Sorting: Homework 2

1. *Generalize the* `SELECT` *algorithm to deal also with repeated values and prove that it still belongs to* $O(n)$.
2. *Download the latest version of the code from*

   https://github.com/albertocasagrande/AD_sorting

   and

   - *Implement the* `SELECT` *algorithm of Ex. [1](#).*
   - *Implement a variant of the* `QUICK SORT` *algorithm using above-mentioned* `SELECT` *to identify the best pivot for partitioning.*
   - *Draw a curve to represent the relation between the input size and the execution-time of the two variants of* `QUICK SORT` *(i.e, those of Ex. 2 and Ex. 1 of [this file](#)) and discuss about their complexities.*

3. *(Ex. 9.3-1 in [1]) In the algorithm* `SELECT`*, the input elements are divided into chunks of* 5*. Will the algorithm work in linear time if they are divided into chunks of* 7*? What about chunks of* 3*?*
4. *(Ex. 9.3-5 in [1] Suppose that you have a "black-box" worst-case linear-time subroutine to get the position in* A *of the value that would be in position* $n/2$ *if* A *was sorted. Give a simple, linear-time algorithm that solves the selection problem for an arbitrary position* i.
5. *Solve the following recursive equations by using both the recursion tree and the substitution method:*

   - $T_1(n) = 2 * T_1(n/2) + O(n)$

     Using the **recursion tree**, we have that, choosing cn as representative for $O(n)$

     $$\begin{aligned} T_1(n) &= 2 * T_1(n/2) + O(n) \\ &\leq 2 * T_1(n/2) + cn \\ &\leq 2 * (2 * T_1(n/4) + cn/2) + cn \\ &= 4 * T_1(n/4) + 2cn \\ &\leq 4 * (2 * T_1(n/8) + cn/4) + 2cn \\ &= 8 * T_1(n/8) + 3cn \\ &\leq \dots \\ &\leq 2^{\log_2 n} T_1(0) + \log_2 n * cn \\ &= n * 0 + cn \log_2 n \in O(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$

     or directly

     $$T_1(n) = 2 * T_1(n/2) + O(n) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 2^i c \frac{n}{2^i} = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} cn = cn \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 1 = cn \log_2 n \in O(n \log n)$$

     Using the **substitution method**, we guess that $T_1(n) \in O(n \log n)$. We select a representative for $O(n \log n)$ and $O(n)$, e.g. $cn \log n$ and $c'n$. We assume that $\forall m < n,\ T_1(m) \leq cm \log m$. If this is the case,

     $$\begin{aligned} T_1(n) &= 2 * T_1(n/2) + c'n \\ &\leq 2 * cn/2 \log(n/2) + c'n \\ &= cn(\log n - \log 2) + c'n \\ &= cn \log n - cn \log 2 + c'n \\ &= cn \log n - cn + c'n \end{aligned}$$

     if $c'n - cn \leq 0 \iff c'n \leq cn \iff c \geq c'$ then $T_1(n) \leq cn \log n$. Thus we have proved by induction that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N},\ T_1(n) \leq cn \log n$ for a proper c. So $T_1(n) \in O(n \log n)$.

- $T_2(n) = T_2(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + \Theta(1)$

  Using the **recursion tree**, we have that, choosing c as representative for $O(1)$:

  $$\begin{aligned} T_2(n) &= T_2(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + \Theta(1) \\ &= T_2(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + c \\ &= (T_2(\lceil \lceil n/2 \rceil /2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor \lceil n/2 \rceil /2 \rfloor) + c) + (T_2(\lceil \lfloor n/2 \rfloor /2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor \lfloor n/2 \rfloor /2 \rfloor) + c) + c \end{aligned}$$

  if n is even then we can simply remove the floor and ceiling functions, if n is odd instead, so if $n = m + 1$ with m even, we have that

  $$\left\lceil \frac{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \left(\frac{m}{2} + 1\right)/2 \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{m}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{m}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{m+1}{4} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{n}{4} \right\rceil$$
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  so it follows that

