

Homework 2 Solutions

CS 430 Introduction to Algorithms
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1. Problem 1 Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad T(n) &= T(\log n) + 3 \\ &= T(\log \log n) + 3 + 3 \\ &= T(\log \log \log n) + 3 + 3 + 3 \\ &\text{on the } i\text{th step we have} \\ &= T(\log \log \dots \log n) + 3i \\ &= \log(k)n + 3k \end{aligned}$$

Here, k is the number of times the recurrence occurs before the size of the problem becomes 1, and $\log(k)n$ represents $\log \log \dots \log n$ k times

$$= O(\log^* n)$$

$\log^* n$ is the iterated log of n , which is the number of times the logarithm function must be iteratively applied before the result is less than or equal to 1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad T(n) &= T(\log n) + 3n \\ &= T(\log \log n) + 3 \log n + 3n \\ &= T(\log \log \log n) + 3 \log \log n + 3 \log n + 3n \\ &\text{on the } i\text{th step we have} \\ &= T(\log \log \dots \log n) + 3(\log \log \dots \log n) + \dots + 3(\log n) + 3n \\ &= O(n) \end{aligned}$$

2. Problem 2. Solution:

$$T(n) = T(n - c) + T(c) + f(n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad T(n) &= \log \log(n) + [\log \log(n - c) + c] + [\log \log(n - 2c) + c] + \dots + [\log \log(n - lc) + c] \\ &= T(n) = \log \log(n) + \log \log(n - c) + \log \log(n - 2c) + \dots + \log \log(n - lc) + lc \\ &\text{Here } l \text{ is the number of times the recursion occurs.} \\ &= O(n \log \log n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad T(n) &= \sqrt{n} + [\sqrt{n - c} + c] + [\sqrt{n - 2c} + c] + \dots + \sqrt{n - lc} + c \\ &= \sqrt{n} + (k - 1) \cdot c + \sqrt{n - c} + \sqrt{n - 2c} + \dots + \sqrt{n - lc} \\ &= O(n\sqrt{n}) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = T(n) = 2T(n/2) + f(n)$$

(a) This recursion can be solved using Master's theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= \log \log n \\ af(n/b) &= 2 \log \log n/2 = 2 \log(\log n - \log 2) \\ &= 2 \log(\log n(1 - \frac{1}{n})) \\ &= 2 \log \log n + 2 \log(1 - \frac{1}{\log n}) \end{aligned}$$

Using Taylor series expansion on $2 \log(1 - \frac{1}{\log n})$ and taking the first term we get

$$= 2 \log \log n - \frac{2}{\log n}$$

Using Master's theorem:

$$T(n) = \theta(n^{\log 2}) = \theta(n)$$

- (b) This recursion can be solved using Master's theorem:

$$f(n) = \sqrt{n}$$

$$af(n/b) = 2\sqrt{n/2} = \sqrt{2}\sqrt{n}$$

Using Master's theorem:

$$T(n) = \theta(n^{\log 2}) = \theta(n)$$

3. **Problem 3. Solution:** Best Possible partition is $\frac{n}{3}$. So the tree will be of degree 3, i.e. each node will have 3 children. The height of the tree is $i = \log_3 n$. As we keep increasing the number of partitions the tree height decreases but the constant factor increases as the number of children increases (we will have 2 comparisons at each level instead of one). So it is not better than a binary tree. Thus time complexity will be $O(n \log_3 n)$. Algorithm will be the same in the book except we will be partitioning the array into 3 parts instead of 2 in every step.
4. **Problem 4. Solution:** $(a + bi)(c + di)$
 Let $product_1 = (a - b)(c + d)$,
 $product_2 = bc$ and
 $product_3 = ad$
 So $product_1 + product_2 - product_3 = ac - bd$
 and $product_2 + product_3 = ad + bc$
 so we get
 $(ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$
 As we can see above there are 3 multiplications required at each step.

5. **Problem 5. Solution:** Let M_w be the maximum number of leaf nodes of cost w .
 $cost(T) = ma + nb$, where m and n are non-negative integers. Then we have

$$M_w = M_{w-a} + M_{w-b}$$