

## Running Time of the *Recursive* algorithm: Recurrence

**Algorithm** recursiveMax( $A, n$ ):

**Input:** An array  $A$  storing  $n \geq 1$  integers.

**Output:** The maximum element in  $A$ .

**if**  $n = 1$  **then**

**return**  $A[0]$

**return**  $\max\{\text{recursiveMax}(A, n - 1), A[n - 1]\}$

**The number of primitive operations:**

Comparison	: 1	: $n=1$
Indexing	: 2	: $A[0], A[n-1]$
Recursive call	: 1	: $\text{recursiveMax}(A, n-1)$
Max calculation:	1	: $\max$
Return	: 2	: $\text{return}, \text{return}$

**Running time of Recursive algorithm in Recurrence Equation:** recursiveMax.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n-1) + 7 \text{ (or 5?)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= T(n-1) + 7 \\
 &= \{T(n-2) + 7\} + 7 = T(n-2) + 2 \cdot 7 \\
 &= \{T(n-3) + 7\} + 2 \cdot 7 = T(n-3) + 3 \cdot 7 \\
 &= \{T(n-4) + 7\} + 3 \cdot 7 = T(n-4) + 4 \cdot 7 \\
 &= \{T(n-5) + 7\} + 4 \cdot 7 = T(n-5) + 5 \cdot 7 \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= \{T(n - (n-1)) + 7\} + (n-2) \cdot 7 = T(1) + (n-1) \cdot 7 \\
 &= 3 + 7(n-1) \\
 &= 7n - 4
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the **solution** of the recurrence equation in (eq. 1) is:  $T(n) = 7n - 4$ .

### Proof of the Solution by Mathematical Induction:

For the recurrence equation  $T(n) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n-1) + 7 \text{ (or 5?) } & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

the solution is  $T(n) = 7n - 4$

#### Base Case: $n = 1$

$$T(n) = 7n - 4 = 7 \cdot 1 - 4 = 3$$

which is equal to  $T(n) = 3$  if  $n=1$  in the given recurrence equation.

Thus,  $T(n) = 7n - 4$  is true for  $n=1$

#### Inductive Hypothesis:

Assume that  $T(n) = 7n - 4$  is true for any  $k \leq n$  in the given recurrence equation.

i.e.  $T(k) = 7k - 4$  is true for any  $k \leq n$ .

#### Inductive Step:

Let's prove that  $T(n) = 7n - 4$  is true for  $k+1$  where  $k \leq n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(k+1) &= T(k) + 7 && \text{by means of the definition of given recurrence equation} \\ &= (7k - 4) + 7 && \text{by Inductive Hypothesis} \\ &= 7k + 7 - 4 \\ &= 7(k+1) - 4. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $T(n) = 7n - 4$  hold for  $n = k+1$ .

Therefore,  $T(n) = 7n - 4$  holds for any  $n \geq 1$ , which is a solution of the given recurrence equation.