

CS 101: Iteration Method

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I. Recurrence Relations:

- Example: Iteration method

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n=1 \\ T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)_{\text{floor}} + 1 & n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad T(n) &= 1 + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}} \\ &= 1 + 1 + T\left(\frac{\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}}}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}} \\ &= 2 + T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right)_{\text{floor}} \\ &= 2 + 1 + T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right)_{\text{floor}} \\ &= 3 + T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) \\ &= k + T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right)_{\text{floor}} \end{aligned}$$

- Bottoms out recursion when $\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right)_{\text{floor}} = 1$

$$\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right)_{\text{floor}} = 1$$

$$1 \leq \frac{n}{2^k} < 2$$

$$2^k \leq n < 2^{k+1}$$

$$k \leq \log(n) < k + 1$$

$$k = (\log(n))_{\text{floor}}$$

- Thus: $T(n) = (\log(n))_{\text{floor}} + 1$

Exercise: Check by direct Substitution that $T(n) = \log_{\text{floor}} n$ is the solution to the original recurrence

- Notice that $T(n) = \theta \log n$
- Example 2:

$$1. \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} c & 1 \leq n < n_0 \\ T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}} + d & n \geq n_0 \end{cases}$$

$$2. \quad T(n) = d + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= d + d + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}} \\
&= 2d + T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) \\
&= 3d + T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)_{\text{floor}} \\
&= kd + T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right)_{\text{floor}}
\end{aligned}$$

3. We seek the smallest k such that $1 \leq \left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right)_{\text{floor}} < n_0$

$$\frac{n}{2^k} < n_0$$

$$\frac{n}{n_0} < 2^k$$

$$\log \frac{n}{n_0} < k$$

$k - 1 \leq \log \frac{n}{n_0} < k$ Since k is least integer satisfying

$$k - 1 = (\log \frac{n}{n_0})_{\text{floor}}$$

$$k = (\log n - \log n_0) + 1$$

Thus: $T(n) = d((\log n - \log n_0) + 1) + c$

Therefore $T(n) = \theta(\log n)$

• Example 3:

$$1. T(n) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}} + n^2 \end{matrix} \right\}_{n \geq 2}^{n=1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
2. T(n) &= n^2 + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}} \\
&= n^2 + \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}}^2 + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}} \\
&= n^2 + \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}}^2 + T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right)_{\text{floor}} \\
&= n^2 + \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}}^2 + \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{\text{floor}}^2 + T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)_{\text{floor}} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right)_{\text{floor}}^2 + T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right)_{\text{floor}}
\end{aligned}$$

3. Solve $\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right)_{\text{floor}} = 1$ for k

we get $k = (\log n)_{\text{floor}}$

4. Hence: $T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{(\log n)_{\text{floor}}-1} \left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right)_{\text{floor}}^2 + 1$

5. Use this sum to get asymptotic solution

$$i. T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right)_{\text{floor}}^2 + 1$$

$$\text{ii. } = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{n}{2^i} \right)^2 + 1 \quad \text{since } x_{\text{floor}} \leq x$$

$$\text{iii. } = n^2 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^i + 1$$

$$\text{iv. } \leq n^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty}$$

$$\text{v. } = n^2 \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} \right) + 1$$

$$\text{vi. } = \frac{4}{3}n^2 + 1 = O(n^2)$$

$$\text{vii. Therefore } T(n) = O(n^2)$$

$$\text{viii. Also: } T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{n}{2^i} \right)_{\text{floor}}^2 + 1$$

$$\text{ix. } \geq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{n}{2^i} - 1 \right)^2 + 1 \quad \text{Since } x_{\text{floor}} > x - 1$$

$$\text{x. } = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{n^2}{4} - \frac{2n}{2^i} + 1 \right) + 1$$

$$\text{xi. } = n^2 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^i - 2n \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^i + k + 1$$

$$\text{xii. } \geq n^2 - 2n \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \right) + \log n_{\text{floor}} + 1$$

$$\text{xiii. } = \Omega(n^2)$$

$$\text{xiv. there fore, } T(n) = \Omega(n^2)$$

$$\text{xv. and: } T(n) = \theta(n^2)$$

II. Master Method:

- Determine Asymption solution to

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$$

Where $a \geq 1$, $b \geq 1$