

Chapter 4

4.1 Write the following recurrence equation for the following algorithms :

- a) N^{th} power of a variable: $t_n = n \times t_{n-1}$
- b) Pentagonal numbers : $T(0)=0, P(n)=P(n-1)+3n-2, n \geq 2$
- c) Quick Sort : $T(n)=T(k)+T(n-k-1)$
- d) Selection Sort : $T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(1)$
- e) Lucas numbers : $T(n) = T(n-1)+T(n-2), T(0)=2, T(1)=1$

4.2 Formulate and Solve the following recurrences.

a) $t_n = t_{n-1} + 3, t_0 = 0$

$$\therefore \text{ when } n=1 \quad t_1 = t_0 + 3 = 3$$

$$t_2 = t_1 + 3 = 6$$

$$t_3 = t_2 + 3 = 9$$

\therefore The sequence is 0, 3, 6, 9, ...

Solution is $t_n = 3n$, for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

b) $t_n = 2t_{n-1} + 1, t_0 = 0$

$$t_1 = 2t_0 + 1 = 1$$

$$t_2 = 2t_1 + 1 = 3$$

$$t_3 = 2t_2 + 1 = 7$$

$$t_4 = 2t_3 + 1 = 15$$

So the sequence is 0, 1, 3, 7, 15, ...

So guessed solution is $a_n = 2 \times a_{n-1} + 1$ with $a_0 = 0$

c) $t_n = 3t_{n-1} + 1, t_0 = 0$

$$t_1 = 3t_0 + 1 = 1$$

$$t_2 = 3t_1 + 1 = 4$$

$$t_3 = 3t_2 + 1 = 13$$

$$t_4 = 3t_3 + 1 = 40$$

So the sequence is 0,1,5,10,58,...

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

d) $t_n = 2t_{n-1} + n^3, t_0 = 0$

$$t_1 = 2t_0 + 1^3 = 1$$

$$t_2 = 2t_1 + 2^3 = 10$$

$$t_3 = 2t_2 + 3^3 = 20 + 37 = 47$$

$$t_4 = 2t_3 + 4^3 = 2 \times 47 + 64 = 158$$

So the sequence is 0,1,10,47,158

e) $t_n = 5t_{n-1} + n^2, t_0 = 0$

$$t_1 = 5t_0 + 1^2 = 1$$

$$t_2 = 5t_1 + 2^2 = 9$$

$$t_3 = 5t_2 + 3^2 = 45 + 9 = 54$$

$$t_4 = 5t_3 + 4^2 = 5 \times 54 + 16 = 286$$

So the sequence is 0,1,9,54,286

4.3 Solve the following 1st-order equation using the substitution method.

a) $t_n - 4t_{n-1} = 0$

$$t_n = 4t_{n-1}$$

$$= 4[4(t_{n-2})] = 4^2 t_{n-2}$$

$$= 4[4(4t_{n-3})] = 4^3 t_{n-3}$$

$$= 4^4 t_{n-4}$$

∴ In general

$$\boxed{t_n = 4^{n-i} \times t_{n-1}}$$

When $i = (n-1)$, the solution will become like this

$$t_n = 4^{n-(n-1)} \times t_{n-1}$$

$$\boxed{t_n = 4 \times t_{n-1}}$$

4.4 Solve the following recurrence equations using the difference method :

a) $t_n - t_{n-1} = 7$

$$t_0 = 1$$

$$t_n - t_{n-1} = 7$$

$$t_{n-1} - t_{n-2} = 7$$

$$t_{n-2} - t_{n-3} = 7$$

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$$t_2 - t_{n-1} = 7$$

There are $(n-1)$ equations.

$$\therefore t_n - t_1 = 7(n-1)$$

$$t_n = t_1 + 7(n-1)$$

$$= 1 + 7n - 7 = 7n - 6$$

b) $t_n - t_{n-1} = 3$

Based on the previous problem, one can find

$$t_n = t_1 + 3(n-1)$$

$$= 1 + 3n - 3$$

$$= 3n - 2$$

4.5 Solve the following problems using the recurrence tree.

a) $T(n) = 2T(n-1) + 1$ and compare this with $T(n) = 2T(n-1) + n$

Hint: At every stage, 1 is divided into two leaves, and this continues till it becomes

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 2^i = 2^n - 1 = O(2^n)$$

b) $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$ Compare this with the tree $T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$

Hint: At every stage, 1 is divided into two leaves as $n/2$, and this continues till it becomes 1. This is $O(\log n)$

c) $T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^2$

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Hint: At every stage, the problem is divided into 4 sub-problems and every time, n is divided by 2, and each call requires n^2 . Therefore, the algorithm is $\theta(n^2 \log n)$.

$$\mathbf{d)} \quad T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$$

Hint: At every stage, the problem is divided into 3 sub-problems and every time, n is divided by 2, and each call requires n^2 . Therefore, the algorithm is $\theta(n^2 \log n)$.