  $$\begin{aligned} T_2(n) &= T_2(\lceil n/4 \rceil) + T_2(\lceil n/4 \rceil) + T_2(\lceil n/4 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor) + 3c \\ &= 3T_2(\lceil n/4 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor) + 3c \\ &= 3(T_2(\lceil \lceil n/4 \rceil /2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor \lceil n/4 \rceil /2 \rfloor) + c) + (T_2(\lceil \lfloor n/4 \rfloor /2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor \lfloor n/4 \rfloor /2 \rfloor) + c) + 3c \\ &= 3(T_2(\lceil n/8 \rceil) + T_2(\lceil n/8 \rceil) + c) + (T_2(\lceil n/8 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/8 \rfloor) + c) + 3c \\ &= 3T_2(\lceil n/8 \rceil) + 3T_2(\lceil n/8 \rceil) + 3c + T_2(\lceil n/8 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/8 \rfloor) + c + 3c \\ &= 7T_2(\lceil n/8 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/8 \rfloor) + 7c \\ &= \dots \\ &= (2^{\log_2 n} - 1)T(0) + T(0) + c(2^{\log_2 n} - 1) \\ &= 0 + 0 + c(n-1) \in O(n) \end{aligned}$$

  Or alternatively

  We have that the tree is complete up to the length of the shortest branch (which is the rightmost) → it is the shortest branch, while the left one is the longest.

  For sure there exist a power of 2 between n and $2n$, and between $\frac{n}{2}$ and n, so the length of the recursion tree is $\leq \log_2(2n)$ and $\geq \log_2(\frac{n}{2})$.

  $$T_2(n) \geq \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(\frac{n}{2})} c2^i = c \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(\frac{n}{2})} 2^i = c \cdot \frac{2^{\log_2(\frac{n}{2})+1} - 1}{2-1} = c \cdot \left(2\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) - 1\right) = c(n-1) = cn - c \in \Omega(n)$$
  $$T_2(n) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(2n)} c' 2^i = c' \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(2n)} 2^i = c' \cdot \frac{2^{\log_2(2n)+1} - 1}{2-1} = c' \cdot (2(2n) - 1) = c'(4n-1) = 4c'n - c' \in O(n)$$

  So we have that $T_2(n) \in \Theta(n)$.

  Using the **substitution method**, we guess that $T_2 \in O(n)$ and we select the function cn as representative, and we select c' as representative of $\Theta(1)$. Inductive assumption: we assume that $\forall m < n,\ T_2(m) \leq cm$. We want to prove that $\forall n,\ T_2(n) \leq cn$. If this is the case we have that

  $$\begin{aligned} T_2(n) &= T_2(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + \Theta(1) \\ &\leq T_2(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + c' \\ &\leq c\lceil n/2 \rceil + c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + c' \\ &\leq c(\lceil n/2 \rceil + \lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + c' \\ &\leq cn + c' \end{aligned}$$

  But this is **not** what we wanted to prove, we cannot conclude anything! This doesn't prove $T_2 \in O(n)$ because $cn + c' \not\leq cn$: but we are not able to prove it for a term of lower order. The problem is that we selected the wrong representative for $O(n)$, let us choose $cn - d \in O(n)$. Inductive assumption: we assume that $\forall m < n,\ T_2(m) \leq cm - d$. We want to prove that $\forall n,\ T_2(n) \leq cn - d$.

$$\begin{aligned}
T_2(n) &= T_2(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + \Theta(1) \\
&\leq T_2(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + c' \\
&\leq c\lceil n/2 \rceil - d + c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - d + c' \\
&\leq c(\lceil n/2 \rceil + \lfloor n/2 \rfloor) - 2d + c' \\
&\leq cn - 2d + c'
\end{aligned}$$

If $c' - d \leq 0 \iff c' \leq d$, then $T_2(n) \leq cn - d$. Thus we have proved by induction that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $T_2(n) \leq cn - d$ for proper c and d. So $T_2(n) \in O(n)$.

Now we want to prove that $T_2(n) \in \Omega(n)$. We select the representative $cn \in \Omega(n)$ and the representative $c' \in \Theta(1)$. Inductive assumption: we assume that $\forall m < n,\ T_2(m) \geq cm$. We want to prove that $\forall n,\ T_2(n) \geq cn$.

$$\begin{aligned}
T_2(n) &= T_2(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + \Theta(1) \\
&\geq T_2(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T_2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + c' \\
&\geq c\lceil n/2 \rceil + c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + c' \\
&\geq c(\lceil n/2 \rceil + \lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + c' \\
&\geq cn + c' \\
&\geq cn
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have that $T_2(n) \geq cn$, so we have proved by induction that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $T_2(n) \geq cn$ for a proper c. Then $T_2(n) \in \Omega(n)$. Therefore we have proved that $T_2(n) \in \Theta(n)$.

