

### Question 1)

Solve the following recurrence relations. For each one come up with a **precise** function of  $n$  in closed form (i.e., resolve all sigmas, recursive calls of function  $T$ , etc) using the substitution method. Note: An asymptotic answer is not acceptable for this question. Justify your solution and show all your work.

- a)  $T(n)=T(n-1)+cn$ ,  $T(0)=1$ ,
- b)  $T(n)=4T(n/2)+n$ ,  $T(1)=1$
- c)  $T(n)=2T(n/2)+1$ ,  $T(1)=1$

### Answer:

a)  $T(n)=T(n-1)+cn$ ,  $T(0)=1$

Given,  $T(0) = 1$  and  $T(n) = T(n - 1) + cn$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + cn$$

Now,  $T(n - 1) = T(n - 2) + c(n - 1)$  [Since,  $T(m) = T(m - 1) + cm$  and  $m = n - 1$  here]

Substitute  $T(n - 1)$  in above equation.

$$T(n) = T(n - 2) + c(n - 1) + cn$$

Now,  $T(n - 2) = T(n - 3) + c(n - 2)$  [Since,  $T(m) = T(m - 1) + cm$  and  $m = n - 2$  here]

Substitute  $T(n - 2)$  in above equation.

$$T(n) = T(n - 3) + c(n - 2) + c(n - 1) + cn$$

And if we repeat it for  $k$  times, we get

$$T(n) = T(n - k - 1) + c(n - k) + \dots + c(n - 1) + cn$$

We reach base case when  $n - k - 1$  becomes 0

$$n - k - 1 = 0$$

$$\implies k = n - 1$$

$$\text{and } n - k = 1$$

At  $k = n - 1$ ,

$$\text{Now, } T(n) = T(0) + c(1) + c(2) + c(3) + \dots + c(n - 1) + cn$$

$$\text{Given, } T(0) = 1$$

$$\text{So, } T(n) = 1 + c[1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n - 1) + n]$$

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n - 1) + n = n * (n + 1) / 2 \text{ according to mathematics.}$$

$$\text{So, } T(n) = c * n * (n + 1) / 2 + 1$$

**$T(n) = (c / 2) * n^2 + (c / 2) * n + 1$**  is the function representing the time complexity of given function.

To Find the Big-O Notation of given function, we need to find  $n_0$ ,  $C$  where  $T(n) \leq C * g(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

Consider a function  $G(n)$  by replacing each value in  $T(n)$  with  $c * n^2$

Then,  $(c / 2) * n^2 \leq c * n^2$  for all  $n \geq 1$  since  $c > c / 2$

$$(c / 2) * n \leq c * n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1 \text{ since } c > c / 2 \text{ and } n^2 > n$$

$$1 \leq c * n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

If we add all three inequalities, then we get,

$$(c / 2) * n^2 + (c / 2) * n + 1 \leq c * n^2 + c * n^2 + c * n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

$$\implies (c / 2) * n^2 + (c / 2) * n + 1 \leq 3 * c * n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

$$\implies T(n) \leq 3 * c * n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

Therefore,  $T(n) = O(n^2)$  where  $n_0 = 1$  and  $C = 3 * c$

b)  $T(n)=4T(n/2)+n$ ,  $T(1)=1$

Given,  $T(1)=1$  and  $T(n)=4T(n/2)+n$

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$

Now,  $T(n/2) = 4T(n/4) + n/2$  [Since,  $T(m) = 4T(m/2) + m$  and  $m = n/2$  here]

Substitute  $T(n/2)$  in above equation,

$$T(n) = 4 * [4 * T(n/4) + n/2] + n$$

$$T(n) = 4 * 4 * T(n/4) + 4 * n/2 + n$$

Now,  $T(n/4) = 4T(n/8) + n/4$  [Since,  $T(m) = 4T(m/2) + m$  and  $m = n/4$  here]

Substitute  $T(n/4)$  in above equation,

$$T(n) = 4 * 4 * [4 * T(n/8) + n/4] + 4 * n/2 + n$$

$$T(n) = 4 * 4 * 4 * T(n/8) + 4 * 4 * n/4 + 4 * n/2 + n$$

And if we repeat  $k - 1$  times, we get

$$T(n) = 4^k * T(n/2^k) + 4^{(k-1)} * n/2^{(k-1)} + \dots n$$

We know,  $4^{(k-1)} / 2^{(k-1)} = 2^{(k-1)} * 2^{(k-1)} / 2^{(k-1)} = 2^{(k-1)}$

