

Given $f(n) = n \cdot \left(f\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)\right)^2$ ① nonlinear recursive definition of $f(n)$

$$1.) \text{ change of variable } g(m) = f(2^m) \quad ②$$

$$2.) \text{ change of range } h(m) = \log_2(g(m)) \quad ③$$

using ② with $n = 2^m$:

$$f(2^m) = 2^m \cdot \left[f\left(\frac{2^m}{2}\right)\right]^2$$

$$f(2^m) = 2^m \cdot \left[f(2^{m-1})\right]^2 \quad / \log_2 \dots$$

$$\log_2[f(2^m)] = \log_2[(2^m) \cdot (f(2^{m-1}))^2]$$

$$= \log_2 2^m + \log_2 (f(2^{m-1}))^2$$

$$\log_2[f(2^m)] = m + 2 \cdot \log_2(f(2^{m-1})) \quad ④$$

$$① \& ② : h(m) = \log_2(f(2^m)) \quad ③$$

Replace ④ in ③:

$$h(m) = m + 2 \cdot h(m-1)$$

$$⑤ \quad \underline{h(m) - 2h(m-1)} = m \quad \text{inhomogeneous linear recurrence}$$

General definition of inhomogeneous linear recurrence:

$$\underbrace{a_0 f(m) + a_1 f(m-1) + \dots + a_c f(m-c)}_{\therefore h(m) - 2h(m-1)} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k d_i^m \cdot p_i(m)}_{= m}$$

$$a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = -2, \quad c = 1$$

$$\text{thus } k=1, d_1=1$$

$$p_1(m) = m^c \Rightarrow c_1 = 1$$

$$\textcircled{8} \text{ into } \textcircled{7} \rightarrow 2c = b$$

$$2(1+b) = b \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{b = -2}} = b_{21}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{c = -1}} = b_{22}$$

$$\text{Thus } \textcircled{6}: h(m) = a \cdot 2^m - 2 - m$$

$$\text{using } \textcircled{2}: h(m) = \log_2(g(m))$$

$$a \cdot 2^m - 2 - m = \log_2(g(m)) \quad / 2^m$$

$$2^{a \cdot 2^m - 2 - m} = g(m)$$

$$2^{a \cdot 2^m - (2+m)} =$$

$$2^{a \cdot 2^m} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{2+m}} =$$

$$2^{a \cdot 2^m} \cdot \frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 2^m} = g(m)$$

$$\text{using } 2^m = n \text{ and } g(m) = f(2^m)$$

$$g(m) = f(2^m) = \frac{2^{a \cdot 2^m}}{4 \cdot 2^m}$$

$$f(n) = \frac{2^{a \cdot n}}{4 \cdot n}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \rightarrow \boxed{f(n) = \frac{2^{b_n \cdot n}}{4 \cdot n}}$$