## Homework 4

## Problem 4.1 Merge sort

a) Included in the zip file.

b)

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for k = 1
best cases:
Average time for best case: 0.0002
Average cases:
Average time for average case: 0.0003
worst cases:
Average time for worst case: 0.0005
for k = 2
best cases:
Average time for best case: 0.0005
Average cases:
Average time for average case: 0.0005
worst cases:
Average time for worst case: 0.0005
for k = 3
best cases:
Average time for best case: 0.0005
Average cases:
Average time for average case: 0.0005
worst cases:
Average time for worst case: 0.0006
for k = 4
best cases:
Average time for best case: 0.0006
Average cases:
Average time for average case: 0.0006
worst cases:
Average time for worst case: 0.0007
for k = 5
best cases:
Average time for best case: 0.0007
Average cases:
Average time for average case: 0.0007
worst cases:
Average time for worst case: 0.0007
```

we notice that it is better to choose a small k for n in range 0-50

## Problem 4.2:

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a) T(n) = 36T(n/6) + 2n
a = 36;
b = 6;
f(n)=2n;
n^{(0g(a)b)} = n^{(0g(36)6)} = n^2
Case 1:
Therefore, T(n)=\Theta(n^2)
b)T(n) = 5T(n/3) + 17n^{(1.2)}
a = 5;
b = 3;
f(n) = 17n^{(1.2)}
n^{(\log(a)b)} = n^{(\log(5)3)} = n^{1.46}
Case 1:
Therefore, T(n)=\Theta(n^1.46)
c)T(n) = 12T(n/2) + n^2 \log(n)
a = 12
b = 2
f(n) = n^2 \log(n)
n^{(\log(a)b)} = n^{(\log(12)2)} = n^3.58
Case 1:
Therefore, T(n)=\Theta(n^3.58)
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