

Formulation of recurrence equation

1. 1000, 2000, 4000, 8000

$$t_0 = 1000$$

$$t_1 = 2000 = 2 \times t_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t_n = 2 \times t_{n-1}$$

$$t_2 = 4000 = 2 \times t_1$$

$$t_3 = 8000 = 2 \times t_2$$

2. 7, $\frac{21}{4}$, $\frac{63}{16}$, $\frac{189}{64}$

$$t_0 = 7$$

$$t_1 = t_0 \times \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_n = t_{n-1} \times \frac{3}{4}$$

$$t_2 = t_1 \times \frac{3}{4}$$

$$t_3 = t_2 \times \frac{3}{4}$$

3. Max possible edges among a graph $n \geq 1$

$$t_0 = 0$$

$$t_1 = 0$$

$$t_2 = 1$$

$$t_3 = 2$$

$$t_4 = 6$$

$$t_{n-1} = (n-1) + t_{n-1}$$

4. Staircase Problem

(1, 2 steps)

$$t_1 = 1$$

$$t_2 = 2$$

$$t_3 = 3$$

$$t_4 = 5$$

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + t_{n-2}$$

5. Towers of Hanoi

No. of disk

Moves

1

1

2

3

3

7

4

15

5

31

6. Triangular number.

T_1

T_2

T_3

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$$t_n = n + t_{n-1}$$

Techniques for solving recurrence equations

→ must be non recursive

→ such solution → general solution

$$t_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

closed
form
solution



particular solution

$$t_n = t_0 + \frac{1}{2}(\quad)$$

→ sometimes there might not be a closed form solution

① Guess & verify method

$$1. \quad t_n = t_{n-1} + 2$$

$$t_0 = 1$$

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$$t_1 = t_{n-1} + 2 = 1 + 2$$

$$t_2 = t_{n-1} + 2 = (1+2) + 2 \\ = 1 + 2*2$$

$$t_3 = t_2 + 2 = 1 + 3*2$$

Guess

Guess: $t_n = 1 + n*2$

Verify:

$$t_0 = 2(0) + 1 = 1$$

$$t_1 = 2(1) + 1 = 3$$

$$t_2 = 2(2) + 2 = 6$$

} Part 1

$$t_{n+1} \equiv 2(n+1) + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{n+1} &= t_n + 2 \\ &= (2n+1) + 2 \\ &= 2n + 2 + 1 \\ &= 2(n+1) + 1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

} Part 2

$$2. \quad t_n = t_{n-1} + n^2$$

$$t_1 = 1$$

$$\text{Solution: } t_n = \frac{(n)(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$3. \quad T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$$

$$T(1) = 1$$

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$$T(2) = 3T(1) = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(4) &= 3T(2) \\
 &= 3[T(1) * 3] \\
 &= 3^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(8) &= 3T(4) \\
 &= 3^3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = 3^{\log_2 n} \rightarrow \text{Guess}$$

$$T(2n) = 3T\left(\frac{2n}{2}\right) \quad // \text{Verify}$$

$$= 3T(n)$$

$$= 3 * 3^{\log_2 n}$$

$$= 3^{\log_2 n + 1}$$

$$= 3^{\log_2 n + \log_2 2}$$

$$= 3^{\log_2 2n} \leftrightarrow$$

Substitution Method

→ iteration method

→ Plug & Chug

from base to t_n

↳ forward substitution

from t_n to base

↳ backward substitution

(or) backtracking method.

$$1. \quad t_n = t_{n-1} + 3$$

$$t_1 = 4$$

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + 3$$

$$= (t_{n-2} + 3) + 3 \quad // \text{ Plug}$$

$$= t_{n-2} + 3 + 3$$

$$= t_{n-2} + 2 * 3 \quad // \text{ Chug}$$

$$= (t_{n-3} + 3) + 3 * 2 \quad // P$$

$$= t_{n-3} + 3 * 3 \quad // C$$

$$t_n = t_{n-(n-1)} + 3 * (n-1)$$

$$= t_1 + (n-1) * 3$$

$$= 4 + 3n - 3$$

$$= 3n + 1$$

2. Compound interest

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[50th month]

$$t_0 = 100$$

$$t_1 = t_0 + 0.03 t_0 = 1.03 t_0$$

$$t_2 = t_1 + 0.03 t_1 = 1.03 t_1$$

$$t_n = 1.03 t_{n-1} \rightarrow \text{recurrence sd.}$$

$$t_n = 1.03 t_{n-1} \quad // \text{ Plug}$$

$$= (1.03)^2 t_{n-2} \quad // \text{ Plug}$$

$$= (1.03)^n t_0$$

$$= 100 (1.03)^n$$

$$t_{50} = 100 (1.03)^{50}$$

$$3. \quad t_n = n t_{n-1}$$

$$t_0 = 1$$

$$t_n = n t_{n-1}$$

$$= n(n-1) t_{n-2}$$

$$= n(n-1)(n-2) t_{n-3}$$

$$= n!.$$

$$4. \quad t_n = 7 t_{n-1}$$

$$t_0 = 1$$

Solution: 7^n

$$5. \quad t_n = k t_{n-1}$$

$$\text{where } t_3 = 343$$

$$t_4 = 2401$$

$$t_0 = 1$$

$$t_n = k^n \cdot t_0 = k^n$$

$$t_3 = k^3$$

$$t_4 = k^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t_4}{t_3} = \frac{k^4}{k^3} = k = \frac{2401}{343} = 7$$

