

3) (10 pts) ANL (Recurrence Relations)

Use the iteration technique to solve the following recurrence relation in terms of n :

$$T(n) = 3T(n - 1) + 1, \text{ for all integers } n > 1$$
$$T(1) = 1$$

Please give an exact closed-form answer in terms of n , instead of a Big-Oh answer.

(Note: A useful summation formula to solve this question is $\sum_{i=0}^n x^i = \frac{x^{n+1}-1}{x-1}$.)