

Topics to discuss

Master Theorem / Master Method

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Master Theorem or Master Method :

General Form , $T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$, where $f(n) = \Theta(n^k \log^p n)$

so, it become, $T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + \Theta(n^k \log^p n)$

where, $a \geq 1$, $b > 1$, $k \geq 0$ and p is real number.

Case I : If $a > b^k$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Case II : If $a = b^k$

a) if $p > -1$ then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{p+1} n)$

b) if $p = -1$ then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log \log n)$

c) if $p < -1$ then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Case III : If $a < b^k$

a) if $p \geq 0$ then $T(n) = \Theta(n^k \log^p n)$

b) if $p < 0$ then $T(n) = \Theta(n^k)$

Solve $T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^2$ using Master Theorems

Solution :- $T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + \Theta(n^k \log^p n)$

So, $a=4$, $b=2$, $f(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log^0 n)$

and, $k=2$ and $p=0$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log n)$$

$$a=4$$

$$b^k = 2^2 = 4 \Rightarrow a = b^k \text{ \& } p > -1$$

Case - II (a)

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \Theta\left(n^{\log_b a} \log^{p+1} n\right) \\ &= \Theta\left(n^{\log_2 4} \log^{0+1} n\right) \\ &= \Theta\left(n^2 \log n\right) \end{aligned}$$

Solve $T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \frac{n}{\log n}$ using Master theorem.

Solution:- $T(n) = a T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + \theta(n^k \log^p n)$

$$a=2, b=2, f(n) = \theta(n^1 \log^{-1} n)$$

$$\text{So, } k=1, p=-1$$

Now,

$$a=2$$

$$b^k = 2^1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b^k \text{ and } p = -1 \Rightarrow \text{Case II (b)}$$

$$T(n) = \theta\left(n^{\log_b a} \log \log n\right)$$

$$= \theta\left(n^1 \log \log n\right)$$

$$\boxed{T(n) = \theta(n \log \log n)}$$

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