So,  $T(n) = 4^k * T(n/2^k) + 2^{(k-1)} * n + \dots n$

$$T(n) = 4^k * T(n/2^k) + n * [1 + 2 + 4 + \dots 2^{(k-1)}]$$

$1 + 2 + 4 + \dots 2^{(k-1)} = 2^k - 1$  according to mathematics

So,  $T(n) = 4^k * T(n/2^k) + n * (2^k - 1)$

We reach base case when  $n/2^k = 1$

$$n/2^k = 1$$

$$n = 2^k$$

$$k = \log_2(n)$$

At  $k = \log_2(n)$

$$T(n) = 4^{\log_2 n} * T(1) + n * (2^{\log_2 n} - 1)$$

Substitute  $T(1) = 1$

And  $2^{\log_2 n} = n$  according to mathematics

And,  $4^{\log_2 n} = 2^{2\log_2 n} = 2^{\log_2 n^2} = n^2$

So,  $T(n) = n^2 + n * (n - 1)$

$$T(n) = 2n^2 - n$$

**$T(n) = 2n^2 - n$**  is the function representing the time complexity of given function.

To Find the Big-O Notation of given function, we need to find  $n_0$ ,  $C$  where  $T(n) \leq C * g(n)$

for all  $n \geq n_0$

Consider a function  $G(n)$  by replacing each value in  $T(n)$  with  $2 * n^2$

Then,  $2 * n^2 = 2 * n^2$  for all  $n \geq 1$  since both are equal

$-1 * n \leq 2 * n^2$  for all  $n \geq 1$  since left value is negative and right one is positive

If we add both inequalities, then we get,

$$2 * n^2 - n \leq 2 * n^2 + 2 * n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

$$\implies 2 * n^2 - n \leq 4 * n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

$$\implies T(n) \leq 4 * n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

Therefore,  $T(n) = O(n^2)$  where  $n_0 = 1$  and  $C = 4$

c)  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1$ ,  $T(1) = 1$

Given,  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1$ ,  $T(1) = 1$

$$T(n) = 2 * T(n/2) + 1$$

Now,  $T(n/2) = 2 * T(n/4) + 1$  [Since  $T(m) = 2T(m/2) + 1$  and  $m = n/2$  here]

Substitute  $T(n/2)$  in above equation

$$T(n) = 2 * [2 * T(n/4) + 1] + 1$$

$$T(n) = 2 * 2 * T(n/4) + 2 + 1$$

Now,  $T(n/4) = 2 * T(n/8) + 1$  [Since  $T(m) = 2T(m/2) + 1$  and  $m = n/4$  here]

Substitute  $T(n/4)$  in above equation

$$T(n) = 2 * 2 * [2 * T(n / 8) + 1] + 2 + 1$$

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

And if we repeat k - 1 times, we get

$$T(n) = 2^k * T(n / 2^k) + 2^{(k-1)} + \dots + 2 + 1$$

$1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^{(k-1)} = 2^k - 1$  according to mathematics

$$T(n) = 2^k * T(n / 2^k) + 2^k - 1$$

We reach base case when  $n / 2^k = 1$

$$n / 2^k = 1$$

$$n = 2^k$$

$$k = \log_2(n)$$

At  $k = \log_2(n)$

$$T(n) = 2^{\log_2 n} * T(1) + 2^{\log_2 n} - 1$$

Substitute  $T(1) = 1$

And  $2^{\log_2 n} = n$  according to mathematics

$$T(n) = n * 1 + n - 1$$

$$T(n) = 2n - 1$$

$T(n) = 2n - 1$  is the function representing the time complexity of given function.

To Find the Big-O Notation of given function, we need to find  $n_0, C$  where  $T(n) \leq C * g(n)$

for all  $n \geq n_0$

Consider a function  $G(n)$  by replacing each value in  $T(n)$  with  $2 * n$

Then,  $2 * n = 2 * n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  since both are equal

$-1 \leq 2 * n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  since left value is negative and right value is positive

If we add both inequalities, then we get,

$$2 * n - 1 \leq 2 * n + 2 * n \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

$$\implies T(n) \leq 4 * n$$

Therefore,  $T(n) = O(n)$  where  $n_0 = 1$  and  $C = 4$

## Question 2)

Consider Question 1 again. Apply Master Theorem if applicable for each case. Bound the recurrence relation in Big-O.

### Answer:

Master's Theorem is used to easily find Big-O Notation for functions with patterns in their recurrence relation.

We can apply Master's theorem only if the recurrence relation is of form:

$$T(n) = a * T(n / b) + f(n)$$

Where  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b \geq 2$  and  $f(n)$  is an asymptotically positive function

It has 3 cases.

