

CSE547

Chapter 2 Problems 13 and 14

Problem 13

Use the Repertoire method to find a closed form for:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k^2$$

Problem 13: Solution

$$S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k^2 \quad (\text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$S_0 = 0$$

$$S_n = S_{n-1} + (-1)^n n^2$$

Problem 13: Solution

Generalizing this expression in a recursive form

$$R_0 = \alpha$$

$$R_n = R_{n-1} + (-1)^n (\beta + n\gamma + n^2\delta) \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

A Special case of with : $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 0$, $\gamma = 0$,
 $\delta = 1$

Problem 13: Solution

To get a solution in the closed form, we express R_n in a generalized form. We write R_n as:

$$R_n = A(n)\alpha + B(n)\beta + C(n)\gamma + D(n)\delta$$

We need to solve this equation to find the values of $A(n)$, $B(n)$, $C(n)$ and $D(n)$

Problem 13: Solution

Steps to solve:

- Pick simple functions (R_n) with easy values for α , β , γ , δ and solve the equation to find value of $A(n)$, $B(n)$, $C(n)$ and $D(n)$.
- Substitute the values of $A(n)$, $B(n)$, $C(n)$ and $D(n)$ to get the general equation for the recurrence.

Case 1: Taking $R_n = 1$ (for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$R_0 = \alpha$$

$$R_0 = 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots \text{So, } R_0 = \alpha = 1$$

$$R_n = R_{n-1} + (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$1 = 1 + (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$0 = (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$\beta + n\gamma + n^2\delta = 0 \quad (\text{dividing both sides by } (-1)^n)$$

$$(\beta - 0) + n(\gamma - 0) + n^2(\delta - 0) = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \beta = 0, \gamma = 0 \text{ and } \delta = 0$$

Putting these values in $R_n = A(n)\alpha + B(n)\beta + C(n)\gamma + D(n)\delta$, we have

$$R_n = A(n) 1 + 0$$

$$\text{Since } R_n = 1, \mathbf{A(n) = 1} \quad (\text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}) \dots\dots\dots \mathbf{(2)}$$

Case 2: Taking $R_n = n$ (for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$R_0 = \alpha$$

$$R_0 = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots \text{So } \alpha = 0$$

$$R_n = R_{n-1} + (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$n = n - 1 + (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$1 = (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$(-1)^{-n} = \beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2$$

We cannot solve this further.

The recurrence is not found to be true for this case.

Therefore, we try with another value of R_n

Case 3: Taking $R_n = (-1)^n$ (for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$R_0 = \alpha$$

$$R_0 = (-1)^0 \quad \dots \quad \text{So } \alpha = 1$$

$$R_n = R_{n-1} + (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$(-1)^n = (-1)^{(n-1)} + (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

dividing both sides by $(-1)^{n-1}$

$$(-1) = 1 + (-1) (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$(-2) = (-1) (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

Rearranging the terms,

$$(\beta - 2) + (\gamma - 0)n + (\delta - 0)n^2 = 0$$

So we have $\beta = 2$, $\gamma = 0$ and $\delta = 0$

Putting these values in $R_n = A(n)\alpha + B(n)\beta + C(n)\gamma + D(n)\delta$, we have

$$R_n = A(n) 1 + B(n) 2 + C(n) 0 + D(n) 0 = (-1)^n$$

$2 B(n) + 1 = (-1)^n$...Since $A(n) = 1$ (for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$\mathbf{B(n) = ((- 1)^n - 1)/ 2} \quad (\text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}) \text{(3)}$$

Case 4: Taking $R_n = (-1)^n n$ (for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$R_0 = \alpha$$

$$R_0 = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots\text{So } \alpha = 0$$

$$R_n = R_{n-1} + (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$(-1)^n n = (-1)^{(n-1)} (n-1) + (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$(-1) n = (n-1) + (-1) (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$0 = (2n-1) - \beta - \gamma n - \delta n^2$$

$$0 = (-1 - \beta) - n(2 - \gamma) - \delta n^2$$

$$\text{So } \beta = -1, \gamma = 2, \delta = 0$$

$$R_n = A(n) + B(n)\beta + C(n)\gamma + D(n)\delta$$

Substituting $\alpha = 0, \beta = -1, \gamma = 2, \delta = 0$

$$(-1)^n n = 0 + B(n)(-1) + C(n)(2) + 0$$

$$(-1)^n n = -B(n) + 2C(n) \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