By using substitution method, you can prove that $T_2(n) \in O(n^2)$. This is not wrong, because $O(n) \subseteq O(n^2)$, however this is a curse complexity bound.

- $T(n) = T\left(\frac{1}{5}n\right) + T\left(\frac{3}{4}n\right) + \Theta(n)$

  This equation is weird because it is totally unbalanced! All the branches are different in length! Let's call $\alpha = \frac{1}{5}$ and $\beta = \frac{3}{4}$. On the i-th level all the nodes contains $\alpha^j \beta^{i-j}$; the number of nodes on the i-th level having $\alpha^j \beta^{i-j}$ elements to deal with is the number of possible way in which we can select j left moves over i total moves: so $\binom{i}{j}$ moves in total. Thus at each level i we have

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i} \binom{i}{j} \alpha^j \beta^{i-j} n$$

  So this is the total number of elements we need to deal with at the i-th level of our recursion tree. We have that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i} \binom{i}{j} \alpha^j \beta^{i-j} n = (\alpha + \beta)^i \cdot n$$

  To do an over approximation of the complexity, let's suppose that the tree has infinite length. So

$$T(n) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\alpha + \beta)^i \cdot n = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{4}\right)^i \cdot n = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{19}{20}\right)^i \cdot n.$$

  Because of the convergence of geometric series $\left(\frac{19}{20} < 1\right)$ $T(n) \leq \frac{1}{1 - \frac{19}{20}} n = 20n$, so $T(n) \in O(n)$.

  Can we lower bound it? Of course yes, since just the first call of our recursive call costs $\Theta(n)$, so $T(n) \in \Omega(n)$. Thus $T(n) \in \Theta(n)$.

  So just solving this problem we proved a new theorem:

  > **Theorem:** Let α and β be two natural numbers. If $\alpha + \beta < 1$, then $T(n) = T(\alpha n) + T(\beta n) + \Theta(n)$ belongs to $\Theta(n)$.

- $T_3(n) = 3 * T_3(n/2) + O(n)$

Using the **recursion tree**, we have that, choosing cn as representative for $O(n)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
T_3(n) &= 3 * T_3(n/2) + O(n) \\
&\leq 3 * T_3(n/2) + cn \\
&\leq 3 * (3 * T_3(n/4) + cn/2) + cn \\
&= 9 * T_3(n/4) + 3/2cn + cn \\
&= 9 * T_3(n/4) + 3/2cn + cn \\
&\leq 9 * (3 * T_3(n/8) + cn/4) + 3/2cn + cn \\
&= 27 * T_3(n/8) + 9/4cn + 3/2cn + cn \\
&\leq 27 * (3 * T_3(n/16) + cn/8) + 9/4cn + 3/2cn + cn \\
&= 81 * T_3(n/16) + 27/8cn + 9/4cn + 3/2cn + cn \\
&\leq \dots \\
&\leq 3^{\log_2 n} \cdot T_3(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i \cdot cn \\
&= 0 + cn \cdot \frac{(3/2)^{(\log_2 n)+1} - 1}{3/2 - 1} = cn \cdot \frac{\frac{3^{(\log_2 n)+1} - 2^{(\log_2 n)+1}}{2^{(\log_2 n)+1}}}{\frac{3-2}{2}} \\
&= 2cn \cdot \frac{3 \cdot 3^{\log_2 3 \cdot \log_3 n} - 2n}{2n} = c(3 \cdot (3^{\log_3 n})^{\log_2 3} - 2n) \\
&= c(3 \cdot n^{\log_2 3} - 2n) = 3cn^{\log_2 3} - 2cn \in O(n^{\log_2 3})
\end{aligned}$$

because since $\log_b n = \log_b a \cdot \log_a n$ we have that $\log_2 n = \log_2 3 \cdot \log_3 n$.

