

# 2-3 Counting

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# Solving Recurrences



Don't we already know how to use the “Master Theorem”?



You need to learn more to handle with more complex recurrences  
which may arise in average-case time complexity analysis.

Is it hard?



No.





*Q : Recurrences without Base Cases?*

*“Boundary conditions represent another class of details that we typically ignore.”*

*“We shall generally omit statements of the boundary conditions of recurrences and assume that  $T(n)$  is constant for small  $n$ .”*

— “*Technicalities in recurrences*”, *Chapter 4, CLRS*

Not Exactly!

## First-order Linear Recurrence (CS 4.2 – 11)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ 2T(n - 1) + n2^n & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

Theorem (First-order Linear Recurrences with *Constant Coefficients* (CS Theorem 4.5))

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} a & n = 0 \\ \textcolor{red}{r}T(n - 1) + g(n) & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = r^n a + \sum_{i=1}^n r^{n-i} g(i)$$

## Theorem (First-order Linear Recurrences)

$$T(n) = \textcolor{red}{x_n} T(n-1) + y_n \quad \text{for } n > 0 \text{ with } T(0) = 0$$

$$T(n) = y_0 + \sum_{1 \leq j < n} y_j x_{j+1} x_{j+2} \cdots x_n$$

Proof.

$$\underbrace{\frac{T(n)}{x_n x_{n-1} \cdots x_1}}_{\text{summation factor}} = \frac{T(n-1)}{x_{n-1} \cdots x_1} + \frac{y_n}{x_n x_{n-1} \cdots x_1}$$

$$S(n) \triangleq \frac{T(n)}{x_n x_{n-1} \cdots x_1}$$



$$T(n) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)T(n-1) + 2 \quad \text{for } n > 1 \text{ with } T(1) = 0$$

$$\textcolor{blue}{x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{n}} \implies x_n x_{n-1} \cdots x_1 = n + 1$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{n+1} = \frac{T(n-1)}{n} + \frac{2}{n+1} \quad \text{for } n > 1$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{n+1} = \frac{T(1)}{2} + 2 \sum_{3 \leq k \leq n+1} \frac{1}{k}$$

$$T(n) = 2(n+1)\left(H_{n+1} - \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

## After-class Exercise

$$T(n) = T(n-1) - \frac{2T(n-1)}{n} + 2 \left(1 - \frac{2T(n-1)}{n}\right), n > 0 \text{ with } T(0) = 0$$



## Theorem (Linear Recurrences with Constant Coefficients)

$$a_n = r_1 a_{n-1} + r_2 a_{n-2} + \cdots + r_t a_{n-t} \quad \text{for } n \geq t$$

$$a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{t-1}$$

$$q(x) \equiv x^t - r_1 x^{t-1} - r_2 x^{t-2} - \cdots - r_t$$

$$\beta_1(m_1), \beta_2(m_2), \dots, \beta_i(m_i), \dots, \beta_k(m_k)$$

$$m_1 + m_2 + \cdots + m_k = t$$

$$a_n = \sum_{0 \leq j < m_1} c_{1j} n^j \beta_1^n + \sum_{0 \leq j < m_2} c_{2j} n^j \beta_2^n + \cdots + \sum_{0 \leq j < m_k} c_{kj} n^j \beta_k^n$$

$$a_n = r_1 a_{n-1} + r_2 a_{n-2} + \cdots + r_t a_{n-t} \quad \text{for } n \geq t$$

$$q(x) \equiv x^t - r_1 x^{t-1} - r_2 x^{t-2} - \cdots - r_t$$

Proof.

$$\beta \ (m=2)$$

$$\beta^n = r_1 \beta^{n-1} + r_2 \beta^{n-2} + \cdots + r_t \beta^{n-t} \quad \text{for } n \geq t$$

$$\beta^{n-t} q(\beta) = 0$$

$$n\beta^n = r_1(n-1)\beta^{n-1} + r_2(n-2)\beta^{n-2} + \cdots + r_t(n-t)\beta^{n-t} \quad \text{for } n \geq t$$

$$\beta^{n-t} ((n-t) q(\beta) + \beta q'(\beta)) = 0$$



$$a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1)$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 2)(x - 3) = 0 \implies x = 2, 3$$

$$a_n = c_0 3^n + c_1 2^n$$

$$a_0 = 0 = c_0 + c_1$$

$$a_1 = 1 = 3c_0 + 2c_1$$

$$a_n = 3^n - 2^n$$

$$a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 8a_{n-2} + 4a_{n-3}, n \geq 3 \quad (a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 4)$$

$$x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 4 = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x-2)^2 = 0 \implies x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x'_2 = 2$$

$$a_n = c_1 \cdot 1^n + c_2 \cdot \textcolor{red}{2^n} + c'_2 \cdot \textcolor{red}{n2^n}$$

$$a_0 = 0 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$a_1 = 1 = c_1 + 2c_2 + 2c'_2$$

$$a_2 = 4 = c_1 + 4c_2 + 8c'_2$$

$$a_n = n2^{n-1}$$

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} + 2a_{n-3}, \quad n \geq 3 \quad (a_0 = 1, a_1 = 0, a_2 = -1)$$

