

Cracking the Coding Interviews

Assignment # 11

(Divide and Conquer + Prune and Search + Solving Recurrences)

Part I: (This should take 2.5 hours by one team) 37 points

Solve all the following recurrences.

1. $T(n) = T(n-1) + n$

$$= n + (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1$$

$$= \boxed{O(n^2)}$$

2. $T(n) = T(n-1) + n^2$

$$= n^2 + (n-1)^2 + (n-2)^2 + \dots + 3^2 + 2^2 + 1^2$$

$$= \boxed{O(n^3)}$$

3. $T(n) = T(n/2) + n^2$

$$= 2n^2 + (n/2)^2 + (n/4)^2 + \dots + 2^2 + 1^2$$

$$= O(2n^2) \Rightarrow \boxed{O(n^2)}$$

4. $T(n) = T(n/2) + n^3$

$$= n^3 + (n/2)^3 + (n/4)^3 + \dots + 2^3 + 1^3$$

$$= O(2n^3) \Rightarrow \boxed{O(n^3)}$$

5. $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$

$$n^2, \frac{4n^2}{4}$$

same

$$n^2 \log_2 n \Rightarrow \boxed{O(n^2 \log_2 n)}$$

6. $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^3$

$$n^3, \frac{4n^3}{8} \Rightarrow n^{3/2}$$

dec

$$\boxed{O(n^3)}$$

19. $T(n) = 3T(n/3) + n^{1/2}$

$$n^{1/2}, 3\sqrt{\frac{n}{3}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{3}\sqrt{n}$$

inc

$$3^{\log_3 n} \Rightarrow n^{\log_3 3} \Rightarrow \boxed{O(n)}$$

20. $T(n) = 2T(n/4) + n^{1/2}$

$$n^{1/2}, 2\sqrt{\frac{n}{4}} \Rightarrow \frac{2\sqrt{n}}{2} = \sqrt{n}$$

same

$$\sqrt{n} \log_4 n \Rightarrow \boxed{O(\sqrt{n} \log_4 n)}$$

21. $T(n) = 7T(n/3) + n^2$

$$n^2, \frac{7n^2}{9}$$

dec

$$\boxed{O(n^2)}$$

22. $T(n) = 7T(n/2) + n^2$

$$n^2, \frac{7n^2}{4}$$

inc

$$7^{\log_2 n} \Rightarrow n^{\log_2 7} \Rightarrow \boxed{O(n^2)}$$

23. $T(n) = 2T(n/4) + n^2$

$$n^2, \frac{2n^2}{16} \Rightarrow \frac{n^2}{8}$$

dec

$$\boxed{O(n^2)}$$

24. $T(n) = T(n-4) + n^2$

$$n^2 + (n-4)^2 + (n-8)^2 + \dots + 8 + 4 + 1$$

$$O\left(\frac{n^3}{4}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{O(n^3)}$$

7. $T(n) = 27T(n/3) + n^3$

$n^3, \frac{27n^3}{27} \Rightarrow n^3$ same

$n^3 \log_3 n \Rightarrow O(n^3 \log_3 n)$

8. $T(n) = 27T(n/4) + n^3$

$n^3, \frac{27n^3}{64}$ dec

$O(n^3)$

9. $T(n) = 3T(n/3) + n$

$n, 3n/3 = n$ same

$O(n \log_3 n)$

10. $T(n) = 3T(n/3) + n^2$

$n^2, \frac{3n^2}{27}$ dec

$O(n^2)$

11. $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1$

$1, 2$ inc

$2^{\log_2 n} \Rightarrow n^{\log_2 2} \Rightarrow n$

$O(n)$

12. $T(n) = 2T(n-1) + 1$

$1, 2$ inc

$O(2^n)$

13. $T(n) = 2T(n/4) + 1$

$1, 2$ inc

$2^{\log_4 n} \Rightarrow n^{\log_4 2} \Rightarrow O(n)$

25. $T(n) = 2T(n-4) + n^2$

$n^2, 2(n-4)^2$ inc

$2^{n/4} \Rightarrow O(2^n)$

26. $T(n) = T(n-1) + 1/n$

// Read what is Harmonic Series

$\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n-1} + \frac{1}{n-2} + \dots + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + 1$

