CMPS 101

Homework Assignment 4

1. Define T(n) defined by the recurrence formula

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 6 & 1 \le n < 3 \\ 2T(\lfloor n/3 \rfloor) + n & n \ge 3 \end{cases}$$

Use induction to show that $\forall n \geq 1: T(n) \leq 6n$, and hence T(n) = O(n). (Hint use strong induction with two base cases: n = 1 and n = 2.)

- 2. Let T be a tree with n vertices and m edges. Prove that m = n 1 by induction on m.
- 3. Let G be an acyclic graph with n vertices, m edges and k connected components. Use the result of the preceding problem to prove that m = n k. (Hint: apply the preceding result to each of the k trees composing G.)
- 4. Use the iteration method to find an exact solution to the recurrence:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & 1 \le n < 3 \\ 2T(\lfloor n/3 \rfloor) + 5 & n \ge 3 \end{cases}$$