

Solutions to my questions ①

(a) $a_{n+1} = a_n + 3^n \quad a_0 = 1$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n x^n = 1 + x \sum_{n \geq 0} a_{n+1} x^n$$

$$= 1 + x \sum_{n \geq 0} (a_n + 3^n) x^n = 1 + x f(x) + \frac{x}{1-3x}$$

$$\therefore (1-x)f(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{1-3x}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} + \frac{\frac{x}{1-3x}}{(1-x)(1-3x)}$$

$$\therefore a_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3^n - \frac{1}{2} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3^n}}$$

Partial fractions

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

$$A(1-3x) + B(1-x) = x$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} A+B=0 \\ 3A+B=-1 \end{cases} \quad A = -\frac{1}{2}, B = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

(b) $a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 2^n \quad a_0 = 0$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n x^n = x \sum_{n \geq 0} a_{n+1} x^n$$

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

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

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

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

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2^n \cdot n = \underline{\underline{n \cdot 2^{n-1}}}$$

$$\frac{x}{(1-x)^2} = x + 2x^2 + \dots + nx^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$\therefore \frac{2x}{(1-2x)^2} = \dots + n(2x)^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$(c) \quad a_{n+1} = a_n + n^2 \quad a_0 = 1 \quad \text{Let } f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n$$

$$f(x) = 1 + x \sum_{n \geq 0} (a_n + n^2) x^n \quad (\text{as usual})$$

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

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

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} + \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{2x}{(1-x)^4} - \frac{3x}{(1-x)^3}$$

$$n^2 = 2 \cdot \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} - 3(n+1) + 1$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n \geq 0} n^2 x^n = \frac{2}{(1-x)^3} - \frac{3}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{1}{1-x}$$

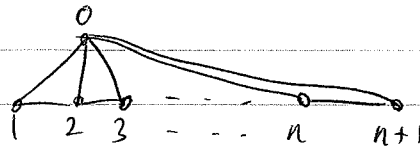
$$\therefore a_n = 1 + n + \frac{2}{6} n(n+1)(n+2) - \frac{3}{2} n(n+1)$$

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{1}{6} (n+1) [6 + 2n(n+2) - 9n] = \frac{1}{6} (n+1) (2n^2 - 5n + 6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (n+1)(n-3)(n-2)$$

Solution to Supp. Ex. to Ch. 12 #20

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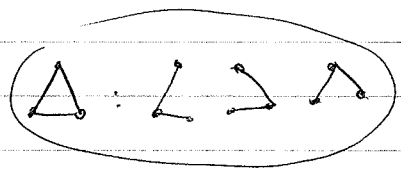


$t_{n+1} = \# \text{ spanning trees}$

$t_0 = 1$

$t_1 = 1$

$t_2 = 3$

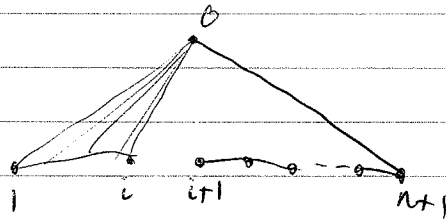


(a) Find a recurrence for t_n .

The following is okay for $n \geq 1$:

$$t_{n+1} = \# \text{ spanning tree without edge } 0-(n+1) + \# \text{ spanning tree with edge } 0-(n+1) = t_n + \# \text{ spanning trees with edge } 0-(n+1)$$

Consider such with edges $i-(i+1)$ removed but $(i+1)-(i+2), \dots, n-(n+1)$ all present ($0 \leq i \leq n$)



all edges $0-(i+1), \dots, 0-n$ must be gone too!

\therefore There are t_i such. Correct even for $i=0$!

$$\Rightarrow t_{n+1} = t_n + \sum_{i=0}^n t_i \quad t_0 = 1 = t_1$$

(b) $t_{n+1} - t_n = (t_n + \sum_{i=0}^n t_i) - (t_{n-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t_i)$

okay for $n \geq 2$ but not for $n=1$!

$= t_n + t_n - t_{n-1}$

$\therefore t_{n+1} = 3t_n - t_{n-1}$

$t_0 = 1$

$t_1 = 1 \quad t_2 = 3 \quad t_3 = 8$

good here

(c) Solve!

Char. poly: $x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0 \quad x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$

$\therefore t_n = A \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + B \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$ for $n \geq 1$

$n=1: 1 = \frac{3}{2}(A+B) + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}(A-B) \quad \therefore A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

$t_0=0 \rightarrow n=0: 0 = A+B \quad \therefore B = -A$

follows recurrence!

$$\therefore t_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$\therefore t_n = F_{2n}$

Compare with ex. 10.10:
 $F_{2n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{2n} - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{2n} \right]$
 $\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}$