

Recurrence relations 4A

- 1 a Let u_n be the value of the endowment policy after n years.

During a year, the policy increase is $0.05u_{n-1}$.

So $u_n = u_{n-1} + 0.05u_{n-1} = 1.05u_{n-1}$, $u_0 = 7000$.

b $u_1 = 1.05u_0 = 1.05 \times 7000 = 7350$

$$u_2 = 1.05u_1 = 1.05 \times 7350 = 7717.5$$

$$u_3 = 1.05u_2 = 1.05 \times 7717.5 = 8103.375$$

$$u_4 = 1.05u_3 = 1.05 \times 8103.375 = 8508.54375$$

So the value of the endowment after 4 years is £8508.54.

- 2 a During an eight hour period, $0.78d_{n-1}$ of the drug remains and 25 ml is added.

So $d_n = 0.78d_{n-1} + 25$, $d_0 = 156$

- b After 24 hours, $n = 3$

$$d_1 = 0.78d_0 + 25 = 0.78 \times 156 + 25 = 146.68$$

$$d_2 = 0.78d_1 + 25 = 0.78 \times 146.68 + 25 = 139.4104$$

$$d_3 = 0.78d_2 + 25 = 0.78 \times 139.4104 + 25 = 133.740112$$

Hence, to the nearest ml, the amount of drug in the patient's system is 134 ml.

- 3 Each month 0.5% is added to the balance and £200 paid off so

$$b_n = b_{n-1} + 0.005b_{n-1} - 200 = 1.005b_{n-1} - 200 \text{ with } b_0 = 5000$$

Hence $k = 1.005$

- 4 The percentage change in population due to births and deaths is +1% and the net migration into the country is 50 000.

$$\text{So } P_n = P_{n-1} + 0.01P_{n-1} + 50\,000 = P_n = 1.01P_{n-1} + 50\,000 \text{ with } P_0 = 12\,500\,000$$

5 $u_{n-1} = 5(n-1) + 2 = 5n - 3$

$$\text{So } u_{n-1} + 5 = 5n - 3 + 5 = 5n + 2 = u_n$$

6 $u_{n-1} = 6 \times 2^{n-1} + 1$

$$\text{So } 2u_{n-1} - 1 = 2(6 \times 2^{n-1} + 1) - 1 = 6 \times 2 \times 2^{n-1} + 2 - 1 = 6 \times 2^n + 1 = u_n$$

- 7 a Substituting $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ gives 1, 3, 5, 7

The sequence is formed by summing terms so

$$u_1 = 1$$

$$u_2 = 1 + 3 = 4$$

$$u_3 = 1 + 3 + 5 = 9$$

$$u_4 = 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 = 16$$

b $u_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1) + 2(n+1) - 1 = u_n + 2n + 1, n \geq 1$

$$7 \text{ c } u_{n+1} = (n+1)^2 = n^2 + 2n + 1 = u_n + 2n + 1$$

8 a i The increase in oil production every month is 1%, so the multiplier is 1.01.

Hence after n months, the amount of oil produced is $2000 \times 1.01^{n-1}$.

ii The increase in sales every month is 20.

Hence after n months, the amount of barrels sold is $1800 + 20(n-1) = 1780 + 20n$.

$$b \quad s_n = s_{n-1} + 2000 \times 1.01^{n-1} - (1780 + 20n) = s_{n-1} + 2000 \times 1.01^{n-1} - 1780 - 20n \quad \text{with } s_0 = 0$$

9 a With one person, there is no one else to shake hands with so there are no handshakes.