Or directly

$$\begin{aligned}
T_3(n) = 3 * T_3(n/2) + O(n) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 3^i c \frac{n}{2^i} = cn \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i = cn \cdot \frac{(3/2)^{(\log_2 n)+1} - 1}{3/2 - 1} \\
= cn \cdot \frac{\frac{3^{(\log_2 n)+1} - 2^{(\log_2 n)+1}}{2^{(\log_2 n)+1}}}{\frac{3-2}{2}} = 2cn \cdot \frac{3 \cdot 3^{\log_2 3 \cdot \log_3 n} - 2n}{2n} = c(3 \cdot (3^{\log_3 n})^{\log_2 3} - 2n) \\
= c(3 \cdot n^{\log_2 3} - 2n) = 3cn^{\log_2 3} - 2cn \in O(n^{\log_2 3})
\end{aligned}$$

Using the **substitution method**, we guess that $T_3 \in O(n^{\log_2 3})$ and we select the function $cn^{\log_2 3} - dn$ as representative, and we select $c'n$ as representative of $O(n)$. Inductive assumption: we assume that $\forall m < n,\ T_3(m) \leq cm^{\log_2 3} - dm$. We want to prove that $\forall n,\ T_3(n) \leq cn^{\log_2 3} - dn$. If this is the case we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
T_3(n) &= 3 * T_3(n/2) + O(n) \\
&\leq 3\left(c\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\log_2 3} - d\frac{n}{2}\right) + c'n \\
&= 3c\frac{n^{\log_2 3}}{2^{\log_2 3}} - n\left(\frac{3}{2}d - c'\right) \\
&= 3c\frac{n^{\log_2 3}}{3} - n\left(\frac{3d - 2c'}{2}\right) \\
&= cn^{\log_2 3} - \frac{3d - 2c'}{2}n
\end{aligned}$$

if $\frac{3d-2c'}{2} \leq d \iff 3d - 2c' \leq 2d \iff d \leq 2c'$, then $T_3(n) \leq cn^{\log_2 3} - dn$. Thus we have proved by induction that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N},\ T_3(n) \leq cn^{\log_2 3} - dn$ for a proper c and d. So $T_3(n) \in O(n^{\log_2 3})$.

- $T_4(n) = 7 * T_4(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$

  Using the **recursion tree**, we have that, choosing cn^2 as representative for $\Theta(n^2)$:

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\begin{aligned}
T_4(n) &= 7 * T_4(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) \\
&= 7 * T_4(n/2) + cn^2 \\
&= 7 * \left(7 * T_4\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + c\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2\right) + cn^2 \\
&= 49 * T_4\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 7c\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 + cn^2 \\
&= 49 * \left(7 * T_4\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + c\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2\right) + 7c\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 + cn^2 \\
&= 343 * T_4\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + 49c\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2 + 7c\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 + cn^2 \\
&= \dots \\
&= 7^{\log_2 n} T_4(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 7^i \cdot c\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right)^2 \\
&= 0 + cn^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^i = cn^2 \cdot \frac{(7/4)^{(\log_2 n)+1} - 1}{7/4 - 1} \\
&= cn^2 \cdot \frac{\frac{7^{(\log_2 n)+1} - 4^{(\log_2 n)+1}}{4^{(\log_2 n)+1}}}{\frac{7-4}{4}} = \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \cdot \frac{7 \cdot 7^{\log_2 7 \cdot \log_7 n} - 4 \cdot 4^{\log_2 n}}{4 \cdot 4^{\log_2 n}} \\
&= \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \cdot \frac{7 \cdot (7^{\log_7 n})^{\log_2 7} - 4 \cdot (2^{\log_2 n})^2}{4 \cdot (2^{\log_2 n})^2} = \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \cdot \frac{7 \cdot n^{\log_2 7} - 4n^2}{4n^2} \\
&= \frac{7}{3}cn^{\log_2 7} - \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \in O(n^{\log_2 7})
\end{aligned}
$$

Or directly

$$
\begin{aligned}
T_4(n) &= 7 * T_4(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) \le \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 7^i c\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right)^2 = cn^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^i = cn^2 \cdot \frac{(7/4)^{(\log_2 n)+1} - 1}{7/4 - 1} \\
&= cn^2 \cdot \frac{\frac{7^{(\log_2 n)+1} - 4^{(\log_2 n)+1}}{4^{(\log_2 n)+1}}}{\frac{7-4}{4}} = \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \cdot \frac{7 \cdot 7^{\log_2 7 \cdot \log_7 n} - 4 \cdot 4^{\log_2 n}}{4 \cdot 4^{\log_2 n}} \\
&= \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \cdot \frac{7 \cdot (7^{\log_7 n})^{\log_2 7} - 4 \cdot (2^{\log_2 n})^2}{4 \cdot (2^{\log_2 n})^2} = \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \cdot \frac{7 \cdot n^{\log_2 7} - 4n^2}{4n^2} \\
&= \frac{7}{3}cn^{\log_2 7} - \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \in O(n^{\log_2 7})
\end{aligned}
$$

