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Midterm 2- Standard 19

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1 Instructions

- The solutions **should be typed**, using proper mathematical notation. We cannot accept hand-written solutions. Here's a short intro to LaTeX.
- You should submit your work through the **class Canvas page** only. Please submit one PDF file, compiled using this LaTeX template.
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Problem 1.

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Agreed (john blackburn). □

3 Standard 18- Tree Method

Problem 2. Using the tree method, find a suitable function $f(n)$ such that $T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$. Show all work. [**Note:** You may assume without loss of generality that n is a power of 3; that is, $n = 3^k$ for some integer $k \geq 0$.]

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 7 & : n < 3, \\ 4T(n/3) + n & : n \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

Answer. We hit a base case when $n = 3^k < 3$. Solving for k, we have that $n/3^h < 3$. As $n = 3^k$, we hit a base case when $h = k$. That is we have k levels to the recursion tree, indexed from 0, 1, ... , k-1. In particular we note that, $k = \log_3(n)$.

Now, at each level i of the tree, we have 4^i nodes. The non-recursive work done at each level is $n/3^i$. So, total work done at each level is $n(\frac{4}{3})^i$. Thus:

$\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} n(\frac{4}{3})^i$
$n\sum_{i=0}^{k-1}(\frac{4}{3})^i$
$n(\frac{1-(\frac{4}{3})^k}{1-\frac{4}{3}})$
$-3n(1-\frac{4^k}{3^k}) = -3n + 3(4^{\log_3(n)})$
$T(n) = 3(4^{\log_3(n)}) - 3n$
So $T(n) \in \Theta(4^{\log(n)})$ □