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1. *(4 pts) Using L'Hopital's Rule, show that* $\ln(n) \in \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})$.

   Solution.
   Limit Comparison: $\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$, L'Hopital's Rule: $\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n->\infty} \frac{f'(n)}{g'(n)}$

   $f(x) = ln(n), g(x) = \sqrt{n}$

   $\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{ln(n)}{\sqrt{n}}$

   $\frac{\infty}{\infty} - - >$ Infinity over Infinity, so L'Hopital's rule is required.

   $\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{ln(n)}{\sqrt{n}} = \lim_{n->\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}}$

   $\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{2\sqrt{n}}{n}$

   $\lim_{n->\infty} (\frac{2\sqrt{n}}{n})^2 - - > \frac{4n}{n^2}$

   $\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{4n}{n^2} - - > \frac{\infty}{\infty^2}$

   The denominator is decreasing at a faster speed than the top is increasing, making the value go to 0. As such, since this has to be 0 to be a big O, $\ln(n) \in \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})$.

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2. *(6 pts) Let* $f(n) = (n-3)!$ *and* $g(n) = 3^{5n}$*. Determine which of the following relations* ***best*** *applies:* $f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n))$*,* $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$*, or* $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$*. Clearly justify your answer. You may wish to refer to Michael's Calculus Review document on Canvas.*

Solution.
Ratio Test: $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$

$a_n = \frac{(n-3)!}{3^{5n}}, a_{n+1} = \frac{(n-2)!}{3^{5n+1}}$

$\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{\frac{(n-2)!}{3^{5n+1}}}{\frac{(n-3)!}{3^{5n}}}$

$\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{(n-2)!*3^{5n}}{(n-3)!*3^{5n+1}}$

$\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{(n-3)!*(n-2)*3^{5n}}{(n-3)!*3*3^{5n}}$

$\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{(n-2)*3^{5n}}{3*3^{5n}}$

$\lim_{n->\infty} \frac{(n-2)}{3}$

$\frac{\infty}{3} - - > \infty$

Since the relation goes to ∞ instead of a constant or 0, this relationship is a $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ relationship.

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3. *(4 pts) Let* $T(n) = 4T(n/5) + \log(n)$*, where* $T(n)$ *is constant when* $n \leq 2$*.* ***Using the Master Theorem****, determine tight asymptotic bounds for* $T(n)$*. That is, use the Master Theorem to find a function* $g(n)$ *such that* $T(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$*. Clearly show all your work.*

   Solution.

   $a = 4, b = 5$ (taken from aT($\frac{n}{b}$)

   $log_5(4) = 0.8614$

   Use trick from Professor Shiv's lecture notes

   $\in = 0.1$

   $0.8614 > 0.1$

   $T(n) = \Theta(n^{log_5(4)})$

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4. *(6 pts) Let $T(n) = T(n-3) + T(3) + n$, where $T(n)$ is constant when $n \leq 3$.* ***Using unrolling****, determine tight asymptotic bounds for $T(n)$. That is, find a function $g(n)$ such that $T(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$. Clearly show all your work.*

   Solution.
   With help from CA Alici

   $T(0) = a$
   $T(3)$ is being used as a constant, so I will use c to represent it

   $T(n) = T(n-3) + c + n$
   $T(n) = [T(n-6) + c + (n-3)] + c + n - - > T(n-6) + 2c + n + (n-3)$
   $T(n) = [T(n-9) + c + (n-6)] + 2c + n + (n-3) - - > T(n-9) + 3c + n + (n-3) + (n-6)$

   $T(n) = T(n-3i) + ci + (n - \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} 3k) - - > T(n) = T(n-3i) + ci + (n - 3i^2)$

   $n - 3i = 0$
   $n = 3i$
   $i = \frac{n}{3}$

   $T(n) = T(n - 3 * \frac{n}{3}) + \frac{cn}{3} + (n - 3(\frac{n}{3})^2) - - > a + \frac{cn}{3} + (n - \frac{n^2}{3})$

