

Algorithm hw5

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For the divide and conquer algorithm of finding the k-th minimum element in an array of n elements. The complexity is $T(n) = T(3/4 n) + T(1/5 n) + cn$. Prove that $T(n) = O(n)$.

Proof with recursion-tree:

- The longest path from the root to a leaf:

$$n \rightarrow (1/5)n \rightarrow (1/5)^2 n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 1$$

$$(1/5)^i n = 1 \iff i = \log_5 n$$

- Cost of the problem at level i is

$$c * (19/20)^i n$$

- Total cost:

$$W(n) = c * \sum_{i=0}^{\log_5 n} (19/20)^i n < cn * 1/(1 - 19/20) = 20cn$$

Thus $W(n) = O(n)$

Show the complexity for $T(n) = 3 T(1/3 n) + cn$, and provide a proof.

According to Master Theory, the complexity for $T(n) = 3 T(1/3 n) + cn$ is obviously $O(n \lg n)$

Proof with recursion-tree:

- Subproblem size at level i is:

$$n/3^i$$

- At level i : Cost of each node is:

$$cn/3^i$$

- h = Height of the tree ->

$$n/3^h = 1$$

$$h = \log_3 n$$

- Total cost:

$$W(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_3 n} cn = (\log_3 n + 1)n$$

Thus, $W(n) = O(n \log n)$