

Final Exam - Thurs 6/20 10³⁰ - 1¹⁵

Cumulative. Disproportionate coverage of 11.1, 11.2, 11.4. Calculator allowed. 5 3x5 cards with notes or 1 8½ x 11 sheet

11.1 Difference Equations I.

y_n = value of some quantity at "time n"

Idea: Suppose that y_n depends in some way on y_{n-1} . Can we find a formula for y_n or otherwise analyse it?

e.g 2 ~~40~~ y_n = balance in account after n years.

$$y_0 = 40 \quad (\text{initial amount}).$$

$$y_1 = \underbrace{40 + (1.06)(40)}_{(1.06)(40)} - 3 = (1.06)(40) - 3$$

$$y_2 = (1.06)[(1.06)(40) - 3] - 3$$

$$y_3 = (1.06)[(1.06)[(1.06)(40) - 3] - 3]$$

⋮

Easier: $y_0 = 40$

$$y_1 = (1.06)y_0 - 3$$

$$y_2 = (1.06)y_1 - 3$$

$$y_3 = (1.06)y_2 - 3$$

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$$y_n = (1.06)y_{n-1} - 3$$

Q: What is the balance at any time n ?
What happens to balance in long run?
Does it run out? If so, when?
If it grows, ~~can it~~ how much more can't
withdraw?

Try some terms:

$$y_0 = 40$$

$$y_1 = (1.06)(40) - 3 = 39.40 \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow .60 \\ \searrow \end{matrix}$$

$$y_2 = (1.06)(39.40) - 3 = 38.76 \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow .64 \\ \searrow \end{matrix}$$

$$y_3 = (1.06)(38.76) - 3 = 38.08 \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow .68 \\ \searrow \end{matrix}$$

$$y_4 = 37.36 \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow .72 \\ \searrow \end{matrix}$$

A difference equation looks like

$$y_n = a y_{n-1} + b \quad y_0 = \text{given}$$

$$y_1 = a y_0 + b$$

$$y_2 = a(a y_0 + b) + b = a^2 y_0 + ab + b$$

$$y_3 = a(a^2 y_0 + ab + b) + b$$

$$= a^3 y_0 + a^2 b + ab + b$$

$$= a^3 y_0 + b(1 + a + a^2)$$

$$y_n = a^n y_0 + b \underbrace{(1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots + a^{n-1})}_{\frac{1-a^n}{1-a}}$$

$$\left[\text{why? } 1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots + a^{n-1} \right]$$

$$a(1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots + a^{n-1})$$

$$= a + a^2 + a^3 + a^4 + \dots + a^{n-1} + a^n$$

$$1 + \cancel{a} + \cancel{a^2} + \cancel{a^3} + \dots + \cancel{a^{n-1}}$$

$$- (\cancel{a} + \cancel{a^2} + \cancel{a^3} + \cancel{a^4} + \dots + \cancel{a^{n-1}} + a^n)$$

