sum over all $n \geq 0$)

$$\hookrightarrow \sum_{n \geq 0} (2a_n + 1)x^n = 2A(x) + \sum_{n \geq 0} x^n$$

$$= \boxed{2A(x) + \frac{1}{1-x}}$$

geometric series
evaluation
valid when $|x| < 1$

Now looking at both sides of 1.1

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{\frac{A(x)}{x} = 2A(x) + \frac{1}{1-x}}$$

$$A(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)(1-2x)} \xrightarrow{\text{partial fractions}} x \left(\frac{2}{1-2x} - \frac{1}{1-x} \right)$$

$$= \{2x + 2^2 x^2 + 2^3 x^3 + \dots\} - \{x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots\}$$

$$= (2-1)x + (2^2-1)x^2 + (2^3-1)x^3 + \dots$$

co-efficient of x^n (a_n) is $(2^n - 1)$, $n \geq 0$

2 Harder Two term Recurrence

(1.2)

A certain sequence satisfies

$$\boxed{a_{n+1} = 2a_n + n} \quad (n \geq 0, a_0 = 1)$$

is 1, 3, 5, 12, 27, 58, 121, ...

$\hookrightarrow$ no obvious general formula, so use GFS.

Look for function $A(x) = \sum_{j \geq 0} a_j x^j$ - instead of sequence $a_0, a_1, \dots$

$\hookrightarrow$ as mentioned earlier, once we find the function, we can identify the sequence as the sequence of power series co-efficients of the function

(1)

$$(1.2) \rightarrow a_{n+1} = 2a_n + n$$

$$A(x) = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots\}$$

Steps:

1. make sure recurrence relation that we're trying to solve has clear ranges of values of the subscript for which it is valid

$\hookrightarrow (1.2)$ is valid for $n \geq 0$

2. Define GF that we're looking for

$\hookrightarrow$ looking for sequence $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$

$\hookrightarrow$ function $A(x) = \sum_{j \geq 0} a_j x^j$ is a natural choice

3. take recurrence relation (1.2) and multiply both sides by (x^n) and sum over all values of n for which the relation is valid ($\sum_{n \geq 0}$)

$\hookrightarrow$ left side of (1.2)

$$a_1 + a_2x + a_3x^2 + a_4x^3 + \dots = (A(x) - a_0)/x$$

$$= (A(x) - 1)/x$$

multiply right side of (1.2) by same thing

$$\hookrightarrow 2A(x) + \sum_{n \geq 0} nx^n$$

$\hookrightarrow$ series: $x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots$

$\hookrightarrow$ need to identify series

work out

look up

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} nx^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} x \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right) x^n = x \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right) \sum_{n \geq 0} x^n = x \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right) \frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$

(1.3)

the series we're interested in is the derivative of the geometric series, so its sum is the derivative of the sum of the geometric series

$$(1.1) \rightarrow \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$(1.2) \rightarrow a_{n+1} = 2a_n + n$$

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

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

$$A(-2x) \rightarrow \frac{x}{(1-x)^2(1-2x)}$$

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

Results (after multiplying by x^n and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}$)

$$\text{left side} = \frac{(A(x)-1)}{x}, \text{ right side} = 2A(x) + \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$\text{set equal, solve for } A(x) \rightarrow A(x) = \frac{1-2x+2x^2}{(1-x)^2(1-2x)} \quad (1.5)$$

Recap

- original problem - find the #'s $\{a_n\}$ that are determined by the recurrence (1.2)
 - ↳ found them: a_n is the coefficient of x^n in power series expansion of the function (1.5)
 - ↳ found GF

To find exact, simple formula for members a_n of the unknown sequence:

- ↳ expand $A(x)$ into a power series
- ↳ partial fractions easiest when $A(x)$ is a rational function

$$\frac{1-2x+2x^2}{(1-x)^2(1-2x)} = \frac{A}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{B}{1-x} + \frac{C}{1-2x} \quad (1.6)$$

↓ (decomp)

$$\text{result of the relation: } A(x) = \frac{1-2x+2x^2}{(1-x)^2(1-2x)} = \frac{-1}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{2}{1-2x} + \left(\frac{0}{1-x}\right) \quad (1.7)$$

↳ Find explicit formula for the coefficient of x^n by breaking it down into finding the coefficient of x^n in each of the summands on the right side of (1.7)

↳ easier because we know how to expand as a geometric series

↳ $\left(\frac{2}{1-2x}\right) \rightarrow$ expands as geometric $\rightarrow 2 \cdot 2^n = 2^{n+1}$
(coefficient of x^n)

↳ $\left(\frac{-1}{(1-x)^2}\right) \rightarrow$ as seen in (1.3) $\rightarrow$ coefficient of $x^n = -(n+1)$

