

B. B. 14. Transformation

Sometimes recurrences cannot be solved using the aforementioned methods . For example, consider the following problem:

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

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

In this problem , many recurrences may involve terms that are not in the fixed range of n . That is , the recurrence equation may have powers, square roots, ceilings, floor or logarithms.

Mostly non – linear recurrence equations involve powers.

It is necessary to convert a recurrence equation into a familiar form so that it can be solved . By applying some transformations involving logarithms , multiplicative terms , or other algebraic manipulations to a recurrence equation , it can be converted into the standard form.

The non – linear recurrence equations that are amenable to these kinds of transformations are called pseudo – nonlinear recurrences.
