Variation of parameters and fractional difference equations

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Abstract: We consider a discrete, fractional analogue of the standard ordinary differential equation, \( y''(t) - y(t) = f(t) \), and construct a variation of parameters formula to solve the discrete, fractional problem. The talk is self-contained. The variation of parameters technique for ordinary differential equations is revisited and the basic definitions of fractional differences are provided.