

# Module 3 Recurrence Relations Assignment

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## Response 1

1. The algorithm would take in two integer inputs, *int start* and *int end*, and would return an integer. The algorithm would check if  $end - start == 2$ , if so the algorithm would call  $f([0], [1])$ . If  $f([0], [1]) == -1$ , then the algorithm returns the parameter *start* and if  $f([0], [1]) == 1$ , then the algorithm returns the parameter *end*. Else, the algorithm would calculate mid by taking the size,  $n$ , and dividing it by 2. If  $n$  is even, the algorithm would check if the left or right side of the array is bigger by calling  $f([0..mid], [mid..end])$ . If  $f([0..mid], [mid..end]) == -1$ , then the algorithm would recursively call on itself with  $start = 0$  and  $end = mid$ . If the function resulted in 1, then the algorithm will call on  $[mid..end]$  of array instead. If  $n$  is odd, then the function would check if the left half and right half (excluding the exact middle value) of the array is bigger or not. If calling  $f([0..mid], [mid+1..end])$  is 0, then *mid* must be the index. If not, then the algorithm will proceed the recursion calls like previously described.
2. The recurrence relation is  $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + 2f()$  because the algorithm makes one recursive call and calls  $f()$  twice at most.

3. **Given:**  $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + 2f()$

### Use Master's Theorem

Let  $a = 1, b = 2, k = \log_2(1) = 0, f(n) = 2f() = 2n$   
Since  $n^k = n^0 = 1 < 2n$ , Case 3 applies.

Need to check regularity:  $af(\frac{n}{b}) \leq cf(n)$ . This means that  $c < \frac{af(\frac{n}{b})}{f(n)} < 1$ .

This means that  $c < \frac{2n}{2n} = \frac{1}{2}$  which proves the regularity theorem; thus, case 3 of the Master's Theorem can be used.

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

$$\therefore \Theta()$$

## Response 2

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

### Unroll the Recurrence

Let  $d$  denote level of unrolling

$$d = 0: T(n) = T(n - 1) + n$$

$$d = 1: T(n) = [T(n - 2) + (n - 1)] + n = T(n - 2) + 2n - 1$$

$$d = 2: T(n) = [T(n - 3) + (n - 2)] + 2n - 1 = T(n - 3) + 3n - 3$$

$$d = 3: T(n) = [T(n - 4) + (n - 4)] + 3n - 3 = T(n - 4) + 4n - 7$$

$$\text{General Pattern: } T(n) = T(n - (d + 1)) + (d - 1)n - \frac{d(d+1)}{2}$$

The base case when  $T(1)$  is reached when  $n - d - 1 = 1$ .

Solve for  $d$ :

$$n - d = 2$$

$$-d = 2 - n$$

$$d = n - 2$$

Plug  $d$  back in:

$$T(n) = T(n - ((n - 2) + 1)) + ((n - 2) - 1)n - \frac{(n-2)(n-2+1)}{2}$$

$$T(n) = T(1) + (n - 3)n - \frac{n^2 - 2n + 2}{2}$$

$$T(n) = n^2 - 3n - \frac{n^2 - 2n + 2}{2} = \Theta(n^2)$$

$$\therefore \Theta(n^2)$$

## Response 3

*Proof.* Claim:  $T(n) = 4T(\frac{n}{3}) + n \in O(n^{\log_3(4)})$

Guess:  $O(n^{\log_3(4)})$

Prove:  $T(n) \leq cn^{\log_3(4)}$  where  $c$  is a constant.

Base Case:  $n = 3$

$$T(3) \leq c \cdot 3^{\log_3(4)}$$

$$T(3) \leq c \cdot 4$$

$$4T(\frac{3}{3}) + 3 \leq 4c$$

$$4T(1) + 3 \leq 4c$$

$$4 \cdot 1 + 3 \leq 4c$$

$$7 \leq 4c \text{ when } c \geq \frac{7}{4}$$

$\therefore$  Since  $3 \geq \frac{7}{4}$ , the base case holds.

Inductive Hypothesis: Let  $k \leq n$  such that  $T(k) \leq c \cdot n^{\log_3(4)} - dk$  where  $d$  is a constant.

Inductive Case:

$$T(n) = 4T(\frac{n}{3}) + n$$

$$T(n) \leq 4[c \cdot (\frac{n}{3})^{\log_3(4)} - dn] + \frac{n}{3}$$

$$T(n) \leq 4[c \cdot \frac{n^{\log_3(4)}}{3^{\log_3(4)}} - dn] + \frac{n}{3}$$

$$T(n) \leq 4[c \cdot \frac{n^{\log_3(4)}}{4} - d] + \frac{n}{3}$$

$$T(n) \leq cn^{\log_3(4)} - 4dn + \frac{n}{3}$$

Since  $4dn$  is larger than  $\frac{n}{3}$ , we can transform the recurrence relation to  $T(n) \leq cn^{\log_3(4)} - dn$

$\therefore$  the inequality was proven and the claim is true.

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## Response 4

**Given:**  $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{4}) + 1$

Apply Master Theorem:

A = 2, B = 4,  $f(n) = 1$

$$k = \frac{\log 2}{\log 4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Compare  $f(n) = 1$  to  $n^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 Since  $f(n) = O(n^{\frac{1}{2}-\epsilon})$  where  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ , Case 1 applies:  
 $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{2}})$   
 $\therefore \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{2}})$

## Response 5

**Given:**  $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{4}) + \sqrt{n}$

Apply Master Theorem:

A = 2, B = 4,  $f(n) = \sqrt{n}$

$k = \frac{\log 2}{\log 4} = \frac{1}{2}$

Compare  $f(n) = \sqrt{n}$  to  $n^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Since  $f(n) = \sqrt{n}$  is equal to  $n^k = n^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then we apply Case 2:

$T(n) = \Theta(f(n) \log(n)) = \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{2}} \log(n^{\frac{1}{2}}))$

$\therefore \Theta(n \log(n))$

## Response 6

**Given:**  $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + n$

Apply Master Theorem:

A = 2, B = 2,  $f(n) = n$

$k = \frac{\log 2}{\log 2} = 1$

Compare  $f(n) = n$  to  $n^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Since  $n^{\frac{1}{2}-\epsilon}$  results in  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $cf(n) \geq n^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , apply Case 3:

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

$\therefore \Theta(n)$

## Response 7

**Given:**  $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{4}) + n^2$

Apply Master Theorem:

A = 2, B = 4,  $f(n) = n^2$

$k = \frac{\log 2}{\log 4} = \frac{1}{2}$

Compare  $f(n) = n^2$  and  $n^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Since  $n^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}$  results in  $\epsilon = 1.5$  and  $cf(n) \geq n^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , apply Case 3:  
 $T(n) \in \Theta f(n)$ .  
 $\therefore \Theta(f(n))$