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$$a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n, \dots$$

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_1 = 9$$

$$n \geq 2: a_n - 6a_{n-1} + 9a_{n-2} = 0$$

Solution:

(i) Find $a(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n + \dots$

(ii) Figure out a_n from this

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (a_n - 6a_{n-1} + 9a_{n-2}) x^n = 0$$

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$$\underbrace{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n x^n}_{a(x) - a_0 - a_1 x} - 6 \underbrace{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n}_{x \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^{n-1}} + 9 \underbrace{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^n}_{x^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^{n-2}} = 0$$

$$= a(x) - 1 - 9x = x \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m x^m = x(a(x) - 1)$$

$$= x^2 a(x)$$

$$a(x) - 1 - 9x - 6x(a(x) - 1) + 9x^2 a(x) = 0$$

or

$$a(x)(1 - 6x + 9x^2) = 1 + 3x$$

or

$$a(x) = \frac{1 + 3x}{1 - 6x + 9x^2}$$

$$a_n = [x^n] \frac{1 + 3x}{1 - 6x + 9x^2}$$

$$\frac{1+3x}{1-6x+9x^2} = \frac{1+3x}{(1-3x)^2} \quad (*)$$

Find A, B s.t. $\forall x := \frac{A}{1-3x} + \frac{B}{(1-3x)^2} \quad (**)$

So multiply $(*)$ & $(**)$ by $(1-3x)^2$

$$1+3x = A(1-3x) + B \quad \forall x$$

$$= \underbrace{(A+B)}_1 \quad \underbrace{-3Ax}_{+3x}$$

$$B = 2$$

$$A = -1$$

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

$$= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n x^n + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) 3^n x^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{3^n (-1 + 2(n+1))}_{a_n} x^n$$

a_n

$$a_n - 3a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} = n + 1$$

$$n \geq 2$$

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_1 = 4$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (a_n - 3a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}) x^n = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n x^n - 3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n + 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^n = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n$$

$$a(x) - 1 - 4x - 3x(a(x) - 1) + 2x^2 a(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} - 1 - 2x$$

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$$a(x) \underbrace{(1 - 3x + 2x^2)}_{(1-2x)(1-x)} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} - 1 - 2x + 1 + 4x - 3x$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} - x$$

$$a(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^3(1-2x)} - \frac{x}{(1-2x)(1-x)}$$

$$= \frac{A}{(1-x)^3} + \frac{B}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{C}{1-x} + \frac{D}{1-2x}$$

We can figure out A, B, C, D later

$$= \frac{A}{(1-x)^3} + \frac{B}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{C}{1-x} + \frac{D}{1-2x}$$

$$= A \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} x^n$$

$$+ B \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) x^n$$

$$+ C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$$

$$+ D \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n x^n$$

$$a_n =$$

$$\frac{A n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$+ B(n+1)$$

$$+ C$$

$$+ D \cdot 2^n$$

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^3} = 1 + 3x + 6x^2 + \dots$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \uparrow$$

$$\quad \quad \quad - \binom{-3}{1} \quad \binom{-3}{2} \quad \dots$$

$$\binom{-3}{n} = \frac{(-3)(-4) \dots (-3-n+1)}{n!} = (-1)^n \cdot \frac{(n+2)!}{2n!}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

$$a(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^3(1-2x)} - \frac{x}{(1-2x)(1-x)}$$

$$= \frac{A}{(1-x)^3} + \frac{B}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{C}{1-x} + \frac{D}{1-2x}$$

So, on multiplying through by $(1-x)^3(1-2x)$

$$1 - x(1-x)^2 = A(1-2x) + B(1-x)(1-2x) + C(1-x)^2(1-2x) + D(1-x)^3$$

Putting $x=1$ we get

$$1 = -A \quad \text{or} \quad A = -1$$

Putting $x = \frac{1}{2}$ we get

$$1 = D/4 \quad \text{or} \quad D = 4$$

$$1 - 2x(1-x)^2 = A(1-2x) + B(1-x)(1-2x) + C(1-x)^2(1-2x) + D(1-x)^3$$

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$$1 = D/8 \quad \text{or} \quad D = 8$$

Putting $x = 0$ we get

$$1 = A + B + C + D = B + C + 7$$

Examining the coefficients of x^3 on both sides we get

$$-1 = -2C - D \quad \text{or} \quad C = -7/2$$

$$B = -9/2$$