

Forward Substitution: Example 1

Solve the following recurrence equation using the forward substitution method: $t_n = t_{n-1} + 3$ with initial condition $t_0 = 4$.

Solution:

$$t_0 = 4$$

$$t_1 = t_{1-1} + 3 = t_0 + 3 = 4 + 3(\text{plug})$$

$$t_2 = t_{2-1} + 3 = t_1 + 3(\text{plug})$$

Hence,

$$= [(t_0 + 3)] + 3 = [(4 + 3)] + 3 = 4 + 2 \times 3(\text{chug})$$

$$t_3 = t_2 + 3(\text{plug})$$

$$= (t_1 + 3) + 3(\text{plug})$$

$$= ((t_0 + 3) + 3) + 3(\text{plug})$$

$$= ((4 + 3) + 3) + 3$$

$$= 4 + 3 \times 3(\text{chug})$$

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$$= 4 + (n) \times 3 = 4 + 3n$$

Therefore, one could say that the solution of this recurrence is $4 + 3n$.

Alternatively,

Solve the following recurrence equation using the forward substitution method: $T(n) = T(n - 1) + 3$ with initial condition $T(0) = 4$.

Solution:

$$T(0) = 4$$

$$T(1) = T(1 - 1) + 3 = T(0) + 3 = 4 + 3(\text{plug})$$

$$T(2) = T(2 - 1) + 3 = T(1) + 3(\text{plug})$$

Hence,

$$= [(T(0) + 3)] + 3 = [(4 + 3)] + 3 = 4 + 2 \times 3(\text{chug})$$

$$T(3) = T(2) + 3(\text{plug})$$

$$= (T(1) + 3) + 3(\text{plug})$$

$$= ((T(0) + 3) + 3) + 3(\text{plug})$$

$$= ((4 + 3) + 3) + 3$$

$$= 4 + 3 \times 3(\text{chug})$$

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$$= 4 + (n) \times 3 = 4 + 3n$$

Therefore, one could say that the solution of this recurrence is $4 + 3n$.