$$\boxed{x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2} = (x^2 + 1)(x - 2) = 0 \implies x = 2, i, -i$$

$$\boxed{a_n = c_1 2^n + c_2 i^n + c_3 (-i)^n}$$

$$a_0 = 1 = c_1 + c_2 + c_3$$

$$a_1 = 0 = 2c_1 + c_2 i - c_3 i$$

$$a_2 = -1 = 4c_1 - c_2 - c_3$$

$$\boxed{a_n = \frac{1}{2} i^n (1 + (-1)^n)}$$

$$1, \textcolor{red}{0}, \textcolor{blue}{-1}, \textcolor{red}{0}, \textcolor{blue}{1}, \textcolor{red}{0}, \textcolor{blue}{-1}, \textcolor{red}{0}, \textcolor{blue}{1}, \textcolor{red}{0}, \textcolor{blue}{-1}, \textcolor{red}{0} \dots$$

## After-class Exercise

To give initial conditions  $a_0, a_1$ , and  $a_2$  such that the growth rate of the solution to

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} - 2a_{n-3}, \quad n > 2$$

is (1) constant; (2) exponential; (3) fluctuating in sign.



# First-order Linear Non-homogeneous Recurrences

$$a_n = r_1 a_{n-1} + r_2 a_{n-2} + \cdots + r_t a_{n-t} + \textcolor{red}{r} \quad \text{for } n \geq t$$

7. 菲波那契数列的定义如下： $F_1 = 1, F_2 = 1, F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  ( $n \geq 3$ )。如果用下面的函数计算斐波那契数列的第  $n$  项，则其时间复杂度为（ ）。

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int F(int n)
{
    if (n <= 2)
        return 1;
    else
        return F(n - 1) + F(n - 2);
}
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A.  $O(1)$

B.  $O(n)$

C.  $O(n^2)$

D.  $O(F_n)$

$$F(n) = F(n - 1) + F(n - 2) + 2, \quad n \geq 3 \quad (F(1) = F(2) = 0)$$

$$T(n, k) = \begin{cases} 0, & k = 0 \vee n = k \\ T(n - 1, k) + T(n - 1, k - 1) + c, & o.w. \end{cases}$$

$$a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} + 2, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1)$$

$$a_n = c_0 3^n - c_1 2^n + \textcolor{red}{c_2}$$

$$\textcolor{teal}{c_2} = 5c_2 - 6c_2 + 2 \implies c_2 = 1$$

$$a_0 = 0 = c_0 + c_1 + 1$$

$$a_1 = 1 = 3c_0 + 2c_1 + 1$$

$$a_n = 2 \cdot 3^n - 3 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

## More Issues about Linear Recurrences

$$a_n = r_1 a_{n-1} + r_2 a_{n-2} + \cdots + r_t a_{n-t} + g(n) \quad \text{for } n \geq t$$

$$a_n = a_n^h + a_n^p$$

*How to Find a Particular Solution for a Non-homogeneous Recurrence Relation?*

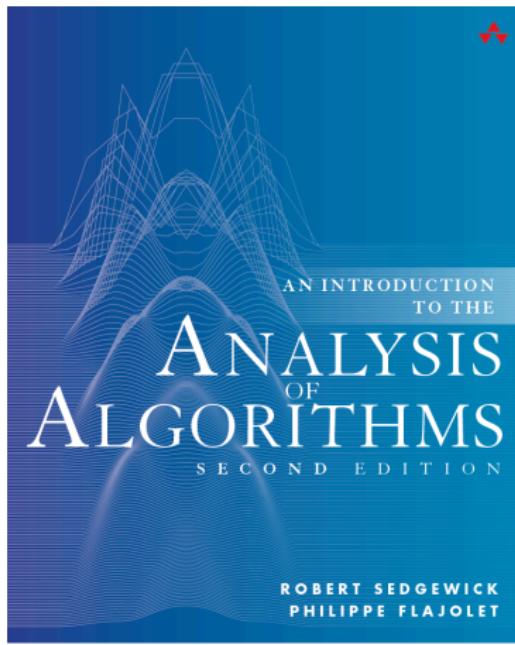
$$a_n = r_1 a_{n-1} + r_2 a_{n-2} + \cdots + r_t a_{n-t} \quad \text{for } n \geq t$$

$$t \geq 5$$

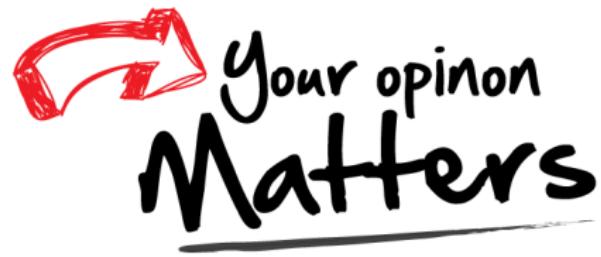
## Generating Functions and Asymptotic Analysis

$$a_n = f_1(n)a_{n-1} + f_2(n)a_{n-2} + \cdots + f_t(n)a_{n-t} \quad \text{for } n \geq t$$

## Generating Functions



# Thank You!



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