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Problem Set 6

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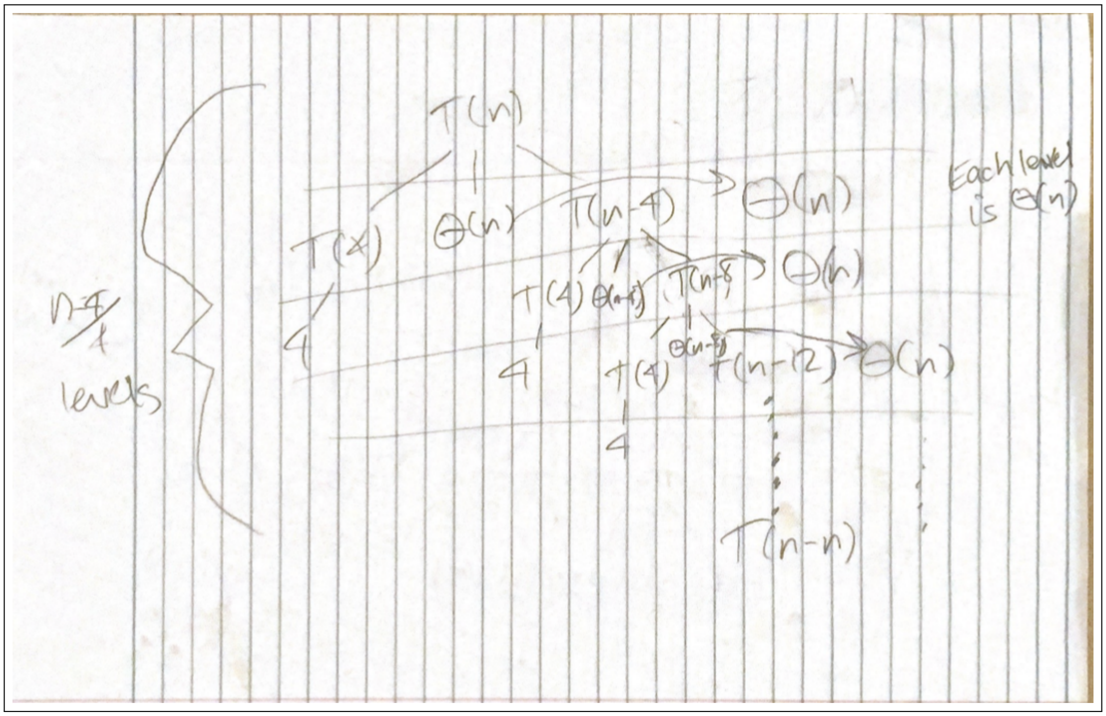
1 Standard 17: Balanced versus unbalanced partitioning.

1.1 Problem 1

Problem 1. (a) Consider a modified Merge-Sort algorithm that at each recursion splits an array of size n into two subarrays of sizes 4 and $n-4$, respectively. Write down a recurrence relation for this modified Merge-Sort algorithm and give its asymptotic solution.

Answer. $T(n) = T(4) + T(n-4) + \Theta(n)$.



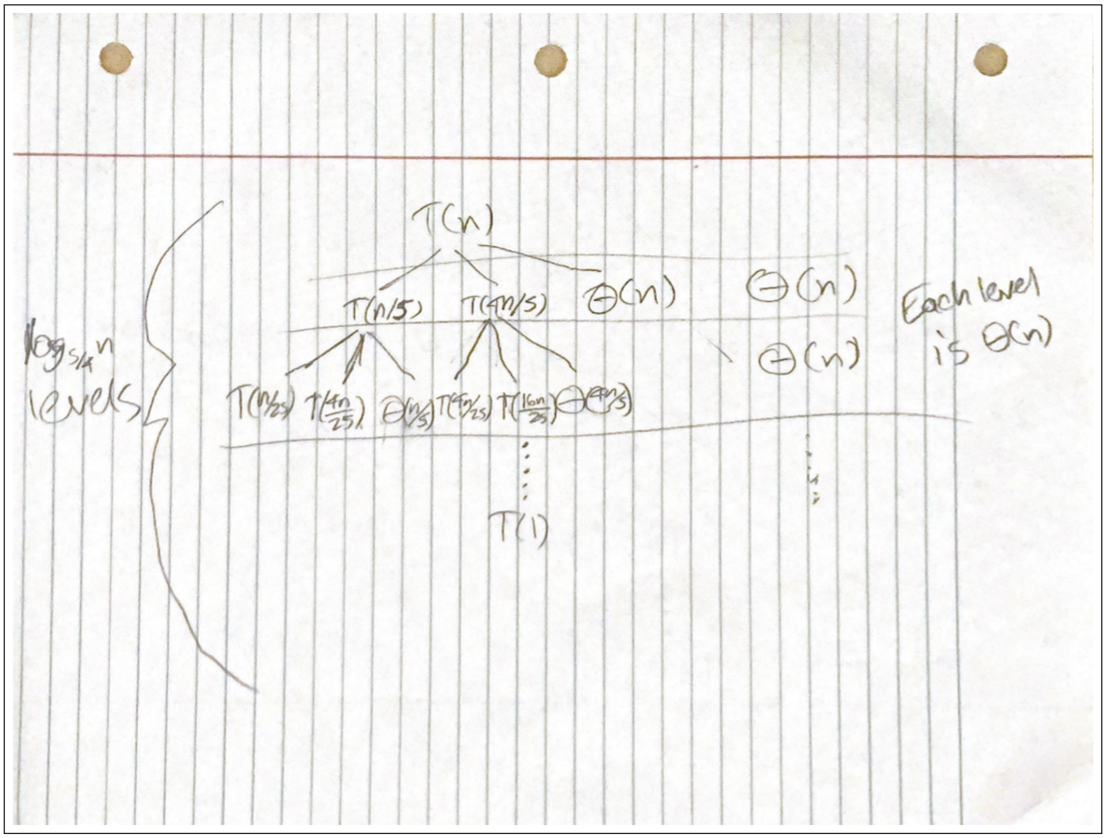
Number of levels:

