```
void Function(int n) {
    int i=1, s=1;
    while( s <= n) {
        i++;
        s= s+i;
        printf("*");
}</pre>
```

**Solution:** Consider the comments in the below function:

```
void Function (int n) {
  int i=1, s=1;
  // s is increasing not at rate 1 but i
  while( s <= n) {
    i++;
    s = s+i;
    printf("*");
}</pre>
```

We can define the 's' terms according to the relation  $s_i = s_{i-1} + i$ . The value oft' increases by 1 for each iteration. The value contained in 's' at the  $i^{th}$  iteration is the sum of the first '('positive integers. If k is the total number of iterations taken by the program, then the *while* loop terminates if:

$$1 + 2 + ... + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} > n \implies k = O(\sqrt{n}).$$

**Problem-24** Find the complexity of the function given below.

## **Solution:**

```
void function(int n) {
    int i, count = 0;
    for(i=1; i*i<=n; i++)
        count++;
}</pre>
```

In the above-mentioned function the loop will end, if  $i^2 > n \Rightarrow T(n) = O(\sqrt{n})$ . This is similar to Problem-23.

**Problem-25** What is the complexity of the program given below:

**Solution:** Consider the comments in the following function.

The complexity of the above function is  $O(n^2 log n)$ .

**Problem-26** What is the complexity of the program given below:

Solution: Consider the comments in the following function.

The complexity of the above function is  $O(nlog^2n)$ .

**Problem-27** Find the complexity of the program below.

```
function( int n ) {
      if(n == 1) return;
      for(int i = 1 ; i <= n ; i + + ) {
            for(int j = 1 ; j <= n ; j + + ) {
                 printf("*" );
                 break;
      }
}</pre>
```

**Solution:** Consider the comments in the function below.

```
function(int n) {
    //constant time
    if( n == 1 ) return;
    //outer loop execute n times
    for(int i = 1 ; i <= n ; i + + ) {
        // inner loop executes only time due to break statement.
        for(int j = 1 ; j <= n ; j + + ) {
            printf(=== );
            break;
        }
}
```

The complexity of the above function is O(n). Even though the inner loop is bounded by n, due to the break statement it is executing only once.

**Problem-28** Write a recursive function for the running time T(n) of the function given below. Prove using the iterative method that  $T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$ .

**Solution:** Consider the comments in the function below:

```
function (int n) {

//constant time

if( n == 1 ) return;

//outer loop execute n times

for(int i = 1; i <= n; i + +)

//inner loop executes n times

for(int j = 1; j <= n; j + +)

//constant time

printf("+" );

function( n-3 );
```

The recurrence for this code is clearly  $T(n) = T(n-3) + cn^2$  for some constant c > 0 since each call prints out  $n^2$  asterisks and calls itself recursively on n-3. Using the iterative method we get:  $T(n) = T(n-3) + cn^2$ . Using the Subtraction and Conquer master theorem, we get  $T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$ .

**Problem-29** Determine  $\Theta$  bounds for the recurrence relation:  $T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + nlogn$ 

**Solution:** Using Divide and Conquer master theorem, we get  $O(nlog^2n)$ .

**Problem-30** Determine  $\Theta$  bounds for the recurrence:  $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + n$ 

**Solution:** Substituting in the recurrence equation, we get:  $T(n) \le c1 * \frac{n}{2} + c2 * \frac{n}{4} + c3 * \frac{n}{8} + cn \le k * n$ , where k is a constant. This clearly says  $\Theta(n)$ .

**Problem-31** Determine  $\Theta$  bounds for the recurrence relation:  $T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 7$ .

**Solution:** Using Master Theorem we get:  $\Theta(logn)$ .

**Problem-32** Prove that the running time of the code below is  $\Omega(logn)$ .

**Solution:** The *while* loop will terminate once the value of 'k' is greater than or equal to the value of 'n'. In each iteration the value of 'k' is multiplied by 3. If i is the number of iterations, then 'k' has the value of  $3^i$  after i iterations. The loop is terminated upon reaching i iterations when  $3^i \ge n$ 

 $i \ge \log_3 n$ , which shows that  $i = \Omega(\log n)$ .

**Problem-33** Solve the following recurrence.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n-1) + n(n-1), & \text{if } n \ge 2 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:** By iteration:

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

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

$$T(n) = 1 + \frac{n((n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{3})$$

**Note:** We can use the *Subtraction and Conquer* master theorem for this problem.

**Problem-34** Consider the following program:

**Solution:** The recurrence relation for the running time of this program is: T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + c. Note T(n) has two recurrence calls indicating a binary tree. Each step recursively calls the program for n reduced by 1 and 2, so the depth of the recurrence tree is O(n). The number of leaves at depth n is  $2^n$  since this is a full binary tree, and each leaf takes at least O(1) computations for the constant factor. Running time is clearly exponential in n and it is  $O(2^n)$ .

