

This is the last homework. The year-end exam is on Wednesday 23 May from 2–5 pm at the RDS (Royal Dublin Society headquarters, Ballsbridge). You are to answer 8 questions out of 8. There is no choice. The exam generally looks like last year's, though there won't be quite so many parts to every question. You can use a non-programmable calculator, but you must write the make and model of your calculator on each answer book used.

Find *all* solutions to the following recurrences.

(1) $(E^2 - 7E + 12)y_n = 2^n$.

$$(E - 3)(E - 4)y_n = 2^n$$

$$(E - 1)3^{-n}(E - 4)y_n = \frac{1}{3}(2/3)^n$$

$$3^{-n}(E - 4)y_n = 1 - (2/3)^n$$

ignore 1

$$4^{n+1}(E - 1)4^{-n}y_n = -2^n$$

$$(E - 1)4^{-n}y_n = -\frac{1}{4}(1/2)^n$$

$$4^{-n}y_n = -\frac{1}{2}(1 - (1/2)^n)$$

ignore the 1

$y_n = 2^{n-1}$ particular

$y_n = 2^{n-1} + A3^n + B4^n$ general

(2) $(E^2 - 7E + 12)y_n = 3^n$.

$$(E - 4)(E - 3)y_n = 3^n$$

$$(E - 1)4^{-n}(E - 3)y_n = \frac{1}{4}(3/4)^n$$

$$4^{-n}(E - 3)y_n = 1 - (3/4)^n$$

ignore 1

$$3^{n+1}(E - 1)3^{-n}y_n = -3^n$$

$$(E - 1)3^{-n}y_n = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$3^{-n}y_n = -\frac{n}{3}$$

$y_n = -n3^{n-1}$ particular

$y_n = -n3^{n-1} + A3^n + B4^n$ general

$$(3) (E^2 - 4E + 4)y_n = 3^n$$

$$(E - 2)^2 y_n = 3^n$$

$$(E - 1)2^{-n}(E - 2)y_n = \frac{1}{2}(3/2)^n$$

$$2^{-n}(E - 2)y_n = (3/2)^n - 1$$

ignoring the -1

$$(E - 2)y_n = 3^n$$

same again

$$y_n = 3^n \text{ particular}$$

$$y_n = 3^n + A2^n + Bn2^n \text{ general}$$

(4) $(E^2 - 2E + 2)y_n = 1$ (General real solution! You can write the real solution with the aid of cos and sin: $(1 \pm i) = \sqrt{2}e^{\pm i\pi/4}$.)

Let $\alpha = 1 + i$ and $\beta = 1 - i$. Using a formula from the notes,

$$(E - \alpha)(E - \beta)y_n = 1$$

$$(E - \beta)y_n = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha}$$

$$y_n = \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha)(1 - \beta)} = \frac{1}{(-i)(i)} = 1 \text{ particular (real) solution}$$

$$y_n = A\alpha^n + B\beta^n + 1 \text{ general complex}$$

$$y_n = 1 + (\sqrt{2})^n (A \cos(n\pi/4) + B \sin(n\pi/4))$$