

† Solve the following recurrence relation.

a)  $x(n) = x(n-1) + 5$  for  $n > 1$  with  $x(1) = 0$

A Step 1: write down the first two terms to identify the pattern

$$x(1) = 0$$

$$x(2) = x(1) + 5 = 5$$

$$x(3) = x(2) + 5 = 10$$

$$x(4) = x(3) + 5 = 15$$

Step 2: Identify the pattern (or) the general term

→ The first term  $x(1) = 0$

The common difference  $d = 5$

The general formula for the  $n$ th term of an AP is

$$x(n) = x(1) + (n-1) \cdot d$$

Substituting the given values

$$x(n) = 0 + (n-1) \cdot 5 = 5(n-1)$$

The solution is  $x(n) = 5(n-1)$

b)  $x(n) = 3x(n-1)$  for  $n > 1$  with  $x(1) = 4$

A Step 1: write down the first two terms to identify the pattern

$$x(1) = 4$$

$$x(2) = 3x(1) = 3 \cdot 4 = 12$$

$$x(3) = 3x(2) = 24$$

$$x(4) = 3x(3) = 36$$

Step 2: Identify the general term

→ The first term  $x(1) = 4$

→ The common ratio  $r = 3$

The general formula for the  $n$ th term of a GP is

$$x(n) = x(1) \cdot r^{n-1}$$

Substituting the given values

$$x(n) = 4 \cdot 3^{n-1}$$

The solution is  $x(n) = 4 \cdot 3^{n-1}$

c)  $x(n) = x(n/2) + n$  for  $n > 1$  with  $x(1) = 1$  (Solve for  $n = 2^k$ )

For  $n = 2^k$ , we can write recurrence in terms of  $k$ .

1. substitute  $n = 2^k$  in the recurrence

$$x(2^k) = x(2^{k-1}) + 2^k$$

2. write down the first few terms to identify the pattern

$$x(1) = 1$$

$$x(2) = x(2^1) = x(1) + 2 = 3$$

$$x(4) = x(2^2) = x(2) + 4 = 3 + 4 = 7$$

$$x(8) = x(2^3) = x(4) + 8 = 7 + 8 = 15$$

3. Identify the general term by finding the pattern we observe that:  $x(2^k) = x(2^{k-1}) + 2^k$

We form the series:

$$x(2^k) = 2^k + 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-2} + \dots$$

$$\text{Since } x(1) = 1$$

$$x(2^k) = 2^k + 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-2} + \dots$$

The geometric series with the term  $a = 2$  and the last term  $2^k$  except for the additional  $+1$  term. The sum of a geometric series with ratio  $r = 2$  is given by

$$S = a \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1}$$

Here  $a = 2$ ,  $r = 2$  and  $n = k$

$$S = \frac{2^{k+1} - 2}{2 - 1} = 2^{k+1} - 2$$

adding the  $+1$  term

$$x(2^k) = 2^{k+1} - 2 + 1 = 2^{k+1} - 1$$

solution is

$$x(2^k) = 2^{k+1} - 1$$

d)  $x(n) = x(n/3) + 1$  for  $n > 1$  with  $x(1) = 1$  (Solve for  $n = 3^k$ )

For  $n = 3^k$ , we can write the recurrence in terms of  $k$

1) substitute  $n = 3^k$  in the recurrence  $x(3^k) = x(3^{k-1}) + 1$

2. Write down the first few terms to identify the pattern

$$\begin{aligned}x(1) &= 1 \\x(3) - x(3^1) &= x(1) + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2 \\x(9) - x(3^2) &= x(3) + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3 \\x(27) - x(3^3) &= x(9) + 1 = 3 + 1 = 4\end{aligned}$$

3. identify the general term:

