

3 次方程式 $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ の異なる 3 つの解を α, β, γ とおく。このとき,

$$A = \frac{a_3 - (\beta + \gamma)a_2 + \beta\gamma a_1}{(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha - \gamma)}, B = \frac{a_3 - (\gamma + \alpha)a_2 + \gamma\alpha a_1}{(\beta - \gamma)(\beta - \alpha)}, C = \frac{a_3 - (\alpha + \beta)a_2 + \alpha\beta a_1}{(\gamma - \alpha)(\gamma - \beta)} \text{ とおくと,}$$

$a_n = A\alpha^{n-1} + B\beta^{n-1} + C\gamma^{n-1}$ は, $a_{n+3} + pa_{n+2} + qa_{n+1} + ra_n = 0$ ($n=1,2,3,\dots$) を満たすことを

数学的帰納法で証明せよ。

(証明) $a_n = A\alpha^{n-1} + B\beta^{n-1} + C\gamma^{n-1} \dots \textcircled{1}$ とおく。

[1] $n=1$ のとき,

($\textcircled{1}$ の右辺)

$$\begin{aligned} &= A + B + C = \frac{a_3 - (\beta + \gamma)a_2 + \beta\gamma a_1}{(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha - \gamma)} + \frac{a_3 - (\gamma + \alpha)a_2 + \gamma\alpha a_1}{(\beta - \gamma)(\beta - \alpha)} + \frac{a_3 - (\alpha + \beta)a_2 + \alpha\beta a_1}{(\gamma - \alpha)(\gamma - \beta)} \\ &= \frac{-(\beta - \gamma)\{a_3 - (\beta + \gamma)a_2 + \beta\gamma a_1\} - (\gamma - \alpha)\{a_3 - (\gamma + \alpha)a_2 + \gamma\alpha a_1\} - (\alpha - \beta)\{a_3 - (\alpha + \beta)a_2 + \alpha\beta a_1\}}{(\alpha - \beta)(\beta - \gamma)(\gamma - \alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$(\text{分子の } a_3 \text{ の係数}) = -(\beta - \gamma) - (\gamma - \alpha) - (\alpha - \beta) = 0$$

$$(\text{分子の } a_2 \text{ の係数}) = (\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + (\gamma^2 - \alpha^2) + (\alpha^2 - \beta^2) = 0$$

$$(\text{分子の } a_1 \text{ の係数}) = -(\beta - \gamma)\beta\gamma - (\gamma - \alpha)\gamma\alpha - (\alpha - \beta)\alpha\beta = (\alpha - \beta)(\beta - \gamma)(\gamma - \alpha)$$

★ = a_1 = ($\textcircled{1}$ の左辺) より, $\textcircled{1}$ は成り立つ。

同様に, $n=2$ のとき,

($\textcircled{1}$ の右辺)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C \\ &= \alpha \cdot \frac{a_3 - (\beta + \gamma)a_2 + \beta\gamma a_1}{(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha - \gamma)} + \beta \cdot \frac{a_3 - (\gamma + \alpha)a_2 + \gamma\alpha a_1}{(\beta - \gamma)(\beta - \alpha)} + \gamma \cdot \frac{a_3 - (\alpha + \beta)a_2 + \alpha\beta a_1}{(\gamma - \alpha)(\gamma - \beta)} \\ &= \frac{-\alpha(\beta - \gamma)\{a_3 - (\beta + \gamma)a_2 + \beta\gamma a_1\} - \beta(\gamma - \alpha)\{a_3 - (\gamma + \alpha)a_2 + \gamma\alpha a_1\} - \gamma(\alpha - \beta)\{a_3 - (\alpha + \beta)a_2 + \alpha\beta a_1\}}{(\alpha - \beta)(\beta - \gamma)(\gamma - \alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

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同様に, $n=3$ のとき,

($\textcircled{1}$ の右辺)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \alpha^2 A + \beta^2 B + \gamma^2 C \\ &= \alpha^2 \cdot \frac{a_3 - (\beta + \gamma)a_2 + \beta\gamma a_1}{(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha - \gamma)} + \beta^2 \cdot \frac{a_3 - (\gamma + \alpha)a_2 + \gamma\alpha a_1}{(\beta - \gamma)(\beta - \alpha)} + \gamma^2 \cdot \frac{a_3 - (\alpha + \beta)a_2 + \alpha\beta a_1}{(\gamma - \alpha)(\gamma - \beta)} \\ &= \frac{-\alpha^2(\beta - \gamma)\{a_3 - (\beta + \gamma)a_2 + \beta\gamma a_1\} - \beta^2(\gamma - \alpha)\{a_3 - (\gamma + \alpha)a_2 + \gamma\alpha a_1\} - \gamma^2(\alpha - \beta)\{a_3 - (\alpha + \beta)a_2 + \alpha\beta a_1\}}{(\alpha - \beta)(\beta - \gamma)(\gamma - \alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= a_3$$

= ($\textcircled{1}$ の左辺) より, $\textcircled{1}$ は成り立つ。

[2] $n=k, k+1, k+2$ のとき, $\textcircled{1}$ が成り立つと仮定する。

すなわち, $a_k = A\alpha^{k-1} + B\beta^{k-1} + C\gamma^{k-1}, a_{k+1} = A\alpha^k + B\beta^k + C\gamma^k, a_{k+2} = A\alpha^{k+1} + B\beta^{k+1} + C\gamma^{k+1} \dots \textcircled{2}$

$n=k+3$ のとき、与えられた漸化式から

$$\begin{aligned}a_{k+3} &= -pa_{k+2} - qa_{k+1} - ra_k \\&= -p(A\alpha^{k+1} + B\beta^{k+1} + C\gamma^{k+1}) - q(A\alpha^k + B\beta^k + C\gamma^k) - r(A\alpha^{k-1} + B\beta^{k-1} + C\gamma^{k-1}) \quad \because \textcircled{2} \text{より} \\&= A(-p\alpha^2 - q\alpha - r)\alpha^{k-1} + B(-p\beta^2 - q\beta - r)\beta^{k-1} + C(-p\gamma^2 - q\gamma - r)\gamma^{k-1} \\&= A\alpha^3\alpha^{k-1} + B\beta^3\beta^{k-1} + C\gamma^3\gamma^{k-1} \quad \because \alpha, \beta, \gamma \text{は特性方程式の解であるから} \\&= A\alpha^{k+2} + B\beta^{k+2} + C\gamma^{k+2}\end{aligned}$$

これは $n=k+3$ のときにも①が成り立つことを示している。

以上、[1], [2]から数学的帰納法により、すべての自然数 n に対して①は成り立つ。■