   The largest term is order n^2, so $\Theta(n^2)$

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5. *(8 pts) Consider the following algorithm, which takes as input a string of nested parentheses and returns the number of layers in which the parentheses are nested. So for example, "" has 0 nested parentheses, while ((())) is nested 3 layers deep. In contrast,)(() is* ***not*** *valid input. You may assume the algorithm receives only valid input. For the sake of simplicity, the string will be represented as an array of characters.*

   Find a recurrence for the worst-case runtime complexity of this algorithm. Then ***solve*** *your recurrence and get a tight bound on the worst-case runtime complexity.*

```
CountParens(A[0, ..., 2n-1]):
    if A.length == 0:
        return 0
    return 1 + CountParens(A[1, ..., 2n-2])
```

   Solution.
   With help from CA Alici
   Base case: T(0)=a=1

   T(2n)=aT(g(n))+f(n)
   T(2n)=T(2n-2)+2

   $T(2n) = [T(2n-4)+2]+2 --> T(2n-4)+4$
   $T(2n) = [T(2n-6)+2]+4 --> T(2n-6)+6$
   $T(2n) = T(2n-2n)+2n --> T(0)+2n$
   $a+2n --> 2n+1$

   Constants and multiplication factors do not matter as much, so $\Theta(n)$

6. *(16 pts) For the given algorithm to find* ***min****, solve the following.*

   You may assume the existence of a ***min*** *function taking* $\mathcal{O}(1)$ *time, which accepts at most three arguments and returns the smallest of the three.*

```
FindMin(A[0, ..., n-1]):
     if A.length == 0:
        return infinity
     else if A.length == 1:
         return A[0]
     else if A.length == 2:
        return min(A[0], A[1])
     return min( FindMin(A[0, ..., floor(n/3)],
                 FindMin(A[floor(n/3) + 1, ..., floor(2n/3)],
                 FindMin(A[floor(2n/3) + 1, ..., n-1])
               )
```

   (a) (3pts) Find a recurrence for the worst-case runtime complexity of this algorithm.
   Solution.

   There are 3 calls to FindMin, so a=3

   The FindMins go in ranges of $\frac{n}{3}$ and that is structured $\frac{n}{b}$, so b=3

   Cost per line of the rest per worst case:
   if A.length == 0 $--> 1$
   return infinity $--> 0$
   else if A.length == 1 $-->1$
   return A[0] $--> 0$
   else if A.length == 2: $--> 1$
   return min(A[0], A[1]) $--> 0$

   $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{3}) + 3$

(b) (3 pts) Solve your recurrence **using the Master's Method** and get a tight bound on the worst-case runtime complexity.

Solution.