b Each person added shakes hands with the existing n people in the group so

$$h(n+1) = h(n) + n.$$

10 a $u_0 = 1, u_1 = 1$ as given

$$u_2 = 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 1 = 5$$

$$u_3 = 2 \times 5 + 3 \times 1 = 13$$

$$u_4 = 2 \times 13 + 3 \times 5 = 41$$

$$u_5 = 2 \times 41 + 3 \times 13 = 121$$

b $u_0 = 1, u_1 = 1$ as given

$$u_2 = 1 - 2 \times 1 = -1$$

$$u_3 = -1 - 2 \times 1 = -3$$

$$u_4 = -3 - 2 \times -1 = -1$$

$$u_5 = -1 - 2 \times -3 = 5$$

c $u_0 = 1, u_1 = 1$ as given

$$u_2 = 1 + 1 + 2 \times 2 = 6$$

$$u_3 = 6 + 1 + 2 \times 3 = 13$$

$$u_4 = 13 + 6 + 2 \times 4 = 27$$

$$u_5 = 27 + 13 + 2 \times 5 = 50$$

11 After n hours, bacteria alive after $n-1$ hours double, so $+2B_{n-1}$ while bacteria alive after $n-2$ hours die so $-B_{n-2}$.

Hence after n hours, the number of bacteria is $B_n = 2B_{n-1} - B_{n-2}$, $n \geq 2$ with $B_0 = 100$

$$12 \quad u_{n-1} = (2 - (n-1))2^{n-1+1} = (3-n)2^n$$

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

$$4(u_{n-1} - u_{n-2}) = 2^2(3-n)2^n - 2^2(4-n)2^{n-1}$$

$$= 2(3-n)2^{n+1} - (4-n)2^{n+1}$$

$$= 2^{n+1}(2(3-n) - (4-n))$$

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

which equals u_n as required.

- 13 a** The options are: 10, 10, 10, 10; 10, 10, 20; 10, 20, 10; 20, 10, 10; 20, 20
Hence there are 5 options and $J_4 = 5$.

- b** $J_1 = 1$ since the kangaroo can cover 10 cm in only one way, a single small jump
 $J_2 = 2$ since the kangaroo can cover 20 cm with either two small jumps or one large jump
When $n = 3$, you can either add a single large jump to the $n = 1$ options, or a single small jump to the $n = 2$ options, so there are $1 + 2 = 3$ options.
Generally, when you consider J_n , you can either add one large jump to the options for J_{n-2} or a single small jump to the options for J_{n-1} hence $J_n = J_{n-1} + J_{n-2}$

- c** $J_5 = 5 + 3 = 8$
 $J_6 = 8 + 5 = 13$
 $J_7 = 13 + 8 = 21$
 $J_8 = 21 + 13 = 34$

- 14 a** Initially, there are four rabbits so $F_0 = 4$

Those four rabbits each produce six offspring so $F_1 = 6 \times 4 + 4 = 28$

In each subsequent year, $F_{n-1} - F_{n-2}$ rabbits just born produce two offspring each and the F_{n-2} older rabbits each produce six offspring.

Hence $F_n = 2(F_{n-1} - F_{n-2}) + 6F_{n-2} + F_{n-1} = 3F_{n-1} + 4F_{n-2}$ as required.

- b** The model assumes no female rabbits ever die.

- 15 a** When $n = 1$, the only options are 0 and 1 so $b_1 = 2$
When $n = 2$, the options are 00, 01 and 10 so $b_2 = 3$

- b** Strings of length n ending with 0 that do not have consecutive 1s are the strings of length $n - 1$ with no consecutive 1s, so there are b_{n-1} such strings.

Strings of length n ending with 1 that do not have consecutive 1s must have 0 as their $(n - 1)$ th digit, otherwise they will end with a pair of 1s.

It follows that the strings with length n ending with a 1 that have no consecutive 1s are the strings of length $n - 2$ with no consecutive 1s with 01 added at the end, so there are b_{n-2} such strings.

Hence $b_n = b_{n-1} + b_{n-2}$ as required.

- c** $b_3 = 3 + 2 = 5$
 $b_4 = 5 + 3 = 8$
 $b_5 = 8 + 5 = 13$
 $b_6 = 13 + 8 = 21$
 $b_7 = 21 + 13 = 34$