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1. The sequence $-17, -12, -7, -1, 3, \dots$ is an arithmetic sequence. **F**
2. The sequence $2, 6, 18, 54, \dots$ is a geometric sequence. **T** $r=3$ $2 \cdot 3^i$
3. The first term in the Fibonacci sequence is 0. **F**
4. Is the sequence $1, 1, 1, \dots$ an arithmetic sequence or geometric sequence or both? **both** $r=1 \quad d=0$

Section 5.2 Recursively Defined Sequences (Part 1)

Recurrence Relation

- P 1.** Write out the first 6 terms of the sequence $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that $f : a \mapsto 3a$.
- P 2.** Is the equation $a_k = 2$ where $k \geq 1$ a recurrence relation? If so, write out the sequence and the 5th term of the sequence.
- P 3.** What is the solution to the recurrence relation $a_{k+1} = 3a_k$ where $k \geq 0$ and $a_0 = 1$.
- P 4.** Let $a_1 = 1$ and $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1$ for $n \geq 2$. Write out the first 6 terms. Conjecture a solution for the recurrence relation.
- P 5.** Let $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 3$ and $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 3$. Write out the first 6 terms. Conjecture a solution for the recurrence relation.

Strong Principle of Mathematical Induction

- P 6.** Let $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 3$ and $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 3$. Conjecture a solution for the recurrence relation and prove it using Strong Mathematical Induction.
- P 7.** Let $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 4$, and $a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 4a_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 2$. Prove that $a_n = 2^n(n+1)$ for all $n \geq 0$.
- P 8.** Prove $\forall n \geq 12 \exists s, t \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ such that $n = 3s + 7t$.

P3: What is the solution to the recurrence relation $a_{k+1} = 3a_k$ where $k \geq 0$ and $a_0 = 1$.

Solⁿ:

$$a_{k+1} = 3a_k$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 = a_{0+1} = 3a_0 = 3(1) = 3$$

$$a_2 = a_{1+1} = 3a_1 = 3(3) = 9$$

$$a_3 = a_{2+1} = 3a_2 = 3(9) = 27$$

$1, 3, 9, 27$

\therefore the solution is 3^n for $n \geq 0$

P1: $3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18$

P2: Yes, it can be rewritten as $a_k = a_{k-1}$ with $k \geq 1, a_0 = 2$

All terms are 2

5.1

Def: A sequence is a function (or infinite list of elements) whose domain is some subset of integers and range is a set of elements (real numbers).

Ex: $2, 4, 6, 8, \dots$ is a sequence

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{st.} \quad f: n \mapsto \underbrace{2n}_{n^{\text{th}} \text{ term}}$$

Ex: $1, 4, 9, 16, 25, \dots$ has the n^{th} term of

$$n \geq 1, \quad n^2$$

$n=6 \Rightarrow 6^2 = 6^{\text{th}}$ term of the sequence

Def: A recurrence relation is an equation where the n^{th} term of the sequence is expressed in terms of the other terms of the sequence.

Ex: The equation $a_k = 2a_{k-1}$ is a recurrence relation

where $a_0 = 1$ and $k \geq 1$.

$$1, 2, 4, 8, 16, \dots$$

Ex: $a_k = 2a_{k-1} + 2a_{k-2}$ for $k \geq 2$

$$a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = 2$$

Def: The solution of the recurrence relation is the n^{th} term of the sequence.

Ex: $a_0 = 1 \quad a_n = 2a_{n-1} \quad n \geq 1$

$$1, 2, 4, 8, 16, \dots$$

$$a_n = 2^n \quad n \geq 0$$

Here is a solution for the recurrence relation.

Find the solution for the following recurrence relation.

Ex: $a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = 4 \quad a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 4a_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 2$.

$$a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = 4 \quad a_2 = 4 \cdot 4 - 4 \cdot 1 = 12$$

$$a_3 = 4(12 - 4) = 32 \quad a_4 = 4(32 - 12) = 80$$

$$1, 4, 12, 32, 80, 192, \dots$$

conjecture $1 = 1 \cdot 2^0 \quad 4 = 2 \cdot 2^1 \quad 12 = 3 \cdot 2^2$

$$32 = 4 \cdot 2^3 \quad 80 = 5 \cdot 2^4$$

$$a_n = n \cdot 2^{n-1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

Strong Induction

Let $P(n)$ be a statement concerning the integers $\{n_0, n_1, \dots\}$. Suppose

$$(1) \quad P(n_0) \text{ is true, and}$$

$$(2) \quad P(n_0) \wedge P(n_1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n_k) \Rightarrow P(n_{k+1})$$

for all $k \geq 0$.

Then $P(n)$ is true for all elements in $\{n_0, n_1, \dots\}$.

Ex. Let $a_1 = 1$, $a_2 = 0$, and $a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 4a_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 3$. Prove $a_n = 2^n \left(1 - \frac{n}{2}\right)$ for $n \geq 1$.

pf. by strong induction

Base step for $n=1$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{LHS} \quad a_1 = 1 \\ \uparrow \\ \text{recurrence} \\ \text{relation} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{RHS} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{i-th} \end{array} \quad a_1 = 2^1 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

Ind step

For $n=2$

$$\text{LHS} \quad a_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{RHS} \\ \end{array} \quad a_2 = 2^2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2}{2}\right) = 4 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Assume $P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)$.

For $n = k+1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= A a_{(k+1)-1} - A a_{(k+1)-2} \\ &= A a_k - A a_{k-1} \\ &= A \left[2^k \left(1 - \frac{k}{2} \right) - 2^{k-1} \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= 2^2 \cdot 2^k \left(1 - \frac{k}{2} \right) - 2^2 \cdot 2^{k-1} \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{2} \right) \\ &= 2^{k+1} \cdot 2 \left(1 - \frac{k}{2} \right) - 2^{k+1} \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{2} \right) \\ &= 2^{k+1} \left(2 - k - 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} \right) \\ &= 2^{k+1} \left(1 - \frac{k+1}{2} \right) = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$