**Problem-35** Running time of following program?

**Solution:** Consider the comments in the function below:

```
function (n) {
    //this loop executes n times
    for(int i = 1; i <= n; i + +)
    //this loop executes j times with j increase by the rate of i
    for(int j = 1; j <= n; j + = i)
        printf(" * " );
}</pre>
```

In the above code, inner loop executes n/i times for each value of i. Its running time is  $n \times (\sum_{i=1}^{n} n/i) = O(n\log n)$ .

**Problem-36** What is the complexity of  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} log i$ ?

**Solution:** Using the logarithmic property, logxy = logx + logy, we can see that this problem is equivalent to

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} logi = log \ 1 + log \ 2 + \dots + log \ n = log(1 \times 2 \times \dots \times n) = log(n!) \le log(n^n) \le nlogn$$

This shows that the time complexity = O(nlogn).

**Problem-37** What is the running time of the following recursive function (specified as a function of the input value n)? First write the recurrence formula and then find its complexity.

```
function(int n) {

if(n <= 1) return;

for (int i=1; i <= 3; i++)

f(\lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil);
```

**Solution:** Consider the comments in the below function:

```
function (int n) {

//constant time

if(n <= 1) return;

//this loop executes with recursive loop of \frac{n}{3} value

for (int i=1; i <= 3; i++)

f(\frac{n}{3});
```

We can assume that for asymptotical analysis  $k = \lceil k \rceil$  for every integer  $k \ge 1$ . The recurrence for this code is  $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{3}) + \Theta(1)$ . Using master theorem, we get  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$ .

**Problem-38** What is the running time of the following recursive function (specified as a function of the input value n)? First write a recurrence formula, and show its solution using induction.

```
function(int n) {
      if(n <= 1) return;

      for (int i=1 ; i <= 3 ; i++ )
            function (n - 1).
}</pre>
```

**Solution:** Consider the comments in the function below:

```
function (int n) {

//constant time

if(n <= 1) return;

//this loop executes 3 times with recursive call of n-1 value

for (int i=1; i <= 3; i++)

function (n - 1).
```

The *if* statement requires constant time [O(1)]. With the *for* loop, we neglect the loop overhead and only count three times that the function is called recursively. This implies a time complexity recurrence:

$$T(n) = c, if \ n \le 1;$$
  
=  $c + 3T(n - 1), if \ n > 1.$ 

Using the *Subtraction and Conquer* master theorem, we get  $T(n) = \Theta(3^n)$ .

minimum 1 time. Therefore,  $T(n) = O(\sqrt{n})$  and  $T(n) = \Omega(1)$ .

**Problem-55** In the following C function, let  $n \ge m$ . How many recursive calls are made by this function?

```
int gcd(n,m){
    if (n%m ==0)
        return m;
    n = n%m;
    return gcd(m,n);
}
```

- (A)  $\Theta(\log_2^n)$
- (B)  $\Omega(n)$
- (C)  $\Theta(\log_2 \log_2^n)$
- (D)  $\Theta(n)$

**Solution:** No option is correct. Big O notation describes the tight upper bound and Big Omega notation describes the tight lower bound for an algorithm. For m = 2 and for all  $n = 2^i$ , the running time is O(1) which contradicts every option.

**Problem-56** Suppose T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n, T(O)=T(1)=1. Which one of the following is false?

- (A)  $T(n) = O(n^2)$
- (B)  $T(n) = \Theta(nlogn)$
- (C)  $T(n) = Q(n^2)$
- (D) T(n) = O(nlog n)

**Solution: (C).** Big O notation describes the tight upper bound and Big Omega notation describes the tight lower bound for an algorithm. Based on master theorem, we get  $T(n) = \Theta(nlogn)$ . This indicates that tight lower bound and tight upper bound are the same. That means, O(nlogn) and O(nlogn) are correct for given recurrence. So option (C) is wrong.

**Problem-57** Find the complexity of the below function:

```
function(int n) {
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    for(int j=i; j < i*i; j++)
        if (j %i == 0){
        for (int k = 0; k < j; k++)
            printf(" * ");
        }
}</pre>
```

## **Solution:**

Time Complexity:  $O(n^5)$ .

**Problem-58** To calculate  $9^n$ , give an algorithm and discuss its complexity.

**Solution:** Start with 1 and multiply by 9 until reaching  $9^n$ .

Time Complexity: There are n-1 multiplications and each takes constant time giving a  $\Theta(n)$  algorithm.

**Problem-59** For Problem-58, can we improve the time complexity?

**Solution:** Refer to the *Divide and Conquer* chapter.

**Problem-60** Find the time complexity of recurrence  $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + T(\frac{n}{4}) + T(\frac{n}{8}) + n$ .

