

1. Solve the linked system  $F_{n+1} = F_n + 3G_n$ ,  $G_{n+1} = 4F_n + 2G_n$ ,  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $G_0 = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F_{n+2} &= F_{n+1} + 3G_{n+1} = F_{n+1} + 3(4F_n + 2G_n) \\ &= F_{n+1} + 12F_n + 6G_n = F_{n+1} + 12F_n + 2(F_{n+1} - F_n) \\ &= 3F_{n+1} + 10F_n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda^2 = 3\lambda + 10 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 10 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 5, -2.$$

$n$	$0$	$1$
$F_n$	$0$	$3$
$G_n$	$1$	$2$

$$F_n = c_1 \cdot 5^n + c_2 (-2)^n$$

$$n=0: c_1 + c_2 = 0 \quad c_2 = -c_1 \Rightarrow 5c_1 + 2c_1 = 3$$

$$n=1: 5c_1 - 2c_2 = 3 \quad c_1 = \frac{3}{7} \quad c_2 = -\frac{3}{7}$$

$$F_n = \frac{3}{7} (5^n - (-2)^n)$$

$$G_n = c_1 \cdot 5^n + c_2 (-2)^n$$

$$n=0: c_1 + c_2 = 1 \quad c_2 = 1 - c_1$$

$$n=1: 5c_1 - 2c_2 = 2 \quad 5c_1 - 2(1 - c_1) = 2$$

$$7c_1 = 4$$

$$c_1 = \frac{4}{7} \quad c_2 = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$G_n = \frac{4}{7} \cdot 5^n + \frac{3}{7} (-2)^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} (4 \cdot 5^n + 3(-2)^n)$$

2. Solve the recurrence  $F_{n+2} = 8F_{n+1} - 16F_n$ ,  $F_0 = 1$ ,  $F_1 = 2$ .

$$\lambda^2 = 8\lambda - 16$$

$$\lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 16 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 4)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 4$$

$$F_n = (c_1 + c_2 n) 4^n$$

$$n=0 : c_1 = 1$$

$$n=1 : (c_1 + c_2) \cdot 4 = 2$$

$$4 + 4c_2 = 2$$

$$4c_2 = -2$$

$$c_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$F_n = (1 - \frac{1}{2}n) \cdot 4^n$$

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

$$= (4 - 2n) \cdot 4^{n-1}$$

EXTRA CREDIT: Work backwards! Suppose that  $g_n = x^n + y^n$  is a solution to

$$g_{n+2} = Ag_{n+1} + Bg_n, \quad g_0 = C, \quad g_1 = D.$$

Find  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$ .

$\lambda^2 = A\lambda + B$  must have roots  $x$  and  $y$ , so

$$(\lambda - x)(\lambda - y) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - (x+y)\lambda + xy = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 = (x+y)\lambda - xy \Rightarrow A = x+y \quad B = -xy$$

Also,  $g_0 = 2 = C$ ,  $g_1 = x+y = D$ .

$$A = x+y$$

$$B = -xy$$

$$C = 2$$

$$D = x+y.$$