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\log n - 1} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i = n^{\log 3} - 1$$

4.6 Solve the following second-order equation

$$\mathbf{a)} \quad t_n - 7t_{n-1} + 12t_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n = 0$$

$$t_0 = 0$$

$$t_1 = 1$$

Solution:

$$r^2 - 7r + 12 = 0$$

$$= \frac{+7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 4(1)(12)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{+7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 48}}{2} = \frac{+7 + 1}{2} \& \frac{+7 - 1}{2}$$

$$= +3, +4$$

$$\therefore t_n = c_1 3^n + c_2 4^n$$

$$\text{When } n = 0, \quad t_0 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$\text{When } n = 1 \quad t_1 = 3c_1 + 4c_2$$

Solving this one get

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$3c_1 + 4c_2 = 1$$

$$\text{eqn1} \times 3$$

$$3c_1 + 3c_2 = 0$$

$$3c_1 + 4c_2 = 1$$

$$c_2 = 1$$

$$\therefore c_2 = 1, c_1 = -1$$

Substituting this, one gets the equation

$$t_n = (-1)3^n + 4^n$$

b) $t_n - 3t_{n-1} - 4t_{n-2} = 0$, $t_0 = 0$, $t_1 = 1$

Solution:

$$r^2 - 3r - 4 = 0$$

$$r = 4, -1$$

$$\therefore t_n = c_1 4^n + c_2 (-1)^n$$

Substituting the initial conditions, one gets

$$t_0 = c_1 4^0 + c_2 (-1)^0$$

$$t_1 = 4c_1 - c_2 = 1$$

Solving one get

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{5} \text{ and } c_2 = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\therefore t(n) = \frac{1}{5}(4)^n - \frac{1}{5}(-1)^n$$

c) $t_n - t_{n-1} - 6t_{n-2} = 0$, $t_0 = 1$, $t_1 = 1$

Solution:

$$r^2 - r - 6 = 0$$

$$(r-3)(r+2) = 0, \therefore r = 3, -2$$

$$\therefore t_n = c_1(3)^n + c_2(-2)^n$$

Substituting the initial conditions, one gets

$$t_0 = c_1 + c_2 \therefore c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$t_1 = 3c_1 - 2c_2 \therefore 3c_1 - 2c_2 = 1$$

Solving one get

$$3c_1 + 3c_2 = 1$$

$$3c_1 - 2c_2 = 1$$

$$5c_2 = 1$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{5} \text{ and } c_1 = \frac{4}{5}$$

Substituting, one gets

$$t(n) = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) 3^n + \left(\frac{1}{5}\right) (-2)^n$$

4.7 Solve the following higher-order recurrence equations.

a) $t_n - 3t_{n-1} - t_{n-2} - 3t_{n-3} = 0$

$$t_0 = 0 ; t_1 = 1 ; t_2 = 1$$

Solution:

$$r^3 - 3r^2 - r - 3 = 0$$

$$r = 3, 1, -1$$

$$\therefore t_n = c_1 3^n + c_2 1^n + c_3 (-1)^n$$

Substituting one get

$$t_0 = c_1 + c_2 + c_3$$

$$t_1 = 3c_1 + c_2 + c_3$$

$$t_2 = 9c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3$$

$$\therefore c_1 = \frac{-1}{2}, \quad c_2 = \frac{1}{4}, \quad c_3 = \frac{3}{2}$$

Hence, the general solution is $t_n = \left(\frac{-1}{4}\right) 3^n + \frac{1}{4} (1)^n + \frac{3}{2} (1)^n$

$$\text{b) } t_n - t_{n-1} + 2t_{n-2} - 6t_{n-3} = 0$$

$$t_0 = 0 ; t_1 = 1 ; t_2 = 1$$

Solution:

$$r^3 - r^2 + 2r + 6 = 0$$

4.8 Solve the following non-homogeneous equations

$$\text{a) } t_n - 3t_{n-1} = 4^n(2n+1) \text{ for } n > 1$$

$$t_0 = 0 ; t_1 = 12$$

Homogeneous part

$$r - 3 = 0$$

$$\therefore r = 3$$

Non-homogeneous part

$$b^n(p(n)) \Rightarrow 4^n(2n+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (r - b)^{k+1}$$

$$= (r - 4)^2$$

$$\therefore r = 4, 4$$

$$\therefore \boxed{t_n = c_1 3^n + c_2 4^n + c_3 n 4^n}$$

$$\text{b) } t_n - 5t_{n-1} + 7t_{n-2} - 3t_{n-3} = 1, \quad n > 2$$

$$t_0 = 1 ; t_1 = 2 ; t_2 = 3$$

Solution:

