

## TUTORIAL-04

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### Practice Problems on Master theorem:-

The master theorem applies to recurrences of the following form:  $T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$  where  $a \geq 1$  and  $b > 1$  are constants and  $f(n)$  is an asymptotically positive function. There are 3 cases:-

(1) if  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

(2) if  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$  with  $k \geq 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$ .

(3) if  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$  with  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $f(n)$  satisfies the regularity condition, then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ . Regularity condition:  $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$  for some constants  $c < 1$  and all sufficiently large  $n$ .

Q(1)  $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n^2$

$a = 3$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $f(n) = n^2$

$\therefore$   $a$  and  $b$  are constant and  $f(n)$  is a +ve function.

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is applicable

$c = \log_b a = \log_2 3 = 1.58$

$\Rightarrow n^c = n^{1.58}$ , which is  $n^2 \geq n^{1.58}$

$\therefore$  case 3 is applied here  $\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = \Theta(n^2)}$

Q(2)  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$

$a = 4$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $f(n) = n^2$

$\therefore$   $a$  and  $b$  are constant &  $f(n)$  is +ve func.

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is applicable



$$c = \log_b a = \log_2 4 = \log_2 2^2 = 2 \log_2 2 = 2$$

$$\therefore n^c = n^2, \quad n^c = f(n)$$

$$\therefore \text{case 2 is applied here.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n^2 \log n)}$$

Q(3):-  $T(n) = T(n/2) + 2^n$   
 $a = 1, \quad b = 2, \quad f(n) = 2^n$   
 $\therefore a \text{ \& } b \text{ are constants \& } f(n) \text{ is +ve func.}$   
 $\therefore \text{Master's theorem is applicable.}$

$$c = \log_b a = \log_2 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore n^c = n^0 = 1$$

$$\therefore f(n) > n^c$$

$$\therefore \text{case 3 is applied}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(2^n)}$$

Q(4):-  $T(n) = 2^n T(n/2) + n^n$   
 $a = 2^n, \quad b = 2, \quad f(n) = n^n$   
 $\therefore a \text{ is not constant, value depend on 'n'}$   
 $\therefore \text{Master's theorem is not applicable}$

Q(5):-  $T(n) = 16 T(n/4) + n$   
 $a = 16, \quad b = 4, \quad f(n) = n$   
 $\therefore a \text{ \& } b \text{ are constant \& } f(n) \text{ is +ve func.}$   
 $\therefore \text{Master's theorem is applicable}$   

$$c = \log_b a = \log_4 16 = \log_4 4^2 = 2 \log_4 4 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow n^c = n^2, \quad f(n) < n^c$$

$$\therefore \text{case 1 is applied}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n^2)}$$

Q(6):-  $T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + n \log n$   
 $a = 2, \quad b = 2, \quad f(n) = n \log n$   
 $\therefore a \text{ \& } b \text{ are constant and } f(n) \text{ is a +ve func.}$   
 $\therefore \text{Master's theorem is applicable.}$



$$c = \log_b a = \log_2 2 = 1$$

$$\therefore n^c = n' = n, \quad f(n) > n^c$$

Case 3 is applied

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)}$$

$$Q7:- T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n/\log n$$

$$a = 2, \quad b = 2, \quad f(n) = n/\log n$$

$\therefore a$  and  $b$  are constant &  $f(n)$  is +ve func.

$$c = \log_b a = \log_2 2 = 1$$

$$\therefore n^c = n' = n$$

$f(n)$  is non-polynomial difference b/w  
 $f(n)$  &  $n^c$

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is not applicable

$$Q8:- T(n) = 2T(n/4) + n^{0.51}$$

$$a = 2, \quad b = 4, \quad f(n) = n^{0.51}$$

$\therefore a$  and  $b$  are constant &  $f(n)$  is a +ve func.

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is applicable

$$c = \log_b a = \log_4 2 = 0.50$$

$$n^c = n^{0.50}$$

$$\therefore f(n) > n^c$$

$\therefore$  Case 3 is applicable

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = \Theta(n^{0.51})}$$

$$Q9:- T(n) = 0.5 T(n/2) + 1/n$$

$$a = 0.5, \quad b = 2, \quad f(n) = 1/n$$

$$\therefore a < 1$$

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is not applicable

$$Q10:- T(n) = 16 T(n/4) + n!$$

$$a = 16, \quad b = 4, \quad f(n) = n!$$

$\therefore a$  &  $b$  are constant &  $f(n)$  is +ve func.

