Is this time series a solution of this recurrence relation?

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## Main ILO of sub-module

# "Is this time series a solution of this recurrence relation?"

**Decide** whether a given time series is a solution to a specified recurrence relation by direct verification

#### What is a time series?



y(kT), or y[k] for simplicity of notation (assuming time discrete in this module)

#### What is the equivalent of a derivative for discrete-time signals?



Would you say that  $y[k] = y[k]q^{-1}$ , in this case?



"uhm, where are we going with all this stuff?" → be able to do forecasts

would you be able to compute y[6] from this graph, if you knew that y[k] = 1.2y[k + 1]?



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Notation

symbol	$\mapsto$	meaning	alternative 1	alternative 2
÷		÷	÷	:
<i>y</i> <sup>+++</sup>		<i>y</i> [ <i>k</i> +3]	yq <sup>3</sup>	y <sup>[3]</sup>
$y^{++}$		y[k+2]	yq <sup>2</sup>	y <sup>[2]</sup>
$y^+$		y[k+1]	$yq^1$	$y^{[1]}$
У		y[k]	yq <sup>0</sup>	y <sup>[0]</sup>
$y^{-}$		y[k-1]	$yq^{-1}$	$y^{[-1]}$
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But what does it mean to solve a RR, graphically?



Is knowing the RR enough to be able to generate a trajectory?



Does  $\{y[k] = \cos[k], y[0] = 1\}$  solve this RR?



#### Are we done with this?

**Decide** whether a given function is a solution to a specified RR by direct verification

 $\rightarrow$  no, there are still a lot of cases we shall cover

#### Notation time!

In control, modelling a dynamical system = defining

$$\mathbf{y}^{+} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{\theta}),$$

thus defining:

- the variables
  - **u** = inputs (*i.e.*, what we can steer)
  - d = disturbances (i.e., what we cannot steer but that still influences the system)
  - **y** = outputs (*i.e.*, what we are interested into)
- the shape of *f*
- the value of its parameters  ${m heta}$
- bold font = vector

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A graphical example of  $y^+ = f(y, u)$ 



#### https://www.geogebra.org/classic/mmppe6hs

The special RR  $y^+ = ay + bu$ 



# Watch out: converting an ODE to a RR is not just substituting 'dots' with 'pluses'

temperature of the center of a cake in an oven whose temperature is 200 degrees:





Ceci n'est pas une pipe.

Important point: model ≠ real world

Ceci n'est pas un gâteau.

 $T^+ = f(T)$ 

## Summarizing

**Decide** whether a given function is a solution to a specified RR by direct verification

- check y, compute f(y), compute y<sup>+</sup>
- does  $f(y) = y^+?$
- same apply for higher orders / more complex RRS from notational perspectives

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## Most important python code for this sub-module

# Solving RRs

https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/recurrence-relation-in-python/

# Self-assessment material

# Question 1

Which of the following best describes what it means for a function y[k] to be a solution of a RR?

#### **Potential answers:**

- I: It satisfies the RR for at least one value of k.
- II: It satisfies the RR for all values of k in its domain.
- III: It approximately satisfies the RR within a certain error margin.
- IV: It satisfies the RR only at integer values of k.
- V: I do not know

# Question 2

What additional information is needed to uniquely determine a solution of a RR?

#### **Potential answers:**

- I: The function y[k] itself.
- II: An initial condition specifying the value of y at a given time.
- III: A boundary condition at two different points.
- IV: The highest-order difference of *y*.
- V: I do not know

## Question 3

Given the RR  $y^+ = y$ , which of the following functions is a solution?

#### **Potential answers:**

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I: y[k] = 0

II: y[k] = C, where C is a constant.

III: y[k] = \sin k

IV: y[k] = \frac{1}{k+1}

V: I do not know
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# Recap of sub-module

- a function is a solution of a RR if it satisfies the equation for all values in its domain
- initial conditions are necessary to uniquely determine a solution

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