↳ combine 2 results $\rightarrow$ unknown seq.: $a_n = 2^{n+1} - n - 1$

Ex: - shows how a single method can replace various specific techniques when dealing w/ sequences

Notation that will help in future

Def. 1.1. - Let $f(x)$ be a series in powers of x . Then by the symbol $[x^n] f(x)$ we will mean the coefficient of x^n in the series $f(x)$.

$$\text{Ex: } [x^n] e^x = \frac{1}{n!}, [t^r] \left\{ \frac{1}{1-3t} \right\} = 3^r,$$

$$[u^m] (1+u)^s = \binom{s}{m}$$

$$\text{property of this symbol: } [x^n] \{x^a f(x)\} = [x^{n-a}] f(x)$$

another property: let β be any real #, then:

$$[\beta x^n] f(x) = (1/\beta) [x^n] f(x)$$

$$\text{Ex: } [x^n / n!] e^x = 1 \text{ for all } n \geq 0$$

3 A Three Term Recurrence

Fibonacci recurrence $\rightarrow F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1} \quad (n \geq 1; F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1) \quad (1.10)$

Solve for GF: $F(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} F_n x^n$

$\hookrightarrow$ multiply both sides of (1.10) by x^n and sum over $n \geq 1$.

left side: $F_2 x + F_3 x^2 + F_4 x^3 + \dots = \frac{F(x) - x}{x}$

right side: $\{F_1 x + F_2 x^2 + F_3 x^3 + \dots\} + \{F_0 x + F_1 x^2 + F_2 x^3 + \dots\} = \{F(x)\} + \{x F(x)\}$

combine: $\frac{F(x) - x}{x} = F(x) + x F(x) \rightarrow F(x) = \frac{x}{1 - x - x^2}$

$\hookrightarrow$ unknown GF

Find some formulas for Fibonacci #s by expanding right side into partial fractions

$\hookrightarrow$ easier when denominator only has first degree factors

$\hookrightarrow 1 - x - x^2 = (1 - x r_+) (1 - x r_-)$

$\hookrightarrow$ quadratic formula: $r_{\pm} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$

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

thanks to geometric series $\rightarrow \frac{1}{(r_+ - r_-)} \left(\frac{1}{1 - x r_+} - \frac{1}{1 - x r_-} \right)$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \sum_{j \geq 0} r_+^j x^{j+1} - \sum_{j \geq 0} r_-^j x^{j+1} \right\}$$

pick out coefficient of $x^n \rightarrow F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (r_+^n - r_-^n), n \geq 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(1.11)

GF can also give us an approximate answer for when n is large
↳ when n is large $r_+ > 1$ and $|r_-| < 1$

↳ so r_+ will be huge, while r_- will be minuscule

good approx. to F_n :
$$F_n \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \quad (1.12)$$

Approximation revealing

(neglecting 2nd term in (1.11) is a quantity

that is tiny, whereas not only is F_n approximately
given by (1.12), it is exactly given by

integer nearest to right side of (1.12)

↳ approx. found us a simpler, exact formula.

(likely skip)

2.1 Formal Power Series

Proposition 2.1 - A formal power series $f = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n$ has a reciprocal if and only if $a_0 \neq 0$. In that case the reciprocal is unique.

Proof: Let f have a reciprocal, namely, $\frac{1}{f} = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n x^n$.
Then, $f \cdot (\frac{1}{f}) = 1 \dots$ (Cauchy Product Rule)

"ops" = ordinary power series

2.2 The Calculus of Formal Ordinary Power Series Generating Functions

Operations on formal series involve corresponding operations on their coefficients

↳ think about: which kinds of GFs is appropriate for which kind of recurrence relation / other combinatorial situation

Def 2.5 - The symbol $f \overset{\text{ops}}{\longleftrightarrow} \{a_n\}_0^\infty$ means that the series f is the ordinary power series ("ops") generating function for the sequence $\{a_n\}_0^\infty$. That is, it means $f = \sum_n a_n x^n$

What generates $\{a_{n+1}\}_0^\infty$?

$$\hookrightarrow \sum_{n \geq 0} a_{n+1} x^n = \frac{1}{x} \sum_{m \geq 1} a_m x^m = \frac{(f(x) - f(0))}{x}$$

$$\text{Therefore: } f \overset{\text{ops}}{\longleftrightarrow} \{a_n\}_0^\infty \Rightarrow \boxed{(f - a_0/x) \overset{\text{ops}}{\longleftrightarrow} \{a_{n+1}\}_0^\infty} \quad (2.6)$$

Shifting - if we shift the subscript by 1 unit, the series represented changes to the difference quotient $(f - a_0)/x$

$$\text{Ex: shift another unit: } \{a_{n+2}\}_0^\infty \overset{\text{ops}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{(f - a_0/x) - a_1}{x} = \frac{f - a_0 - a_1 x}{x^2}$$