Forward Substitution

$$1. t_n = t_{n-1} + 3$$

$$t_0 = 4.$$

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$$t_1 = t_0 + 3 \text{ plug.}$$

$$t_2 = t_1 + 3 \text{ plug}$$

$$= t_0 + 3 + 3$$

$$= t_0 + 2 \times 3 \text{ chug}$$

$$t_n = t_0 + n \times 3.$$

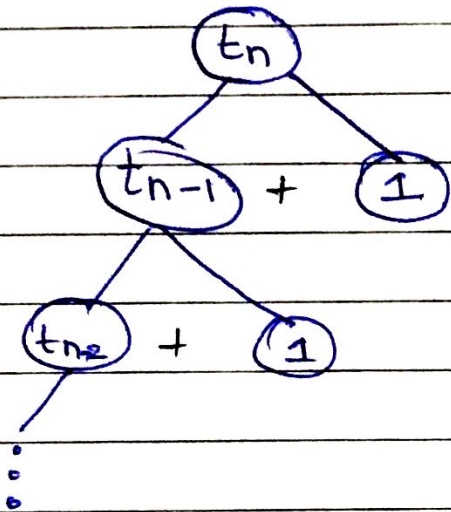
Recurrence - tree Method .

$$1. \quad t_n = \begin{cases} 1 & n=1 \\ t_{n-1} + a & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$a=1$$

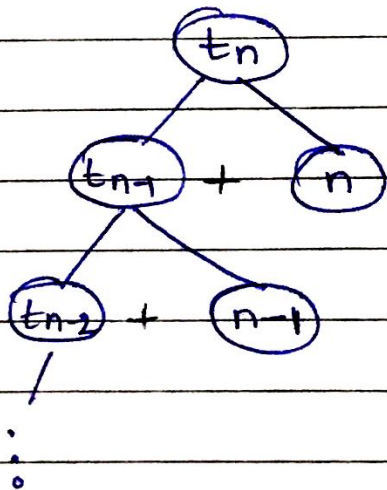
$$a=n$$

When $a=1$



$$\sum_{i=1}^n 1 = n$$

When $a=n$

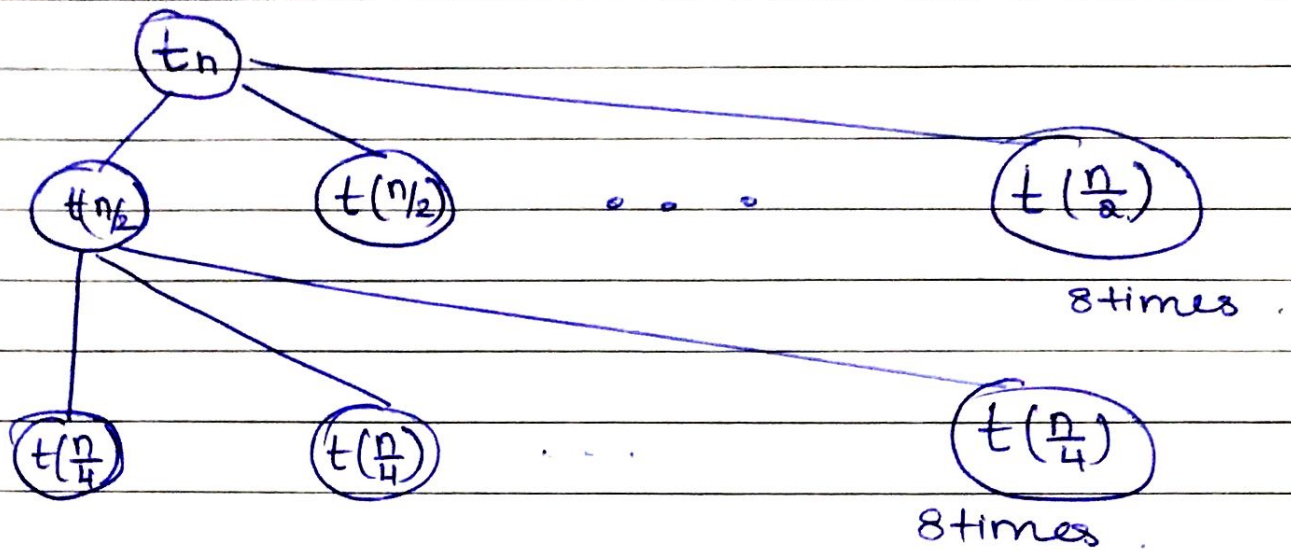


$$\Rightarrow \cancel{t_n} + \cancel{t_{n-1}} + \cancel{t_{n-2}} + \dots + \cancel{t_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow n + (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$2. \quad t_n = \begin{cases} 1 & n=1 \\ 8T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) & n>1 \end{cases}$$



Levels

$$1, 8, 8^2, 8^3, \dots, 8^i$$

$$8^{\log n} * T(1)$$

$$= 8^{\log n}$$

$$= n^{\log_2 8}$$

$$= n^3 \rightarrow O(n^3)$$

asymptotic upper bound.