Besides, we have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
T_4(n) &= 7 * T_4(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) \ge \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 7^i c\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right)^2 = cn^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^i = cn^2 \cdot \frac{(7/4)^{(\log_2 n)+1} - 1}{7/4 - 1} \\
&= cn^2 \cdot \frac{\frac{7^{(\log_2 n)+1} - 4^{(\log_2 n)+1}}{4^{(\log_2 n)+1}}}{\frac{7-4}{4}} = \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \cdot \frac{7 \cdot 7^{\log_2 7 \cdot \log_7 n} - 4 \cdot 4^{\log_2 n}}{4 \cdot 4^{\log_2 n}} \\
&= \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \cdot \frac{7 \cdot (7^{\log_7 n})^{\log_2 7} - 4 \cdot (2^{\log_2 n})^2}{4 \cdot (2^{\log_2 n})^2} = \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \cdot \frac{7 \cdot n^{\log_2 7} - 4n^2}{4n^2} \\
&= \frac{7}{3}cn^{\log_2 7} - \frac{4}{3}cn^2 \in \Omega(n^{\log_2 7})
\end{aligned}
$$

So we have that $T_4(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2 7})$.

Using the **substitution method**, we guess that $T_4 \in O(n^{\log_2 7})$ and we select the function $cn^{\log_2 7} - dn^2$ as representative, and we select $c'n^2$ as representative of $\Theta(n^2)$. Inductive assumption: we assume that $\forall m < n,\ T_3(m) \le cm^{\log_2 7} - dm^2$. We want to prove that $\forall n,\ T_4(n) \le cn^{\log_2 7} - dn^2$. If this is the case we have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
T_4(n) &= 7 * T_4(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) \\
&\leq 7\left(c\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\log_2 7} - d\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2\right) + c'n^2 \\
&= 7c\frac{n^{\log_2 7}}{2^{\log_2 7}} - 7d\frac{n^2}{4} + c'n^2 \\
&= 7c\frac{n^{\log_2 7}}{7} - n^2\left(\frac{7}{4}d - c'\right) \\
&= cn^{\log_2 7} - \frac{7d - 4c'}{4}n^2
\end{aligned}
$$

if $\frac{7d-4c'}{4} \leq d \iff 7d - 4c' \leq 4d \iff 3d \leq 4c' \iff d \leq \frac{4}{3}c'$, then $T_4(n) \leq cn^{\log_2 7} - dn^2$. Thus we have proved by induction that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N},\ T_3(n) \leq cn^{\log_2 7} - dn^2$ for a proper c and d. So $T_3(n) \in O(n^{\log_2 7})$.

Now we want to prove that $T_4(n) \in \Omega(n^{\log_2 7})$. We select the representative $cn^{\log_2 7} \in \Omega(n^{\log_2 7})$ and the representative $c'n^2 \in \Theta(n^2)$. Inductive assumption: we assume that $\forall m < n,\ T_4(m) \geq cm^{\log_2 7}$. We want to prove that $\forall n,\ T_4(n) \geq cn^{\log_2 7}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
T_4(n) &= 7 * T_4(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) \\
&\geq 7c\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\log_2 7} + c'n^2 \\
&= 7c\frac{n^{\log_2 7}}{2^{\log_2 7}} + c'n^2 \\
&= 7c\frac{n^{\log_2 7}}{7} + c'n^2 \\
&= cn^{\log_2 7} + c'n^2 \\
&\geq cn^{\log_2 7}
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus we have that $T_4(n) \geq cn^{\log_2 7}$, so we have proved by induction that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N},\ T_3(n) \geq cn^{\log_2 7} - dn^2$ for a proper c. Then $T_4(n) \in \Omega(n^{\log_2 7})$. Therefore we have proved that $T_4(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2 7})$.

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