a=3, b=3. 3=3*n^0, so c=0

$log_b(a) = log_3(3) = 1$

$log_b(a) > c - - > 1 > 0$

$T(n) = \Theta(n^{log_b(a)})$

$T(n) = \Theta(n)$

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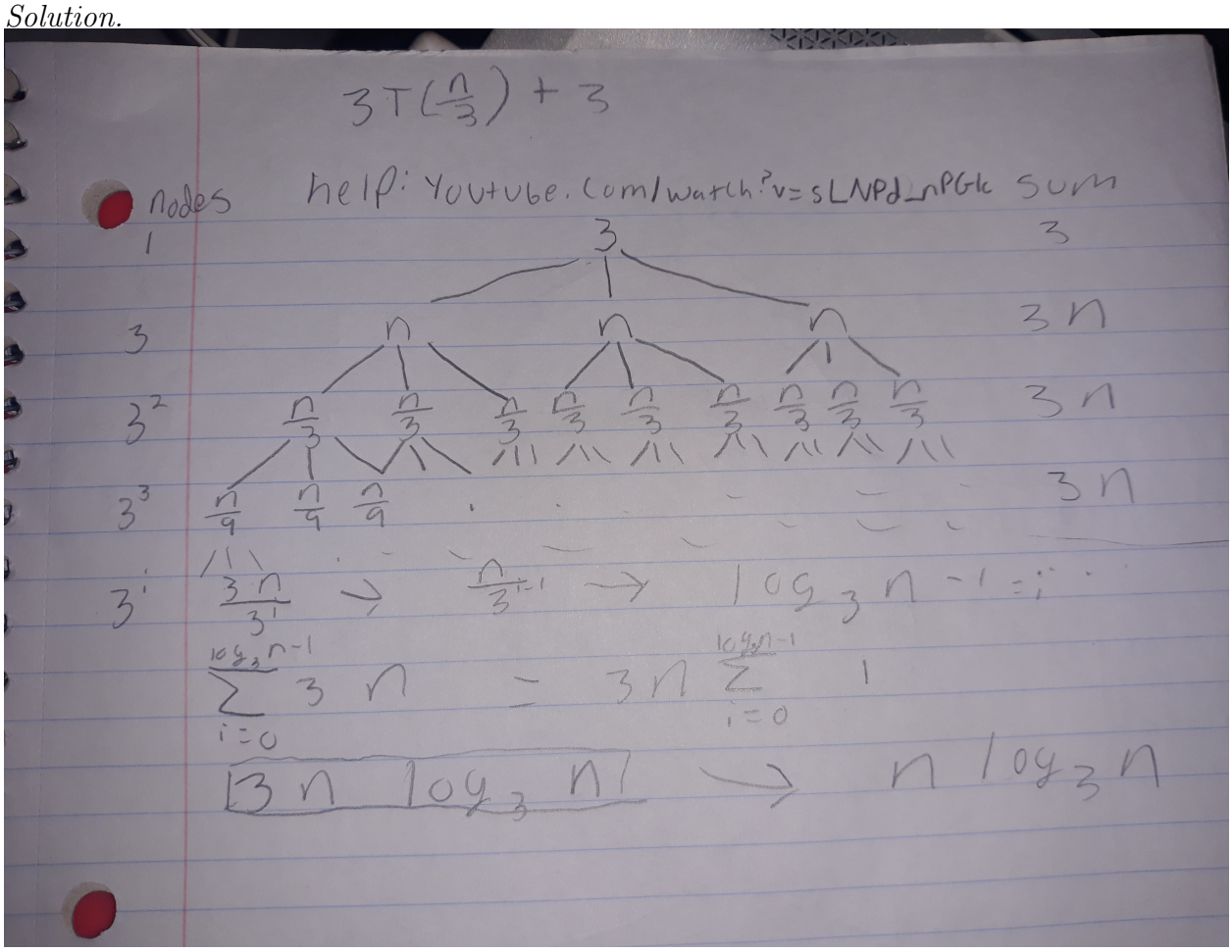
(c) (6 pts) Solve your recurrence **using the recurrence tree method** and get a tight bound on the worst-case runtime complexity. (It's ok to put an image of your hand drawn tree but label it neatly.)

Solution.



$T(n) = \Theta(nlog_3(n))$

(d) (4 pts) Give a tight bound (Θ bound) on the number of `return` calls this algorithm makes. Justify your answer.

Solution.
Return calls occur once every recursive step. Since the array lasts 1 to n (or 0 to (n-1) really, but for us counting, that is 1 to n being counted). All values need to be checked for minimum status, so there is a return every value, making for n returns no matter worst case or best case.

Therefore, T(n)=$\Theta(n)$

7. *(7 pts) Consider the following algorithm that sorts an array.*

   Express and provide the worst-case runtime complexity of this algorithm as a function of n, where n represents the size of the array. Provide a tight bound on the worst-case runtime complexity.

```
buffSort(A, size):
    if size <= 1:
        return

    buffSort(A, size-1)

    foo = Arr[size-1]

    for(index = size-2; index >= 0 AND A[index] > foo; index--)
        A[index+1] = A[index]

    A[index+1] = foo
```

   Solution.

   T(0)=c
   a=1, as there is one recursive call to buffSort.
   t(n)=T(n-1)+n+2
   $T(n) = [T(n-2) + (n-1) + 2] + n + 2 - - > T(n) = T(n-2) + n + (n-1) + 4$
   $T(n) = [T(n-3) + (n-2) + 2] + n + (n-1) + 4 - - > T(n-3) + n + (n-1) + (n-2) + 6$
   $T(n) = T(n-n) + \sum_{k=0}^{n} n - k + 2n - - > c + \frac{n}{2}(n+1) + 2n$
   $T(n) = c + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n + 2n - - > c + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{5}{2}n$

   The highest value is $\frac{1}{2}n^2$, which we can ignore the front on.
   $\Theta(n^2)$