**Solution:** Let us solve this problem by method of guessing. The total size on each level of the recurrence tree is less than n, so we guess that f(n) = n will dominate. Assume for all i < n that  $c_1 n \le T(i) < c_2 n$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}n\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3}n\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3}n\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3}n\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{9}n\right)^2 = \frac{625}{1296}n^2 = \left(\frac{25}{36}\right)^2 n^2$$

Similarly the amount of work at level k is at most  $\left(\frac{25}{36}\right)^k n^2$ .

Let  $\alpha = \frac{25}{36}$ , the total runtime is then:

$$T(n) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^{k} n^{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-\alpha} n^{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-\frac{25}{36}} n^{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{11}{36}} n^{2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{36}{11} n^{2}}{0(n^{2})}$$

That is, the first level provides a constant fraction of the total runtime.

**Problem-62** Rank the following functions by order of growth: (n + 1)!, n!,  $4^n$ ,  $n \times 3^n$ ,  $3^n + n^2 + 20n$ ,  $(\frac{3}{2})^n$ ,  $n^2 + 200$ , 20n + 500,  $2^{lgn}$ ,  $n^{2/3}$ , 1.

**Solution:** 

$$c_{1}\frac{n}{2} + c_{1}\frac{n}{4} + c_{1}\frac{n}{8} + kn \leq T(n) \leq c_{2}\frac{n}{2} + c_{2}\frac{n}{4} + c_{2}\frac{n}{8} + kn$$

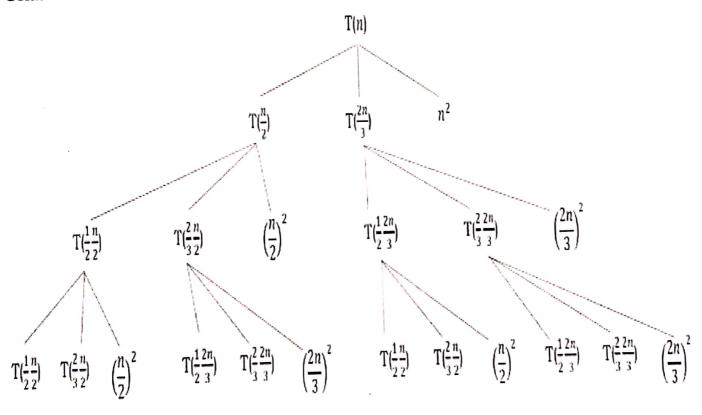
$$c_{1}n(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{k}{c_{1}}) \leq T(n) \leq c_{2}n(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{k}{c_{2}})$$

$$c_{1}n(\frac{7}{8} + \frac{k}{c_{1}}) \leq T(n) \leq c_{2}n(\frac{7}{8} + \frac{k}{c_{2}})$$

If  $c_1 \ge 8k$  and  $c_2 \le 8k$ , then  $c_1n = T(n) = c_2n$ . So,  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$ . In general, if you have multiple recursive calls, the sum of the arguments to those calls is less than n (in this case  $\frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{8} < n$ ), and f(n) is reasonably large, a good guess is  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

**Problem-61** Solve the following recurrence relation using the recursion tree method:  $T(n)=T(\frac{n}{2})+T(\frac{2n}{3})+n^2$ .

**Solution:** How much work do we do in each level of the recursion tree?



In level 0, we take  $n^2$  time. At level 1, the two subproblems take time:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}n\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}n\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{4}{9}\right)n^2 = \left(\frac{25}{36}\right)n^2$$

At level 2 the four subproblems are of size  $\frac{1}{2}\frac{n}{2}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}\frac{n}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}\frac{2n}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}\frac{2n}{3}$  respectively. These two subproblems take time:

Function	Rate of Growth
(n+1)!	O(n!)
n!	O(n!)
4 <sup>n</sup>	$O(4^n)$
$n \times 3^n$	$O(n3^n)$
$3^n + n^2 + 20n$	$O(3^n)$
$(\frac{3}{2})^n$	$O((\frac{3}{2})^n)$
$4n^2$	$O(n^2)$
$4^{lgn}$	$O(n^2)$
$n^2 + 200$	$O(n^2)$
20n + 500	O(n)
$2^{lgn}$	O(n)
$n^{2/3}$	$O(n^{2/3})$
1	O(1)

Decreasing rate of growths

**Problem-63** Find the complexity of the below function:

```
function(int n) {
   int sum = 0;
   for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
      if (i > j)
        sum = sum +1;
   else {
      for (int k = 0; k < n; k++)
            sum = sum -1;
      }
  }
}</pre>
```

**Solution:** Consider the worst-case.