Homogeneous part:

$$r^3 - 5r^2 + 7r - 3 = 1$$

$$\therefore r = 1, 1, 3$$

Non-homogeneous part:

$$b^n(p(n)) \Rightarrow 1^0$$

$$(r - 1)^{0+1} = (r - 1) = \boxed{r = 1}.$$

The general solution is

$$\therefore t_n = c_1 3^n + c_2 1^n + c_3 n \times 1^n + c_4 n^2 1^n$$

Substituting the critical condition, one get

$$c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$3c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_4 = 2$$

The 3rd initial condition

$$t_3 = 5$$

Solving one gets

$$c_1 = 2.125$$

$$c_2 = -1.125$$

$$c_3 = 1$$

$$c_4 = -4.25$$

$$\therefore t_n = 2.125 \times 3^n + (-1.125) \times 1^n + 1 \times n \times 1^n + (-4.25)n^2 \times 1^n$$

$$t_n = 2.125 \times 3^n - 1.125 + n - 4.25n^2$$

4.9 Verify whether the following functions are smooth or not

a) $n \log n$

Smooth function

b) x

Smooth function

4.10 Solve the following recurrence equations using domain and range transformation.

a) $T(n) = T(\sqrt{n}) + n$

b) $T(n) = T^3(\sqrt{n}) + n$

4.11 For the principal amount of \$100, if a bank gives the compound interest is 3%. What would be the recurrence equation? Find the solution of the recurrence equation.

Solution:

Based on problem 4.11, one can find that the recurrence equation is $t_n = 1.03t_{n-1}$, and its solution is

$$t_n = (1.03)t_0 .$$

4.12 Solve the following recurrence equation.

$$t_n - 5t_{n-1} + 15t_{n-2} = 0$$

with initial conditions $t_0 = 0$, $t_1 = 1$ and $t_2 = 2$.

Solution:

$$r^2 - 5r + 15 = 0$$

$$= \frac{+5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 60}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{+5 \pm \sqrt{-35}}{2}$$

The roots are complex,

And the general solution is

$$t_n = c_1 \left(\frac{5 + 5.9i}{2} \right)^n + c_2 \left(\frac{5 - 5.9i}{2} \right)^n$$

Solving this, we get

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 \left(\frac{5 + 5.9i}{2} \right) + c_2 \left(\frac{5 - 5.9i}{2} \right) = 1$$

Multiply equation (1) by $\left(\frac{5 + 5.9i}{2} \right)$

$$c_1 \left(\frac{5 + 5.9i}{2} \right) + c_2 \left(\frac{5 + 5.9i}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$c_1 \left(\frac{5 + 5.9i}{2} \right) + c_2 \left(\frac{5 - 5.9i}{2} \right) = 1$$

Subtract (2) from (1), we get

$$c_2 \left(\frac{5+5.9i}{2} \right) - c_2 \left(\frac{5-5.9i}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{5-5+5.9i+5.9i}{2} c_2 = 1$$

$$11.8i c_2 = 2$$

$$c_2 = \frac{2}{11.8i}$$

$$\therefore c_1 = \frac{-2}{11.8i}$$

$$\therefore t_n = \left(\frac{-2}{11.8i} \right) \left(\frac{5+5.9i}{2} \right)^n + \left(\frac{2}{11.8i} \right) \left(\frac{5-5.9i}{2} \right)^n$$

4.17 Use the simplified and generalized master theorem and solve the following :

a) $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$ Compare this with $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c \times n^k$

Here $a = 1$, $b = 2$, $c = 1$ and $k = 0$

As $a = b^k$,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \theta(n^k \log n) \\ &= \theta(\log n). \end{aligned}$$

b) $T(n) = 8T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 10n^2$, $T(0) = 0$

