

Question 1 [10 marks]

Solve the following recurrence equation to get a closed-formula for $T(n)$. Assume that n is a power of five. It is not necessary to prove your closed form.

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 1 \text{ if } n = 1 \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + 2 \text{ if } n \geq 5 \end{aligned}$$

Either of the two answers below is acceptable.

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + 2 \\ &= \left[T\left(\frac{n}{25}\right) + 2\right] + 2 \\ &= \left[T\left(\frac{n}{125}\right) + 2\right] + 2 + 2 \\ &\vdots \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{5^i}\right) + 2i \end{aligned}$$

Taking $i = \log_5(n)$ gives $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{5^{\log_5(n)}}\right) + 2\log_5(n) = T(1) + 2\log_5(n) = 1 + 2\log_5(n)$.

Using the substitution $n = 5^k$,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + 2 \\ T(5^k) &= T\left(\frac{5^k}{5}\right) + 2 \\ &= T(5^{k-1}) + 2 \\ &= \left[T(5^{k-2}) + 2\right] + 2 \\ &= \left[T(5^{k-3}) + 2\right] + 2 + 2 \\ &\vdots \\ &= T(5^{k-i}) + 2i \end{aligned}$$

Taking $i = k$ gives $T(5^k) = T(5^{k-k}) + 2k = T(1) + 2k$. Since $k = \log_5(n)$, this gives $T(n) = 1 + 2\log_5(n)$.

Question 2 [10 marks]

The pseudocode below gives a recursive algorithm for computing the maximum value in an array. Let $T(n)$ denote the running time of the algorithm on an array of size n , where n is a power of 3. Assume that the function MAX on line 14 runs in constant time.

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1: procedure RECURSIVEMAX( $A, n$ )
2:   if  $n = 1$  then
3:     return  $A[0]$ 
4:   end if
5:   Create arrays  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  of size  $n/3$ 
6:   for  $i \leftarrow 0, \dots, n/3$  do
7:      $A_1[i] \leftarrow A[i]$ 
8:      $A_2[i] \leftarrow A[(n/3) + i]$ 
9:      $A_3[i] \leftarrow A[(2n/3) + i]$ 
10:  end for
11:   $m_1 \leftarrow \text{RECURSIVEMAX}(A_1, n/3)$ 
12:   $m_2 \leftarrow \text{RECURSIVEMAX}(A_2, n/3)$ 
13:   $m_3 \leftarrow \text{RECURSIVEMAX}(A_3, n/3)$ 
14:  return MAX( $m_1, m_2, m_3$ )
15: end procedure

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- (a) Fill in the blanks below to complete the recurrence relation for $T(n)$:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 1 \text{ if } n = 1 \\ &= 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 2 \text{ if } n \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) True or False?

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| (i) $T(n) \in \omega(1)$: | True |
| (ii) $T(n) \in O(\log n)$: | False |
| (iii) $T(n) \in \Omega(n)$: | True |
| (iv) $T(n) \in o(3^n)$: | True |

- (c) Give a non-recursive function $f(n)$ such that

$$T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$$

$$f(n) = n \log n$$