Case-I:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d < \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically slower than  $\log_b a$

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

Case-II:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d > \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically faster than  $\log_b a$

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

Case-III:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^k n)$  where  $d = \log_b a$

Then,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^{(k+1)} n)$

a)  $T(n)=T(n-1)+cn, T(0)=1$

To Apply Master's Theorem,  $T(n)$  should be of form

$$T(n) = a * T(n / b) + f(n)$$

Since, given function  $T(n)=T(n-1)+cn$  is not in that form. We can't apply Master's theorem on this function.

b)  $T(n)=4T(n/2)+n, T(1)=1$

To Apply Master's Theorem,  $T(n)$  should be of form

$$T(n) = a * T(n / b) + f(n)$$

Given function is of the same form where  $a = 4, b = 2$  and  $f(n) = n$

$$f(n) = \Theta(n)$$

$$==== \Theta(n^1)$$

So,  $d = 1$  in Master's Theorem

$$\log_b a = \log_2 4 = 2$$

Since,  $d = 1 < \log_b a = 2$ , the given function follows Case-I pattern of Master's Theorem

According to Case-I of Master's Theorem,

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d < \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically slower than  $\log_b a$

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

Therefore,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^2)$

Since,  $\Theta$  represents a tight bound

$$C1 * n^2 \leq T(n) \leq C2 * n^2$$

If we consider, only  $T(n) \leq C2 * n^2$  it represents Big-O Notation

Therefore,  $T(n) = O(n^2)$

c)  $T(n)= 2T(n/2)+1, T(1)=1$

To Apply Master's Theorem,  $T(n)$  should be of form

$$T(n) = a * T(n / b) + f(n)$$

Given function is of the same form where  $a = 2, b = 2$  and  $f(n) = 1$

$$f(n) = \Theta(1)$$

$$==== \Theta(n^0)$$

So,  $d = 0$  in Master's Theorem

$$\log_b a = \log_2 2 = 1$$

Since,  $d = 0 < \log_b a = 1$ , the given function follows Case-I pattern of Master's Theorem

According to Case-I of Master's Theorem,

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d < \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically slower than  $\log_b a$

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

Therefore,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^1)$

Since,  $\Theta$  represents a tight bound

$$C1 * n \leq T(n) \leq C2 * n$$

If we consider, only  $T(n) \leq C2 * n$  it represents Big-O Notation

Therefore,  $T(n) = O(n)$

### Question 3)

A binary tree's "maximum depth" is the number of nodes along the longest path from the root node down to the farthest leaf node. Given the root of a binary tree, write a complete program in C++/Java that returns tree's maximum depth. What is the time-complexity of your algorithm in the worst-case once you have  $n$  nodes in the tree. Analyze and clearly discuss your reasoning. Paste your complete program in the solution file.

**Answer:**

Java Code to Calculate maximum depth of a binary tree is

```
public static int maxDepth(Node root) {
    // Base Condition
    if(root == null) return 0;
    // Recursive Calls
    int left = maxDepth(root.left);
    int right = maxDepth(root.right);

    return Math.max(left, right) + 1;
}
```

Let  $T(n)$  is the time complexity of the above function.

Number of basic operations are:

Code	Cost	Number of times it runs
<code>if(root == null) return 0;</code>	$C1$	1
<code>int left = maxDepth(root.left);</code>	$T(n/2)$	1
<code>int right = maxDepth(root.right);</code>	$T(n/2)$	1
<code>return Math.max(left, right) + 1;</code>	$C2$	1

So,  $T(n) = C1 + T(n/2) + T(n/2) + C2$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C1 + C2$$

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$$T(n) = a * T(n/b) + f(n)$$

Where  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b \geq 2$  and  $f(n)$  is an asymptotically positive function

It has 3 cases.

Case-I:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d < \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically slower than  $\log_b a$

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

Case-II:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d > \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically faster than  $\log_b a$

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

Case-III:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^k n)$  where  $d = \log_b a$

Then,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^{(k+1)} n)$

Given function is of the same form where  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 2$  and  $f(n) = C1 + C2$

$$f(n) = \Theta(1)$$

$$==== \Theta(n^0)$$

So,  $d = 0$  in Master's Theorem

$$\log_b a = \log_2 2 = 1$$

Since,  $d = 0 < \log_b a = 1$ , the given function follows Case-I pattern of Master's Theorem

According to Case-I of Master's Theorem,

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d < \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically slower than  $\log_b a$

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

Therefore,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^1)$

Since,  $\Theta$  represents a tight bound

$C1 * n \leq T(n) \leq C2 * n$

If we consider, only  $T(n) \leq C2 * n$  it represents Big-O Notation

Therefore,  $T(n) = O(n)$

#### Question 4)

Part (a) Write a **linear time divide and conquer algorithm** (i.e.,  $\theta(n)$ ) to calculate  $x^n$  ( $x$  is raised to the power  $n$ ). Assume  $a$  and  $n$  are  $\geq 0$ .