Substituting $B(n) = ((-1)^n - 1)/2$ (for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$(-1)^n n = -(((-1)^n - 1)/2) + 2C(n)$$

$$2C(n) = (((-1)^n (2n + 1)) - 1) / 2$$

$$C(n) = (((-1)^n (2n + 1)) - 1) / 4$$

(for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$) ... (5)

Case 5 : Taking $R_n = (-1)^n n^2$

(for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$R_0 = \alpha$$

$$R_0 = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots\text{So } \alpha = 0$$

$$R_n = R_{n-1} + (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$(-1)^n n^2 = (-1)^{(n-1)} (n-1)^2 + (-1)^n (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$(-1) n^2 = (n-1)^2 + (-1) (\beta + \gamma n + \delta n^2)$$

$$0 = 2n^2 - 2n + 1 - \beta - \gamma n - \delta n^2$$

$$0 = (2n-1) - \beta - \gamma n - \delta n^2$$

$$0 = (-1 - \beta) - n(2 + \gamma) - (2 - \delta)n^2$$

So $\beta = 1, \gamma = -2, \delta = 2$

$$R_n = A(n) + B(n)\beta + C(n)\gamma + D(n)\delta$$

Substituting $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1, \gamma = -2, \delta = 2$

$$(-1)^n n^2 = 0 + B(n)(1) + C(n)(-2) + D(n)(2)$$

$$(-1)^n n^2 = -(-B(n) + 2C(n)) + 2D(n)$$

From equation (4) $\{(-1)^n n = -B(n) + 2C(n)\}$

$$(-1)^n n^2 = -(-1)^n n + 2D(n)$$

$$2D(n) = (-1)^n (n^2 + n)$$

$$D(n) = ((-1)^n (n^2 + n)) / 2$$

(for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$)(6)

Closed form using equation (1),(2),(3),(5),(6)

$$R_n = \alpha + \left(\frac{\beta (-1)^n}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{\gamma (-1)^n (2n + 1)}{4} \right) \\ + \left(\frac{\delta (-1)^n (n^2 + n)}{2} \right)$$

$$S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k^2 \quad (\text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$S_0 = 0$$

$$S_n = S_{n-1} + (-1)^n n^2$$

A special case of

$$R_0 = \alpha$$

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With Closed form

$$R_n = \alpha + ((\beta (-1)^n) / 2) + ((\gamma (-1)^n (2n + 1)) / 4) + ((\delta (-1)^n (n^2 + n)) / 2)$$

Substituting $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 0$, $\gamma = 0$, $\delta = 1$

$$R_n = S_n = ((-1)^n (n^2 + n)) / 2$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k^2 = ((-1)^n (n^2 + n)) / 2$$

Problem 14

Evaluate $\sum_{k=1}^n k2^k$

by rewriting it as multiple sum $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq k \leq n} 2^k$

$$k = \sum_{j=1}^k 1$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k 2^k \quad \sum_{\underline{k=1}}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (1) * 2^k$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k 2^k$$

The multiple sum can be solved in 2 ways:

1. Take sum over j first

But it gives the original sum

2. Take sum over k first

$$(1 \leq j \leq k) \text{ and } (1 \leq k \leq n) \equiv (1 \leq j \leq k \leq n)$$

The geometric series formula is given as:

$$\sum_{j=k}^n r^j = \frac{r^{n+1} - r^k}{r - 1}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{2^{n+1} - 2^j}{2 - 1} \quad (\text{geometric series})$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n [2^{n+1} - 2^j]$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n [2^{n+1}] - \sum_{j=1}^n [2^j] \quad (\text{distributive law})$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=j}^n 2^k = 2^{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^n 1 - \sum_{j=1}^n [2^j]$$

$$= 2^{n+1} (n) - [2^{n+1} - 2] / (2-1)$$

(geometric series formula)

$$= 2^{n+1} (n) - [2^{n+1} - 2]$$

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

The final solution is:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k2^k = 2^{n+1}(n-1) + 2$$