$\Rightarrow \log n$

$\Rightarrow O(\log n)$

27. $T(n) = T(n-1) + \lg n$

$\lg n, \lg(n-1)$ same

$n \lg n \Rightarrow O(n \lg n)$

28. $T(n) = T(n/2) + T(n/4) + T(n/8) + 1$

$1, 3$

inc

$\Omega(3^{\log_2 n}) \Rightarrow n^{\log_2 3} \Rightarrow n^2$

$O(3^{\log_2 n}) \Rightarrow n^{\log_2 3} \Rightarrow O(n)$

29. $T(n) = T(n/2) + T(n/4) + T(n/8) + n$

$n, (\frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{8}) \Rightarrow \frac{7n}{8}$

$O(n)$

dec

30. $T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + n$

$n, (\frac{n}{3} + \frac{2n}{3}) \Rightarrow \frac{3n}{3} = n$ same

$n \log_{3/2} n$

$\Rightarrow O(n \log_{3/2} n)$

31. $T(n) = \log n \times T(n/\log n) + 2n$

Does not apply

$\log n$ is not constant

$$14. T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2 \lg n$$

$$n^2 \lg n, \frac{4n^2}{4} \lg \frac{n}{2} \quad \text{Same}$$

$$n^2 \lg n (\lg n) \Rightarrow O(n^2 \lg^2 n)$$

$$15. T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n$$

$$n, 3n/2 \quad \text{inc}$$

$$3^{\log_2 n} \Rightarrow n^{\log_2 3} \Rightarrow n \Rightarrow O(n)$$

$$16. T(n) = 3T(n/3) + n/2$$

$$\frac{n}{2}, 3 \frac{n}{2} = n/2 \quad \text{same}$$

$$n/2 \log_3 n \Rightarrow O(n \log_3 n)$$

$$17. T(n) = n^{1/2} T(n^{1/2}) + n$$

Does not apply
 \sqrt{n} is not constant

$$18. T(n) = 3T(n-1) + 1$$

$$1, 3 \quad \text{inc}$$

$$3^n \Rightarrow O(3^n)$$

$$32. T(n) = 6T(n/3) + n^2 \lg n$$

$$n^2 \lg n, \frac{6n^2}{9} \lg n/3 \quad \text{dec}$$

$$O(n^2 \lg n)$$

$$33. T(n) = T(n/4) + 5T(n/5) + T(n/3) + n^3$$

$$n^3, \left(\frac{n^3}{64} + \frac{5n^3}{125} + \frac{n^3}{27} \right) \quad \text{dec}$$

$$O(n^3)$$

$$34. T(n) = T(n/4) + 5T(n/5) + T(n/3) + n^2$$

$$n^2, \left(\frac{n^2}{16} + \frac{5n^2}{25} + \frac{n^2}{9} \right) \quad \text{dec}$$

$$O(n^2)$$

$$35. T(n) = T(n/4) + 5T(n/5) + T(n/3) + n$$

$$n, \left(\frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{5} + \frac{n}{3} \right) \quad \text{dec}$$

$$O(n)$$

$$36. T(n) = T(n/4) + 5T(n/5) + T(n/3) + 1$$

$$1, 3 \quad \text{inc}$$

$$3^{\log_3 n} \Rightarrow n^{\log_3 3} \Rightarrow O(n)$$

$$37. T(N) = T(n^{1/2}) + N$$

$$n, \sqrt{n} \quad \text{dec}$$

$$O(n)$$

Some Hints

$N, N/2, N/4, \dots, 1$
 $N^{1/2^0}, N^{1/2^1}, N^{1/2^2}, N^{1/2^3}, \dots, c$

$\implies \log N$ Step

$$N^{1/2^k} = c$$

$$\log N^{1/2^k} = \log c$$

$$\frac{1}{2^k} \log N = c$$

cross multiply

$$\log N = c2^k$$

$$\log \log N = \log c - O(1) + \log 2^k$$

$$\log \log N = k \log 2$$

$$\log \log N = k$$