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Quiz 7 S19

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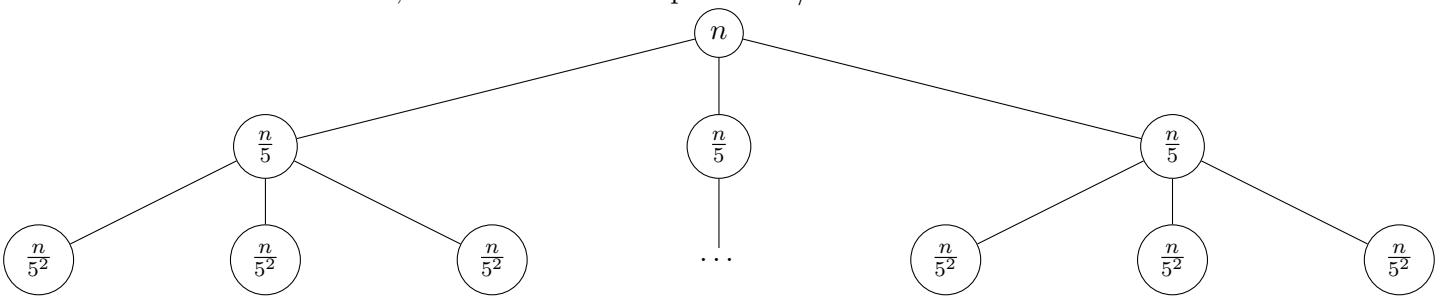
19 Standard 19: Solving Recurrences with the Tree Method

Problem 19. Using the tree method, find a suitable function $f(n)$ such that $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$. Show all work. You may without loss of generality assume that n is a power of 4; that is, $n = 4^k$ for some integer $k \geq 0$.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 3 & : n < 4, \\ 3T(n/5) + n^2 & : n \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Answer. Each node has 3 children, each of which has input size $n/5$.



Since the non-recursive value at a node with input m is m^2, we get:

- The extra value at the root is n^2
- The extra value at each node in the second level is $(n/5)^2$. Since there are three nodes in the second level, summing these up we get $\frac{3}{5^2}n^2$
- The extra value at each node in the third level is $(n/25)^2$. Since there are 9 nodes in the third level, summing these up we get $\frac{9}{5^4}n^2$.
- In general, we see there are 3^k nodes in the k-th level (starting with the root at $k = 0$), each one has input $n/(5^k)$, and thus contributes $(n/5^k)^2$. Summing these up, the sum of the k-th level is $(3^k/5^{2k})n^2$.
- Solve for the base case: $n/5^k < 4$. Which happens as soon as $k > \log_5(n/4)$. Thus the tree has $\sim \log_5(n/4)$ layers.
- Summing for k from 0 to $\log_5(n/4)$, we get

$$T(n) = n^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\log_5(n/4)} \left(\frac{3}{25}\right)^k.$$

Since the latter sum is a geometric series summing the powers of a value strictly less than 1, the whole series is $\Theta(1)$ (even if we take the infinite sum $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}(3/25)^k$, we'd still just get a constant, and since all the terms are positive, the sum up to $k = \log_5(n/4)$ can't be any bigger). Thus the overall solution is $T(n) = n^2\Theta(1) = \Theta(n^2)$.

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