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is applicable.



$$c = \log_b a = \log_4 16 = \log_4 4^2 = 2 \log_4 4 = 2$$

$$\therefore n^c = n^2$$

$$\therefore f(n) > n^c$$

$\therefore$  case 3 is applied here

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n^2)}$$

$$Q(11):- T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \log n$$

$$a = 4, b = 2, f(n) = \log n$$

$\therefore a$  &  $b$  are constant &  $f(n)$  is +ve func.

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is applicable

$$c = \log_b a = \log_2 4 = \log_2 2^2 = 2 \log_2 2 = 2$$

$$\therefore n^c = n^2$$

$$\therefore f(n) < n^c$$

$\therefore$  case 1 is applied

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n^2)}$$

$$Q(12):- T(n) = \sqrt{n} T(n/2) + \log n$$

$$a = \sqrt{n}, b = 2, f(n) = \log n$$

$\therefore a$  is not constant

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is not applicable

$$Q(13):- T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n$$

$$a = 3, b = 2, f(n) = n$$

$\therefore a$  &  $b$  are constant &  $f(n)$  is +ve func.

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is applicable.

$$c = \log_b a = \log_2 3 = 1.58$$

$$\therefore n^c = n^{1.58}, f(n) < n^c$$

$\therefore$  case 1 is applied.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n^{1.58})}$$

$$Q(14):- T(n) = 3T(n/3) + \sqrt{n}$$

$$a = 3, b = 3, f(n) = \sqrt{n}$$

$\therefore a$  &  $b$  are constant &  $f(n)$  is +ve func.



∴ Master's theorem is applicable.

$$c = \log_b a = \log_3 3 = 1$$

$$\therefore n^c = n^1 = n, \quad f(n) < n^c$$

∴ case 1 is applicable

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n)}$$

Q(15):-  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + c \cdot n$

$$a = 4, \quad b = 2, \quad f(n) = c \cdot n$$

∴ a & b are constant & f(n) is +ve func.

∴ Master's theorem is applicable

$$c = \log_b a = \log_2 4 = \log_2 2^2 = 2 \log_2 2 = 2$$

$$\therefore n^c = n^2 \quad \therefore f(n) < n^c$$

∴ case 1 is applied

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n^2)}$$

Q(16):-  $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + n \log n$

$$a = 3, \quad b = 4, \quad f(n) = n \log n$$

∴ a & b are constant & f(n) is +ve func.

∴ Master's theorem is applicable

$$c = \log_b a = \log_4 3 = 0.79$$

$$n^c = n^{0.79} \quad \therefore f(n) > n^c$$

∴ case 3 is applied

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n \log n)}$$

Q(17):-  $T(n) = 3T(n/3) + n/2$

$$a = 3, \quad b = 3, \quad f(n) = n/2$$

a & b are constant & f(n) is +ve func.

∴ Master's theorem is applicable

$$c = \log_b a = \log_3 3 = 1$$

$$n^c = n, \quad f(n) = n^c$$

∴ case 2 is applied

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n \log n)}$$



Q(18):-  $T(n) = 6T(n/3) + n^2 \log n$

$a = 6$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $f(n) = n^2 \log n$

$\therefore a$  &  $b$  are constant &  $f(n)$  is +ve func.

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is applicable

$c = \log_b a = \log_3 6 = 1.63$

$n^c = n^{1.63}$   $\therefore f(n) > n^c$

$\therefore$  case 3 is applied

$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n^2 \log n)}$

Q(19):-  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n/\log n$

$a = 4$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $f(n) = n/\log n$

$\therefore a$  and  $b$  are constant &  $f(n)$  is +ve func.

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is applicable

$c = \log_b a = \log_2 4 = \log_2 2^2 = 2 \log_2 2 = 2$

$\therefore n^c = n^2$   $\therefore f(n) < n^c$

$\therefore$  case 1 is applied

$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n^2)}$

Q(20):-  $T(n) = 64T(n/8) - n^2 \log n$

$\therefore a$  and  $b$  are constant and  $f(n)$  is -ve func.

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is not applicable

Q(21):-  $T(n) = 7T(n/3) + n^2$

$a = 7$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $f(n) = n^2$

$\therefore a$  &  $b$  are constant &  $f(n)$  is +ve func.

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is applicable

$c = \log_b a = \log_3 7 = 1.77$

$\therefore n^c = n^{1.77}$   $\therefore f(n) > n^c$

$\therefore$  case 3 is applied,  $\Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = O(n^2)}$

Q(22):-  $T(n) = T(n/2) + n(2 - \cos n)$

$\therefore f(n)$  is not regular function

$\therefore$  Master's theorem is not applicable