↳ plug in Fibonacci recurrence relation ($F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$, $n \geq 0$, $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$)

$$\hookrightarrow \text{translates into ops GF } \frac{f - x}{x^2} = \frac{f}{x^2} + f$$

↳ sequence relations $\rightarrow$ series relations quickly

Rule 1 - If $f \overset{\text{ops}}{\longleftrightarrow} \{a_n\}_0^\infty$, then, for integer $h > 0$,

$$\{a_{n+h}\}_0^\infty \overset{\text{ops}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{f - a_0 - \dots - a_{h-1}x^{h-1}}{x^h}$$

Let's multiply sequence by powers of n -

↳ can we express the series $\sum n a_n x^n$ in some simple way in terms of the series $f = \sum a_n x^n$?

↳ former series is actually exactly $x f'$

Therefore, to multiply the n^{th} member of a sequence by n causes its ops GF to be "multiplied" by $x(1/x)$, or $x D$.

$$f \overset{\text{ops}}{\longleftrightarrow} \{a_n\}_0^\infty \Rightarrow \boxed{(x D f) \overset{\text{ops}}{\longleftrightarrow} \{n a_n\}_0^\infty} \quad (2.7)$$

Ex: Consider the recurrence: $(n+1)a_{n+1} = 3a_n + 1$ ($n \geq 0, a_0 = 1$)

If f is the ops GF of the sequence $\{a_n\}_0^\infty$, then from rule 1 and (2.7)

$$\hookrightarrow f' = 3f + \frac{1}{1-x}$$

Next suppose $f \overset{\text{ops}}{\longleftrightarrow} \{a_n\}_0^\infty$. Then what generates the sequence $\{n^2 a_n\}_0^\infty$?

↳ apply multiply-by- n operator (xD) twice $\rightarrow (xD)^2 f$

In general, $(xD)^k f \overset{\text{ops}}{\longleftrightarrow} \{n^k a_n\}_{n \geq 0}$

Rule 2 - If $f \xleftrightarrow{\text{ops}} \{a_n\}_0^\infty$ and P is a polynomial, then

$$P(xD)f \xleftrightarrow{\text{ops}} \{P(n)a_n\}_{n \geq 0}$$

Ex. 2.6: Find a closed formula for the sum of the series $\sum_{n \geq 0} (n^2 + 4n + 5)/n!$

applying this rule

$$\{(xD)^2 + 4(xD) + 5\}e^x = \{x^2 + x\}e^x + 4xe^x + 5e^x$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{NOT } x^2 D^2, \text{ but } = (x^2 + 5x + 5)e^x$$

operators

letter x is purely a formal symbol whose powers mark the derivatives on the the

Rule 3 - If $f \xleftrightarrow{\text{ops}} \{a_n\}_0^\infty$ and $g \xleftrightarrow{\text{ops}} \{b_n\}_0^\infty$, then

by the way 2 ops

GFS are multiplied

$$fg \xleftrightarrow{\text{ops}} \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^n a_r b_{n-r} \right\}_{n \geq 0} \quad (2.8)$$

3 series $\rightarrow$ functions f, g, h that generate sequences a_i, b_i and c_i respectively

$$\hookrightarrow \left\{ \sum_{r+s+t=n} a_r b_s c_t \right\}_{n \geq 0}$$

Rule 5 - The effect of dividing an ops GF by $(1-x)$ is to replace the sequence that is generated by the sequence of its partial sums.

$$\text{if } f \xleftrightarrow{\text{ops}} \{a_n\}_0^\infty, \text{ then } \frac{f}{1-x} \xleftrightarrow{\text{ops}} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^n a_j \right\}_{n \geq 0}$$

Ex 2.11: Prove that the Fibonacci #s satisfy: $F_0 + F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_n = F_{n+2} - 1$, (check)

using rule 5, the ops GF of the sequence on the left side is $\frac{F}{(1-x)}$, where F is the ops GF of the Fibonacci #s

in section 1.3, we found F to be $\frac{x}{(1-x-x^2)}$

so by rule 1, the ops GF of the sequence on the right hand side is

(ignore) (check) $\frac{F-x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{1-x}$

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

$$\frac{x}{1-x-x^2} = \left(\frac{x}{1-x-x^2} - x \right) (1-x)$$

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

(check scratch)

$$\frac{(1-x^2)x^2}{1-x-x^2} = \left(\frac{x}{1-x-x^2} - x \right) (1-x)$$

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

$$= \frac{x - (x - x^2 - x^3)}{1-x-x^2}$$

$$= \frac{-x^3 - x^2}{1-x-x^2} = -x^2 - x^3 \quad \checkmark$$