

Inhomogeneous Recurrences

Example-4:

Solve the recurrence:

$$t_n - 2t_{n-1} = 3^n \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

This recurrence is an inhomogeneous recurrence relation.

Compare recurrence with general form of inhomogeneous recurrence:

$$a_0 t_n + a_1 t_{n-1} + \dots + a_k t_{n-k} = b^n p(n)$$

Find value of $k=1$, $a_0=1$, $a_1=-2$, $b=3$, $p(n)=1$, $d=0$

Represent recurrence in characteristic equation:

$$(a_0 x^k + a_1 x^{k-1} + \dots + a_k) (x-b)^{d+1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(x-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Roots are: } r_1=2 \text{ and } r_2=3$$

General Solution is $t_n = c_1 r_1^n + c_2 r_2^n$

$$t_n = c_1 (2)^n + c_2 (3)^n \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

Use initial condition to find c_1 and c_2 .

Don't have initial value then put equation (2) into equation (1)

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

$$\Rightarrow c_1 2^n + c_2 3^n - 2(c_1 2^{n-1} + c_2 3^{n-1}) = 3^n$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 2^n + c_2 3^n - c_1 2^n - 2c_2 3^{n-1} = 3^n$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 3^n - (2/3)c_2 3^n = 3^n$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 3^n [1 - (2/3)] = 3^n$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 [1/3] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 3$$

$$\text{So, } t_n = O(3^n)$$

Example-5:

Solve the recurrence:

$$t_n = 2t_{n-1} + n$$

$$t_n - 2t_{n-1} = n \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = -2, k = 1$$

$$b=1, p(n) = n, d = 1$$

$$(x - 2)(x - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$R1 = 2, m1 = 1, r2 = 1, m2 = 2$$

$$t_n = c_1 r_1^n + c_2 r_2^n + c_3 n r_2^n$$

$$t_n = c_1 2^n + c_2 1^n + c_3 n 1^n \text{ ----- (2) } (1^n \text{ always} = 1)$$

Put eq 2 in eu 1

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

$$= c_1 2^n + c_2 + c_3 n - 2(c_1 2^{n-1} + c_2 + c_3(n-1))$$

$$= c_1 2^n + c_2 + c_3 n - c_1 2^n - 2c_2 - 2c_3 n + 2c_3$$

$$= -c_2 - c_3 n + 2c_3$$

$$n = (2c_3 - c_2) - c_3 n$$

$$\text{If } n = 0, \mathbf{2c_3 - c_2 = 0}$$

$$\text{If } n = 1, 2c_3 - c_2 - c_3 = 1 \rightarrow \mathbf{c_3 - c_2 = 1}$$

If you solve these equations, you get $c_3 = -1$ and $c_2 = -2$

Therefore,

$$t_n = c_1 2^n - 2 - n$$

c_1 must be positive because $t_n \geq 0$

Thus answer is $t_n \in \theta(2^n)$, theta bcz we do not have exact value for c_1