we observe that

$$x(3^k) = x(3^{k-1}) + 1$$

Sum up the series

$$x(3^k) = 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots$$

$$x(3^k) = k + 1$$

$$\text{The solution is } x(3^k) = k + 1$$

2. Evaluate the following recurrence complexity

i)  $T(n) = T(n/2) + 1$  where  $n = 2^k$  for all  $k \geq 0$

The recurrence relation can be solved using iteration method

1) substitute  $n = 2^k$  in the recurrence

2) iterate the recurrence

$$\text{For } k=0: T(2^0) = T(1) = T(1)$$

$$k=1: T(2^1) = T(1) + 1$$

$$k=2: T(2^2) = T(2) = T(n) + 1 = T(1) + 2 + 1 = T(1) + 3$$

$$k=3: T(2^3) = T(4) = T(n) + 1 = (T(1) + 2) + 1 = T(1) + 3$$

3) generalize the pattern

$$T(2^k) = T(1) + k$$

$$\text{Since } n = 2^k, k = \log_2 n$$

$$T(n) = T(2^k) = T(1) + \log_2 n$$

4) Assume  $T(1)$  is a constant  $c$

$$T(n) = c + \log_2 n$$

$$\text{The solution is } T(n) = O(\log n)$$

ii)  $T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + c$  where  $c$  is constant and  $n$  is input

Size

The recurrence can be solved using the master's theorem

For divide and conquer recurrence of the form

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + F(n)$$

$$\text{Where } a=2, b=3 \text{ and } F(n)=cn$$

lets determine the value of  $\log_b a$

$$\log_b a = \log_3 2$$

using the properties of logarithm

$$\log_3 2 = \frac{\log 2}{\log 3}$$

now we compare  $F(n) = cn$  with  $n \log_3 2$

$$F(n) = O(n)$$

$$n = n^1$$

Since  $\log_3 2$  we are in the third case of the master's theorem

$$F(n) = O(n^c) \text{ with } c > \log_b a$$

$$\text{The solution is: } T(n) = O(F(n)) = O(cn) = O(n)$$

3. Consider the following recurrence algorithm?

$\text{min}[A[0 \dots n-2]]$

if  $n=1$  return  $A[0]$

else temp =  $\text{min}(A[0 \dots n-2])$

if temp  $\leq A[n-1]$  return temp

else return  $A[n-1]$

a) what does this algorithm compute?

The given algorithm,  $\text{min}[A[0 \dots n-2]]$  computes the minimum value in the array 'A' from index '0' for  $n-1$ . It does this by recursively finding the minimum value in the subarray  $A[0 \dots n-2]$  and then comparing it with the last element  $A[n-1]$  to determine the overall maximum value.

b) setup a recurrence relation for the algorithm basic operation count and solve it

The solution is

$$T(n) = n$$

This means the algorithm performs  $n$  basic operations for an input array of size  $n$ .



4.) Analyze the order of growth

i.)  $F(n) = 2n^2 + 5$  and  $g(n) = 7n$  use the  $\Omega(g(n))$  notation

To analyze the order of growth and use the  $\Omega$  notation, we need to compare the given function  $F(n)$  and  $g(n)$  given functions:

$$F(n) = 2n^2 + 5$$

$$g(n) = 7n$$

order of growth using  $\Omega(g(n))$  notation

The notation  $\Omega(g(n))$  describes a lower bound on the growth rate that for sufficiently large  $n$ ,  $F(n)$ , grows at least as fast as  $g(n)$

$$F(n) = c \cdot g(n)$$

less analyze  $F(n) = 2n^2 + 5$  with respect to  $g(n) = 7n$

1) identify dominant terms:

→ The dominant term in  $F(n)$  is  $2n^2$  since it grows faster than the constant term as  $n$  increases

→ The dominant term in  $g(n)$  is  $7n$

2) establish the inequality.

→ we want to find constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that:

$$2n^2 + 5 \geq c \cdot 7n \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$

3) simplify the inequality.

→ ignore the lower order term 5 for larger

$$2n^2 \geq 7cn$$

→ divide both sides by  $n$

$$2n \geq 7c$$

→ solve for  $n$ :

$$n \geq 7c/2$$

4) choose constants

$$\text{let } c = 1$$

$$n \geq \frac{7 \cdot 1}{2} = 3.5$$

∴ For  $n \geq n_0$ , the inequality holds.

$$2n^2 + 5 \geq 7n \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0$$

we have shown that there exist constant  $C=1$  and  $n_0=n$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$

$$2n^2 + 5 \geq 7n$$

Thus, we can conclude that:

$$f(n) = 2n^2 + 5 = \Omega(7n)$$

in  $\Omega$  notation, the dominant term  $2n^2$  in  $f(n)$  clearly grows

faster than  $n$  hence  $f(n) = \Omega(n^2)$

However, for the specific comparison asked  $f(n) = \Omega(7n)$  is also correct

showing that  $f(n)$  grows at least as fast as  $7n$ .