Using a little master theorem

$a = 8$, $b = 2$, $k = 2$

As $a > b^d$,

$$\theta(n^{\log_2 8}) = \theta(n^3)$$

Using master theorem

$$T(n) = 8T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 10n^2, \quad T(0) = 0$$

as $a < b^k$

$$\therefore T(n) = \theta\left(n^{\log_2 8}\right) = \theta\left(n^3\right)$$

Note: one can note

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \theta(n^k) & \text{if } a < b^k \\ \theta(n^k \log n) & \text{if } a = b^k \\ \theta\left(n^{\log_b a}\right) & \text{if } a > b^k \end{cases}$$

c)

$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n, \quad T(0) = 0$$

Using a little master theorem

$$a = 3, b = 2 \text{ and } k = 1$$

As $a > b^k$,

$$\therefore \theta\left(n^{\log_2 3}\right)$$

Using master theorem

$$T(n) = \theta\left(n^{\log_2 3}\right) = \theta\left(n^{\log_2 3}\right)$$

$$\text{d) } T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + (n-1)$$

$$a = 1, b = 2, k = 1$$

$\therefore a < b^k$,

$$\therefore T(n) = \theta(n)$$

$$\text{e) } T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^2$$

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$$a = 2, b = 2, k = 2$$

$$a < b^k,$$

$$\therefore \theta(n^2).$$

Using master theorem

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= \theta(n^{\log_2 2} \times n) \\ &= \theta(n \times n) \\ &= \theta(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = \theta(f(n)) = \theta(n^2)$$

$$\text{f) } T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1, \quad T(0) = 0$$

Solution:

$$a = 7, b = 2, k = 0$$

$$a > b^k,$$

$$\therefore = \theta(n^{\log_2 7})$$

Using the master theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= n^{\log_2 7} \\ &= \theta(n^{2.8-2.8}) = \theta(n^0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_2 7})$$

$$\text{g) } T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 1$$

$$a = 4, b = 3, k = 0$$

$$a > b^k,$$

$$\therefore \theta(n^{\log_3 4})$$

$$= \theta\left(n^{\log_3 4}\right)$$

$$\text{h) } T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$$

$$a = 4, b = 3, k = 0$$

$$a < b^k,$$

$$\therefore \theta(n^k) = \theta(n)$$

$$\text{i) } T(n) = 7T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 18\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2$$

Solution:

This is Stassen's multiplication algorithm

$$7 > 2^2$$

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = n^{2.81}$$

$$\text{j) } T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n$$

Solution:

Using a little master theorem

$$a = 4, b = 3, k = 0$$

$$a = b,$$

$$\therefore T(n) = \theta(n \log n)$$

Using master theorem

$$f(n) = \theta\left(n^{\log_3 3}\right)$$

$$= \theta(\log n)$$

$$\text{k) } T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + (n-1)$$

Solution:

$$a = 2 = b^k$$

$$\therefore \theta(n^1 \log n)$$

$$= \theta(n \log n)$$

(This is the merge sort and closest pair algorithm)

$$\mathbf{l)} \quad T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$$

$$a = 3, b = 2, k = 1$$

$$3 > 2^1$$

$$\therefore T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_2 3})$$

$$\mathbf{m)} \quad T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{9}\right) + 5\sqrt{n}$$

$$a = 4, b = 9, k = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a > 9^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3$$

$$\therefore T(n) = \theta(\sqrt{n} \log n)$$

$$\mathbf{n)} \quad T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n \log n$$

$$a = 4, b = 2, k = 1$$

$$a > b^k$$

$$\therefore T(n) = \theta(n \log n)$$

$$\mathbf{o)} \quad T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n$$

$$a = 3, b = 4, k = 1$$

$$a < b^k$$

$$\therefore T(n) = \theta(n^k) = \theta(n)$$

4.18 Solve the recurrence equation

$$t_n - 3t_{n-1} = 2^n$$

Solution:

Homogeneous part:

$$r - 3 = 0$$

$$\therefore r = 3$$

Non-homogeneous part

$$\begin{aligned} b^n(p(n))^k &= (r - 2)^1 \\ &= r = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore t(n) = c_1 3^n + c_2 2^n$$

Assuming $t_0 = 0$, $t_1 = 1$, we get

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$3c_1 + 2c_2 = 0$$

On solving, we get

$$3c_1 + 3c_2 = 0$$

$$3c_1 + 2c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore c_2 = -1 \text{ and } c_1 = 1$$

$$\therefore t(n) = 3^n - 2^n.$$

4.19 Solve the recurrence equation

$$T(n) = 7T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor\right) \text{ where } T(1) = 1$$

Solution:

This is problem 4.34.

So the answer is

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 7^{\log n} \\ &= n^{\log 7} \\ &= n^{2.81} \end{aligned}$$