

3.7 Exercise 2. We are given  $\Pr(X=x) = (3x+1)/22$  for  $x=0,1,2,3$ .  
Let's enumerate  $\Pr(X=x)$ :

$x$	0	1	2	3
$\Pr(X=x)$	$1/22$	$4/22$	$7/22$	$10/22$

(a)  $\Pr(X=3) = 10/22$

(b)  $\Pr(X \leq 1) = 4/22 + 1/22 = 5/22$

(c)  $\Pr(1 \leq X \leq 3) = 1 - \Pr(X=0) = 1 - \frac{1}{22} = \frac{21}{22}$

(e) Let  $A$  be the event that  $X=1$   $\Pr(A) = 4/22$   
Let  $B$  be the event that  $X \leq 2$   $\Pr(B) = 12/22$ .

$$\Pr(X=1 | X \leq 2) = \Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{\Pr(A)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{4/22}{12/22} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Because  $A \subset B$  we have  
 $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A)$ .

(d)  $\Pr(X > -2) = 1$ .

10.1 Exercise 1

a) The sequence  $2, 10, 50, 250, \dots$  is multiplying by 5 so

$$a_n = 5a_{n-1} \text{ and } a_1 = 2.$$

b) The sequence  $6, -18, 54, -162, \dots$  is multiplying by  $-3$  so

$$a_n = -3a_{n-1} \text{ and } a_1 = 6.$$

c) The sequence  $7, 14/5, 28/25, 56/125, \dots$  is multiplying by  $\frac{2}{5}$  so

$$a_n = \frac{2}{5}a_{n-1} \text{ and } a_1 = 7.$$

10.1 Exercise 2.

$$(a) \quad a_{n+1} - 1.5a_n = 0 \Rightarrow a_{n+1} = 1.5a_n \\ \Rightarrow a_n = A \cdot 1.5^n \text{ for some constant } A$$

$$(b) \quad 4a_n - 5a_{n-1} = 0 \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{5}{4}a_{n-1} \Rightarrow a_n = A \cdot \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^n.$$

$$(c) \quad 3a_{n+1} - 4a_n = 0 \Rightarrow a_{n+1} = \frac{4}{3}a_n \Rightarrow a_n = A \cdot \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n.$$

$$a_1 = 5 = A \cdot \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{15}{4} \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{15}{4} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n$$

$$(d) \quad 2a_n - 3a_{n-1} = 0 \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{3}{2}a_{n-1} \Rightarrow a_n = A \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n.$$

$$a_4 = 81 = A \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^4 = A \cdot \frac{81}{16} \Rightarrow A = 16$$

$$\text{Thus } a_n = 16 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n.$$

10.2 Exercise 1. We need to calculate the solutions to the characteristic equation  $ar^2 + br + c = 0$ . Factoring is one way. Using the quadratic formula  $r = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$  works too.

$$(a) \quad a_n = 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} \text{ for } n \geq 2 \quad a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = 3.$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n - 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 5r - 6 = (r-6)(r+1) = 0 \Rightarrow r = -1, 6.$$

$$\text{The general solution is } a_n = A(-1)^n + B6^n$$

$$a_0 = 1 = A + B \quad (1)$$

$$a_1 = 3 = -A + 6B \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Solving these equations I get } 4 = 7B \Rightarrow B = \frac{4}{7}, A = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$a_n = \frac{3}{7}(-1)^n + \frac{4}{7}6^n$$

$$(b) \quad 2a_{n+2} - 11a_{n+1} + 5a_n = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 0 \quad a_0 = 2, a_1 = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a_n - 11a_{n-1} + 5a_{n-2} = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2r^2 - 11r + 5 = (2r-1)(r-5) = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{2}, 5$$

$$\text{The general solution is } a_n = A\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + B5^n$$

$$a_0 = A + B = 2$$

$$a_1 = A/2 + 5B = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow A + 10B = -16$$

$$\Rightarrow 9B = -18 \Rightarrow B = -2 \Rightarrow A = 4.$$

$$\text{Thus } a_n = 4/2^n - 2 \cdot 5^n$$

$$(d) \quad a_n - 6a_{n-1} + 9a_{n-2} = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2 \quad a_0 = 5, a_1 = 12.$$

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

The general solution is

$$a_n = A3^n + Bn3^n$$

$$a_0 = A + 0 = 5$$

$$a_1 = 3A + 3B = 12 \Rightarrow 15 + 3B = 12 \Rightarrow B = -1.$$

$$\text{So } a_n = 5 \cdot 3^n - 3^n \cdot n = 3^n(5 - n).$$

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## 10.2 Exercise 4.

Let  $a_n$  be the # ways to park the motorcycles (Ms) and compact cars (Cs) in  $n$  spaces.

$a_1 = 1$      $a_2 = 2$  as we can have 2Ms or 1C.

$a_3 = 3$  as we can have MMM or MC or CM.

For  $a_n$  we can have  $MM$   $a_{n-2}$  or  $C$   $a_{n-1}$   
 thus  $a_n = a_{n-2} + a_{n-1}$  which is the Fibonacci recurrence.

We have  $r^2 - r - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$

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

Using  $a_0 = 1 = A + B$   
 $a_1 = 1 = \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)A + \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)B$

I get  $A = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{10}, B = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{10}$ .