

Divide and Conquer Master Theorem Problem

1) $T(n) = 8T(n/3) + n^2$

$a = 8, b = 3, f(n) = n^2, \log_3 8 < 2$

$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_3 8} < n^2 \Rightarrow n^2 = n^{\log_3 8 + \epsilon}$, where ϵ is equal to $(2 - \log_3 8)$, therefore > 0 .

$n^2 = \Omega(n^{\log_3 8 + \epsilon})$

$af(n/b) \leq c*f(n)$, where $c < 1$

$8f(n/3)^2 \leq c*f(n)^2$

$8(n^2/9) \leq c*n^2$, therefore $c \geq 8/9$

Thus, case 3 applies and $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

2) $T(n) = 10T(n/3) + n^2$

$a = 10, b = 3, f(n) = n^2, \log_3 10 > 2$

$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_3 10} > n^2 \Rightarrow n^2 = n^{\log_3 10 - \epsilon}$, where ϵ is equal to $(\log_3 10 - 2)$, therefore > 0 .

Thus, case 1 applies and $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_3 10})$

3) $T(n) = 16T(n/4) + n^2 \log^3 n$

$a = 16, b = 4, f(n) = n^2 \log^3 n, \log_4 16 = 2$

$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_4 16} = n^2 = f(n) = n^2$.

Therefore, $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} * \log^{k+1}(n))$, where $k = 3$.

Thus, case 2 applies and $T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log^4(n))$

4) $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n^3$

$a = 9, b = 3, f(n) = n^3, \log_3 9 = 2$

$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_3 9} < n^3 \Rightarrow n^3 = n^{\log_3 9 + \epsilon}$, where ϵ is equal to 1, therefore > 0 .

$af(n/b) \leq c*f(n)$, where $c < 1$

$9f(n/3)^3 \leq c*f(n)^3$

$9(n^3/27) \leq c*n^3$, therefore $c \geq 9/27 = 1/3$

Thus, case 3 applies and $T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$