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1.

(a) $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n^2 = 1$ for $n > 2$, otherwise $T(n) = 1$.

$$a = 9, b = 3$$

$$\log_b a = 2;$$

As described in situation 2 $T(n) = \theta(n^2 \log n)$

(b) $a = 6, b = 2$

$$\epsilon = \log_2 6 - 2.4 > 0 \text{ is a constant}$$

$$f(n) = n^{2.4} = O(n^{\log_2 6 - \epsilon})$$

Hence, as described in situation 1, $T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_2 6})$

(c) $a = 12, b = 4$

$$f(n) = n^2 = \Omega(n^{\log_4 12 + 0.1})$$

$$\epsilon = 0.1 > 0 \text{ is a constant}$$

$$\text{Also, } 12f\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) \leq cf(n)$$

$$\frac{12n^2}{16} \leq cf(n)$$
$$\frac{3f(n)}{4} \leq cf(n)$$

for constant $c = .75 < 1$

so, as described in situation 3, $T(n) = \theta(n^2)$

2.

Base case:

$$T(n) = 1 < 12 \leq 12n, \text{ for } n < 4 \text{ and } n \text{ is positive integer.}$$

Assume:

$$\text{For } 4 \leq m < n, T(m) = T(\lfloor 2m/3 \rfloor) + T(\lfloor m/4 \rfloor) + m < 12m \text{ is right}$$

To Prove:

$$T(n) = T(\lfloor 2n/3 \rfloor) + T(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor) + n \leq 12n$$

Prove:

$$\text{Left Hand Side} = 2n * 4 + n * 3 + n = 12n \leq 12n$$

Proved.

3.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & & & & & & cn \\ 1 & & c(\lfloor 3n/5 \rfloor) & & & & c(\lfloor 2n/5 \rfloor) \\ 2 & c(3\lfloor 3n/5 \rfloor/5) & c(2\lfloor 3n/5 \rfloor/5) & & c(3\lfloor 2n/5 \rfloor/5) & c(2\lfloor 3n/5 \rfloor/5) & \\ & & & & & & \dots\dots \\ i & & & & & & \end{array}$$

if level i is the longest simple path from the root to a leaf.

Because 3/5 path will be the last path to meet $n < 2$ which means $O(1)$ requirement.

$$\text{Then, } n \rightarrow (3/5)n \rightarrow n(3/5)^2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 1$$

$$\text{Since, } n(3/5)^k = 1 \text{ when } k = \log_{5/3} n.$$

Height of the tree is k.

We expect the solution to the recurrence to be at most the number of levels times the cost of each level.

$$\text{So where } c \text{ is a constant, } T(n) = O(cn \log_{5/3} n) = O(n \log n)$$