Part (b) Analyze the time complexity of your algorithm in the worst-case by first writing its recurrence relation.

Part (c) Can you improve your algorithm to accomplish the end in  $O(\log n)$  time complexity (we still look for a divide and conquer algorithm). If yes, write the corresponding algorithm, write the recurrence relation for its time complexity and analyze it. If no, justify your answer.

Answer:

a) Algorithm to find  $x^n$  in linear time is

```
public static int linearXpowN(int x, int n){
    if(n == 1) return x;
    int product = 1;
    if(n % 2 != 0){
        product = x;
        n -= 1;
    }
    return product * linearXpowN(x, n / 2) * linearXpowN(x, n / 2);
}
```

b) Let  $T(n)$  is the time complexity of the above function. Number of basic operations are:

Code	Cost	Number of times it runs
<code>if(n == 1) return x;</code>	C1	1
<code>int product = 1;</code>	C2	1
<code>if(n % 2 != 0)</code>	C3	1
<code>product = x;</code>	C4	1
<code>n -= 1;</code>	C5	1
<code>return product * linearXpowN(x, n / 2) * linearXpowN(x, n / 2);</code>	$T(n/2)$	2

So,  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + (C1 + C2 + C3 + C4 + C5)$

Let,  $C = (C1 + C2 + C3 + C4 + C5)$

Then,  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C$

We can apply Master's theorem only if the recurrence relation is of form:

$T(n) = a * T(n/b) + f(n)$

Where  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b \geq 2$  and  $f(n)$  is an asymptotically positive function

It has 3 cases.

Case-I:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d < \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically slower than  $\log_b a$

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

Case-II:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d > \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically faster than  $\log_b a$

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

Case-III:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^k n)$  where  $d = \log_b a$

Then,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^{(k+1)} n)$

Given function is of the same form where  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 2$  and  $f(n) = C$

$f(n) = \Theta(1)$

====  $\Theta(n^0)$

So,  $d = 0$  in Master's Theorem

$\log_b a = \log_2 2 = 1$

Since,  $d = 0 < \log_b a = 1$ , the given function follows Case-I pattern of Master's Theorem

According to Case-I of Master's Theorem,

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d < \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically slower than  $\log_b a$

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

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====  $\Theta(n)$

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

c) Algorithm to find  $x^n$  in logarithmic time is

```
public static int logarithmicXpowN(int x, int n){
    if(n == 1) return x;
    int product = 1;
    if(n % 2 != 0){
        product = x;
        n -= 1;
    }
    int subProduct = logarithmicXpowN(x, n / 2);
    return product * subProduct * subProduct;
}
```

Let  $T(n)$  is the time complexity of the above function. Number of basic operations are:

Code	Cost	Number of times it runs
<code>if(n == 1) return x;</code>	C1	1
<code>int product = 1;</code>	C2	1
<code>if(n % 2 != 0)</code>	C3	1
<code>product = x;</code>	C4	1
<code>n -= 1;</code>	C5	1
<code>int subProduct = logarithmicXpowN(x, n / 2);</code>	$T(n / 2)$	1

return product * subProduct * subProduct;	C6	1
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So,  $T(n) = T(n/2) + (C1 + C2 + C3 + C4 + C5 + C6)$

Let,  $C = (C1 + C2 + C3 + C4 + C5 + C6)$

Then,  $T(n) = T(n/2) + C$

We can apply Master's theorem only if the recurrence relation is of form:

$$T(n) = a * T(n/b) + f(n)$$

Where  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b \geq 2$  and  $f(n)$  is an asymptotically positive function

It has 3 cases.

Case-I:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d < \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically slower than  $\log_b a$

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

Case-II:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d)$  where  $d > \log_b a$

Then  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically faster than  $\log_b a$

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

Case-III:

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^k n)$  where  $d = \log_b a$

Then,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^{(k+1)} n)$

Given function is of the same form where  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$  and  $f(n) = C$

$$f(n) = \Theta(1)$$

$$=== \Theta(n^0)$$

So,  $d = 0$  in Master's Theorem

$$\log_b a = \log_2 1 = 0$$

Since,  $d = 0 == \log_b a = 0$ , the given function follows Case-III pattern of Master's Theorem

According to Case-III of Master's Theorem,

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^k n)$  where  $d = \log_b a$

Then,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^{(k+1)} n)$

We can rewrite  $f(n)$  as

$$f(n) = \Theta(1)$$

$$\Theta(n^0 \log^0 n)$$

So,  $d = 0$  and  $k = 0$  in Master's Theorem

Therefore,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^d \log^{(k+1)} n)$

$$=== \Theta(n^0 \log^{(0+1)} n)$$

$$=== \Theta(\log n)$$

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