$$= 1 - a^n$$

$$(1+a+a^2+\dots+a^{n-1})$$

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

$$(1-a)(1+a^2+a^3+\dots+a^{n-1}) = 1-a^n$$

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

$$y_n = a^n y_0 + b \left(\frac{1-a^n}{1-a} \right)$$

$$= a^n y_0 + b \left(\frac{1}{1-a} - \frac{a^n}{1-a} \right)$$

$$= a^n y_0 + \frac{b}{1-a} - a^n \left(\frac{b}{1-a} \right)$$

$$y_n = \frac{b}{1-a} + \left(y_0 - \frac{b}{1-a} \right) a^n$$

$$y_n = a y_{n-1} + b$$

e.g., $y_n = (1.06) y_{n-1} - 3$ $a = 1.06$ $b = -3$

$$y_n = \frac{-3}{(1-1.06)} + \left(40 - \frac{-3}{(1-1.06)} \right) (1.06)^n$$

$$= \frac{-3}{-.06} + \left(40 - \frac{-3}{-.06} \right) (1.06)^n$$

$$= 50 + (40 - 50)(1.06)^n$$

$$= 50 - 10(1.06)^n$$

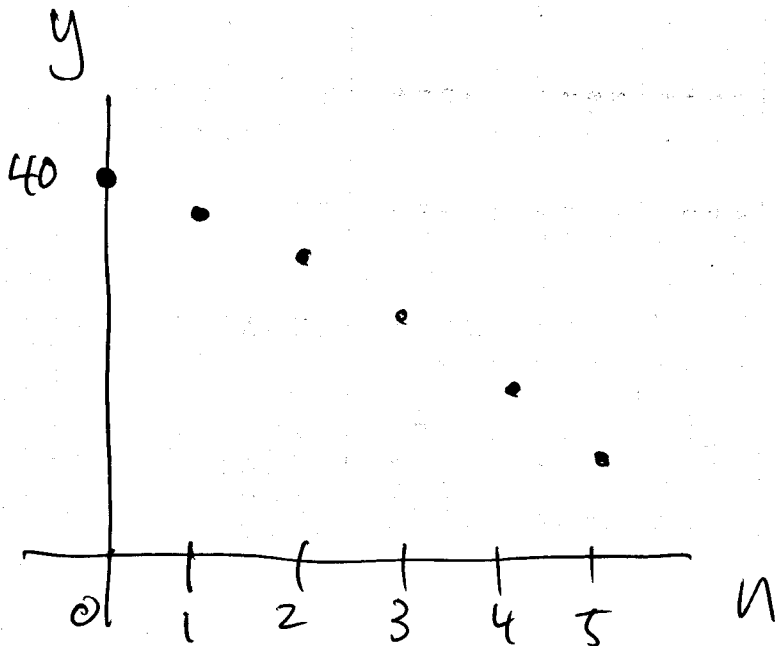
$$(1.06)^2 \approx 1.12$$

$$(1.06)^3 \approx 1.19$$

$$(1.06)^4 \approx 1.26$$

$$(1.06)^5 \approx 1.34$$

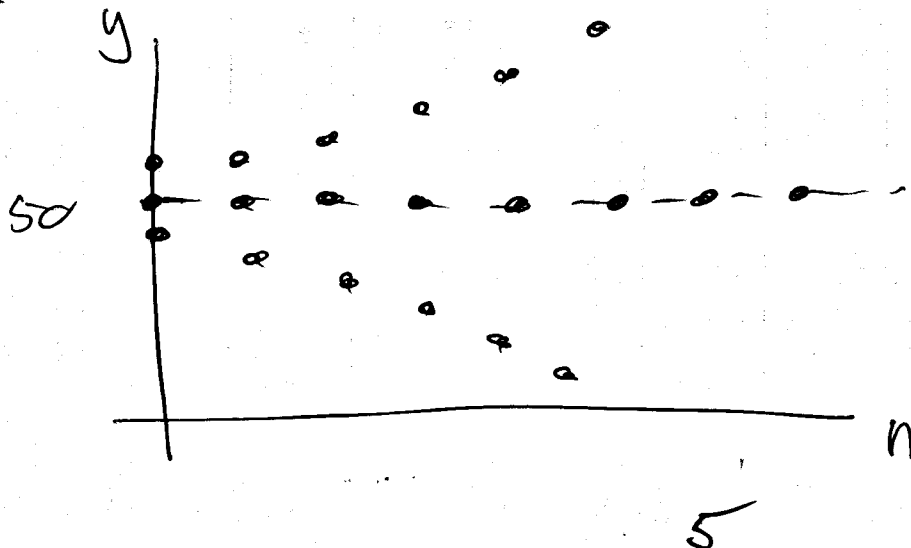
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~~Q~~ $y_n = (1.06)y_{n-1} - 3$ $y_0 = 40$

$$y_n = 50 + (y_0 - 50)(1.06)^n$$

Q: What is significant about 50?



