

CS 331: Algorithms and Complexity (Fall 2023)

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Assignment 4 - Solution

Due on Tuesday, 27 February, by 11.59pm

Problem 1

(10 points)

(a) (1pt each)

$T_2(n)$ has $\frac{4}{3}$ inside the recurrence, while results in subsequent calls growing the value of n .

$T_3(n)$ has $-5n^3$ as the cost, which results in negative time complexity.

(b) (2pt each)

- $T_1(n) = 2T_1(\frac{n}{4}) + n^2$, $T_1(1) = 1$

Using Master's Theorem, $a = 2$, $b = 4$, $f(n) = n^2$

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_4 2} = n^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a}), \text{ so } T_1(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n^2)$$

- $T_4(n) = 2T_4(\frac{n}{2}) + n \log n$, $T_4(2) = 0$

Using Master's Theorem, $a = 2$, $b = 2$, $f(n) = n \log n$

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 2} = n$$

However, $f(n) = n \log n$ is not polynomially larger than n , so we cannot use Master's Theorem.

I will use the recurrence relation

Level	Problem size	Total time
0	n	$n \log n$
1	$\frac{n}{2}$	$2 \cdot \frac{n}{2} \log \frac{n}{2}$
2	$\frac{n}{4}$	$2^2 \cdot \frac{n}{2^2} \log \frac{n}{2^2}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
k	$\frac{n}{2^k} = 1$	$2^k \cdot \frac{n}{2^k} \log \frac{n}{2^k}$

$$\rightarrow \left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i \cdot \frac{n}{2^i} \log \frac{n}{2^i} \right) + 1 \cdot 2^k$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} n \log \frac{n}{2^i} \right) + 2^k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\rightarrow \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(n)-1} n \log \frac{n}{2^i} \right) + 2^{\log_2 n} \\
&\rightarrow \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(n)-1} n \log n - n \log 2^i \right) + n \\
&\rightarrow n + \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(n)-1} n \log n - \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(n)-1} i \\
&\rightarrow n + n \log_2 n \log_2 n - \frac{\log_2(n)(\log_2(n)-1)}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

- $T_5(n) = \sqrt{n}T_5(\sqrt{n}) + n, n \geq 2$

We cannot use Master's Theorem here, as the form of the recurrence is not in the form of $T(n) = aT(\frac{n}{b}) + f(n)$.

Level	Problem size	Total time
0	n	n
1	$n^{1/2}$	$n^{1/2}n^{1/2}$
2	$n^{1/2^2}$	$n^{1/2^2}n^{1/2^2}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
k	$n^{1/2^k} = 2$	$n^{1/2^k}n^{1/2^k}$

(c) (2 pts)

Problem 2

(10 points)

- (a) (4 points) Split the array into 5 equal parts, until the size of the array is 1. Then, merge the arrays back together.

To merge the arrays, we will use 5 pointers to each of the 5 arrays, let them be size $n/5$. We then compare each of them to find the smallest element. Then, we will add the smallest element to the new array of size n , repeat until all pointers are at the end of the array.

This yields a new sorted array of size n .

- (b) (2 points) Let each array be size $n/5$. We assume each of the arrays are sorted. Each iteration has at most 4 comparisons, so the total number of comparisons is at most $4n$.

- (c) (2 points) $T(n) = 5T(n/5) + O(n)$ with $T(1) = 1$

- (d) (2 points) Using Master's theorem, $a = 5$, $b = 5$, $f(n) = n$

$$n^{\log_5 5} = n.$$

$$n^{\log_5 a} = f(n), \text{ so the recurrence is } \Theta(n \log n).$$

Problem 3

(10 pts)

(a) Recursive Solution with Memoization

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getMaxRecur(i):
    if i > n:
        return 0
    if memo[i] != -1:
        return memo[i]
    MAX = max( $p_i$  + getMaxRecur(i +  $c_i$ ), getMaxRecur(i + 1))
    memo[i] = MAX
    return MAX
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(b) Iterative Solution

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getMaxTabular():
    memo[n] = 0
    for i in range(n, 0):
        memo[i] = max( $p_i$ , memo[i +  $c_i$ ])
    return memo[1]
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(c) Proof of Correctness

Since the iterative solution iterates through the array computing each element once, it's $O(n)$.