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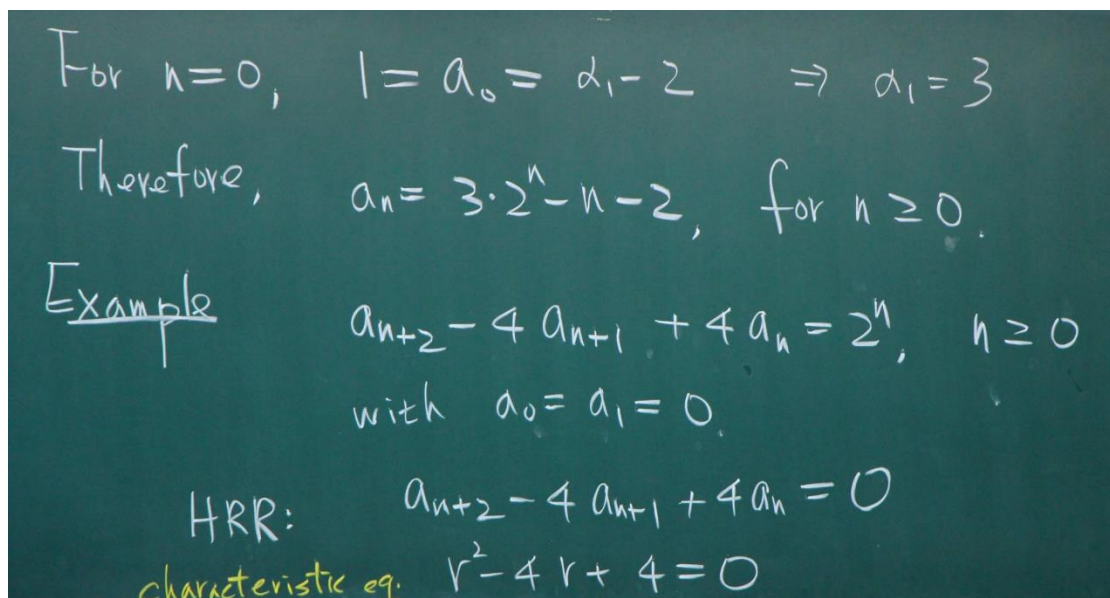
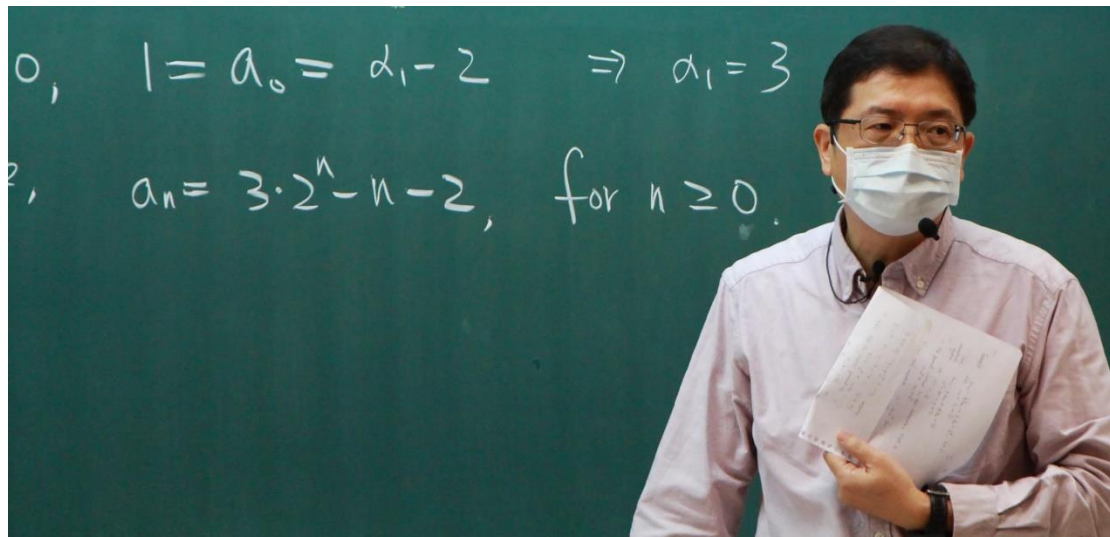
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For $n=0$, $1 = a_0 = a_1 - 2 \Rightarrow a_1 = 3$

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