$$50 = \frac{b}{1-a}$$

$$\#2. y_n = -3y_{n-1} + 16 \quad a = -3 \quad b = 16$$

$$\frac{b}{1-a} = \frac{16}{1-(-3)} = \frac{16}{4} = 4 =$$

$$y_n = \frac{b}{1-a} + (y_0 - \frac{b}{1-a}) a^n$$

$$y_n = 4 + (y_0 - 4) \underbrace{(-3)^n}$$

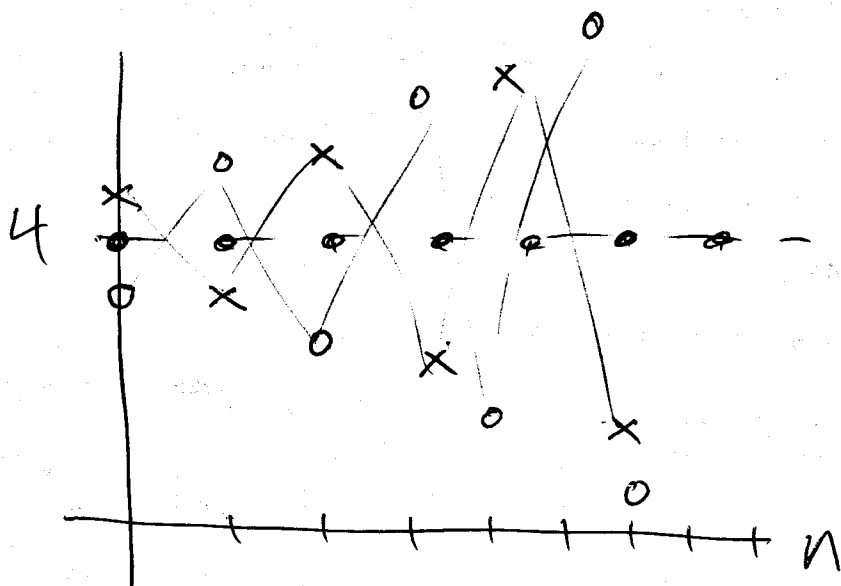
$$(-3)^1 = -3$$

$$(-3)^2 = 9$$

$$(-3)^3 = -27$$

$$(-3)^4 = 81$$

$$(-3)^5 = -243$$



$$4. \quad y_n = \frac{1}{3}y_{n-1} + 4$$

$$a = \frac{1}{3} \quad b = 4$$

$$\frac{b}{1-a} = \frac{4}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{4}{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= 4 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 6 //$$

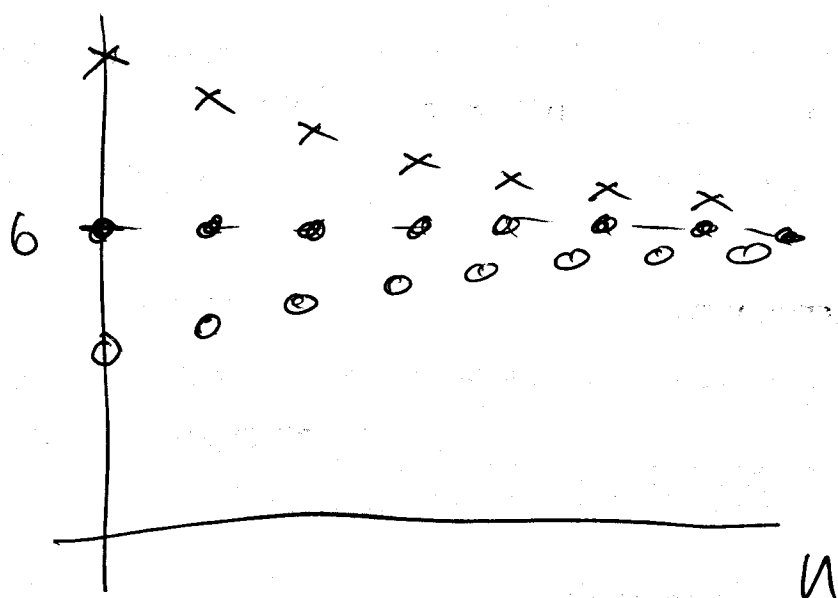
$$y_n = 6 + (y_0 - 6) \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^1 = .3333$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = .1111$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 = .0370$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 = .0123$$



$$y_0 < 6$$

$$(y_0 - 6) < 0$$

$$\#24) y_0 = 55$$

$y_n =$ balance after n years.

$$y_1 = (1.2)55 - 36 = 1.2y_0 - 36$$

$$y_2 = 1.2y_1 - 36$$

$$y_n = 1.2y_{n-1} - 36 \quad a = 1.2 \quad b = -36.$$