

Backward Substitution: Example 4

Solve the following recurrence equation using the backward substitution method:

$$t_n = 7t_{n-1} \text{ with the initial condition } t_0 = 1$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= 7t_{n-1} \\ &= 7 \times 7t_{n-2} \text{ (plug)} \\ &= 7^2 t_{n-2} \text{ (chug)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 7^2 \times 7t_{n-3} \text{ (plug)} \\ &= 7^3 t_{n-3} \text{ (chug)} \end{aligned}$$

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***At step i , this corresponds to $= 7^i[t_{n-i}]$
when $i = n$, this corresponds to***

$$t_n = 7^n[t_{n-n}] = 7^n t_0, \text{ As } t_0 = 1, \text{ then:}$$

We get: 7^n .

We can re – write it as:

$$T(n) = 7T(n - 1) \text{ with the initial condition } T(0) = 1$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 7T(n - 1) \\ &= 7 \times 7T(n - 2) \text{ (plug)} \\ &= 7^2 T(n - 2) \text{ (chug)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 7^2 \times 7T(n - 3) \text{ (plug)} \\ &= 7^3 T(n - 3) \text{ (chug)} \end{aligned}$$

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At step i, this corresponds to $= 7^i [T(n - i)]$

when $i = n$, this corresponds to

$$T(n) = 7^n [T(n - n)] = 7^n T(0) , \text{ As } T(0) = 1 , \text{ then:}$$

We get: 7^n .
