

**Introduction:** This assignment will give you practice working with summations and recurrence relations.

This is an individual effort homework assignment. You must write up your solutions in  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . Use the `a8.tex` template that I provide and be sure to replace each “Put your answer for \_\_\_ here.” with your answers but leave everything else alone. Your solutions must be written up in a clear, concise and rigorous manner.

When you are done, zip up your `.TEX` file and corresponding `.PDF` file. Upload your `.ZIP` file to the **a8** dropbox on d2l. After you have uploaded the file, double-check to ensure your file was uploaded correctly. It is your responsibility to ensure your submission was done correctly. Assignments that are not uploaded correctly are worth 0 points.

Consider the following recursive Java method:

```
// Assumes n is a non-negative integer, e.g., 0, 1, ...
public static int myMethod(int n) {
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i <= n - 1; i++) {
        sum += myMethod(i) + myMethod(i);
    }
    return 1 + sum;
}
```

We would like to study `myMethod` and determine a closed-form expression for its return value, for all non-negative `int` values. We will do this by first formulating a recurrence relation for the value returned by `myMethod`, and then we will use iteration to solve for a closed-form expression. Going forward, let  $T(n)$  denote the value returned by `myMethod`.

1. (1 point) What is the base case for  $T(n)$ ?

A.  $T(0) = 0$

B.  $T(0) = 1$

C.  $T(1) = 0$

D.  $T(1) = 1$

B.  $T(0) = 1$

2. (1 point) What is the recursive case for  $T(n)$ ?

A.  $T(n) = 1 + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T(i)$

B.  $T(n) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (T(i) + T(i))$

C.  $T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2 \cdot T(i)$

D.  $T(n) = 1 + 2 \sum_{i=0}^n T(i)$

A.  $T(n) = 1 + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T(i)$

Work the rest of the problems assuming your choices for questions 1 and 2.

3. (1 point) Compute  $T(1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T(1) &= 1 + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{1-1} T(i) \\ &= 1 + 2(1) \\ &= \boxed{3} \end{aligned}$$

4. (1 point) Compute  $T(2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T(2) &= 1 + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{2-1} T(i) \\ &= 1 + 2(1 + 3) \\ &= \boxed{9} \end{aligned}$$

5. (1 point) Compute  $T(3)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T(3) &= 1 + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{3-1} T(i) \\ &= 1 + 2(1 + 3 + 9) \\ &= \boxed{27} \end{aligned}$$

6. (1 point) Using  $T(0)$ ,  $T(1)$ ,  $T(2)$ , and  $T(3)$ , guess a closed-form expression for  $T(n)$ .

$$T(0) = 1$$

$$T(1) = 3$$

$$T(2) = 9$$

$$T(3) = 27$$

$$V_n = 3^n$$

7. (4 points) Verify your guessed solution from question 6 is correct.

$$\begin{aligned}V_0 &= 3^0 \\&= 1 \\&\stackrel{?}{=} T(0)\end{aligned}$$

Now we'll prove the recursive case. First, let's start by looking at the definition of  $T(n)$ :

$$T(n) = 1 + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T(i)$$

Just like with weak induction, let's assume that  $T(m) = V(m), \forall m \leq n-1$ . That means that we can swap out  $T(i)$  for  $V(i)$  since the upper limit of the summation is  $n-1$ :

$$T(n) = 1 + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} V(i)$$

Since  $V(n) = 3^n$ , (or in this case,  $V(i) = 3^i$ ), we can swap that out in the summation:

$$T(n) = 1 + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 3^i$$

Now let's rewrite the expression by getting rid of the summation notation:

$$T(n) = 1 + 2(3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1})$$

As an aside, let's set  $2(3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1})$  equal to  $S$ . Now let's see what happens if we multiply  $S$  by 3:

$$3 \cdot 2(3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1}) = 2(3^1 + 3^2 + 3^3 + \dots + 3^n)$$

Now we can subtract  $S$  from  $3S$ :

$$\begin{aligned}3S - S &= 2(3^1 + 3^2 + 3^3 + \dots + 3^n) - 2(3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1}) \\2S &= 2(3^n - 3^0) \\S &= 3^n - 1\end{aligned}$$



Here we have a closed form expression for  $S$ . We can take this and plug it back into the formula for  $T(n)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 1 + 3^n - 1 \\ &= 3^n \\ &\stackrel{\checkmark}{=} V(n) \end{aligned}$$