

***Divide And Conquer –
Continuous Master Theorem or
Generalized Master Theorem
–Example – 2***

Example 2: Solve the following recurrence using the generalized master theorem:

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

Solution:

$$f(n) = n$$

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 2$$

$$\therefore n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 2} = n^{\log_2 2} = n^1 = n [as \log_a a = 1]$$

$$hence, \varepsilon = n^1 - n^1 = n^{1-1} = n^0, hence \varepsilon = 0.$$

$$Hence \varepsilon = 0$$

And

$$n = \Theta(n^{\log_2 2}) = \Theta(n)$$

Hence there exists both $O(n)$ and $\Omega(n)$ and

$$\text{i. e. } n = n \Rightarrow n^{\log_a b - \varepsilon} = n^{\log_a b}$$

This implies that the given complexity function belongs to Case 2 of the generalized master theorem.

Now we can rewrite the equation $f(n) = \Theta(n)$

as:

$$f(n) = \Theta(n \log_2 2 \log^0 n) \text{ and } \log^0 n \Rightarrow (\log n)^0 = 1.$$

Hence $k = 0$,

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n \log_2 2 \log^{0+1} n) = \Theta(n \log^1 n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$