$$n - 4k = 4$$
$$n - 4 = 4k$$
$$(n-4)/4 = k$$

Thus, $T(n) = n((n-4)/4) \in \Theta(n^2)$ □

(b) Consider a modified Merge-Sort algorithm that at each recursion splits an array of size n into two subarrays of sizes $\frac{1}{5}n$ and $\frac{4}{5}n$, respectively. Write down a recurrence relation for this modified Merge-Sort algorithm and give its asymptotic solution.

Answer. $T(n) = T(n/5) + T(4n/5) + \Theta(n)$.



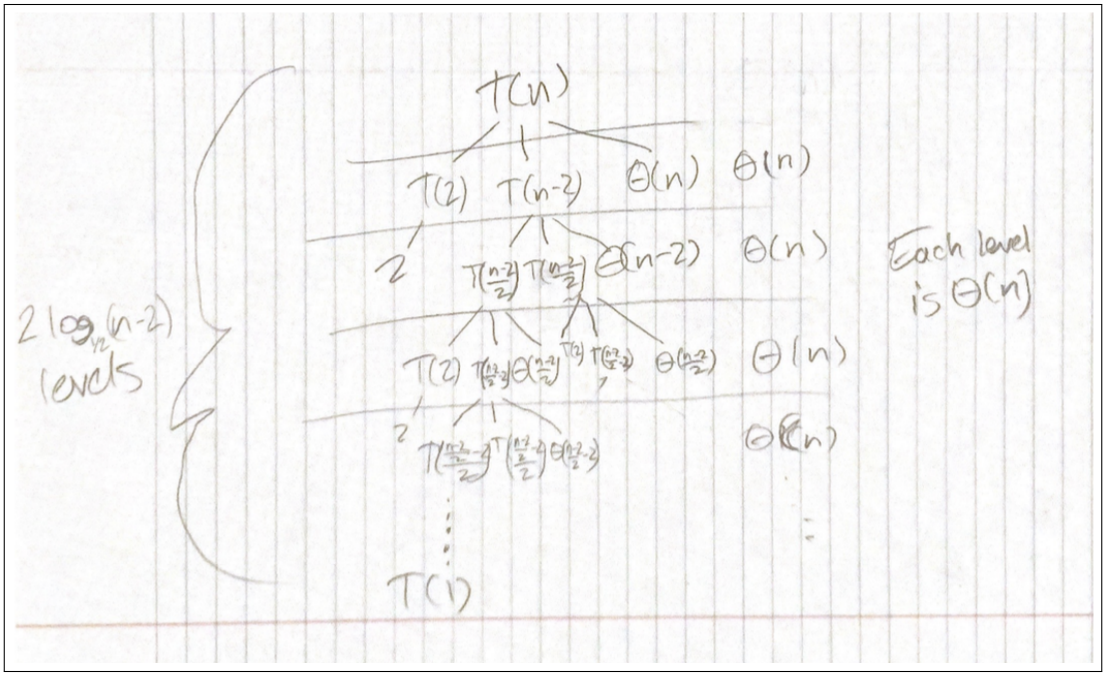
Number of levels:

$$n * (4/5)^k = 1$$
$$n = (5/4)^k$$
$$\log_{5/4} n = k$$

Thus, $T(n) = n(\log_{5/4} n) \in \Theta(n(\log_{5/4} n))$ □

(c) Suppose that we modify the Merge-Sort algorithm in such a way that on alternating levels of the recursion, the partitioning is either a $(2, n-2)$ split or a $(n/2,\ n/2)$ split. Write down a recurrence relation for this modified Merge-Sort algorithm and give its asymptotic solution. Then, give a verbal explanation of how this Merge-Sort algorithm changes the running time of Merge-Sort.

Answer. $T(n) = T(2) + T(n-2) + \Theta(n)$ if odd level, $T(n) = T(n/2) + T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$ if even level.



Number of levels:

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\begin{aligned}
(n-2) * (1/2)^{k/2} &= 1 \\
n - 2 &= (1/2)^{k/2} \\
\log_{1/2}(n-2) &= k/2 \\
2\log_{1/2}(n-2) &= k
\end{aligned}
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Thus, $T(n) = n(2\log_{1/2}(n-2)) \in \Theta(n(\log_{1/2} n))$ □

2 Standard 18: Quicksort.

2.1 Problem 2

Problem 2. Given an input array {3, 7, 1, 8, 2, 6, 5, 4}. Consider the deterministic QuickSort algorithm and show the input array, the output array, and the global array at every partition as in the example in Section 2.1.1 of the course notes for week 8 (see Week 8 under "Modules" of the course canvas).

Answer. Start: Input: [3, 7, 1, 8, 2, 6, 5, 4] Output: [3, 1, 2 — 4 — 7, 8, 6, 5] Global Array: [3, 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 6, 5]
Input: [3, 1, 2] Output: [1 — 2 — 3] Global Array: [1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 6, 5]
Input: [7, 8, 6, 5] Output: [— 5 — 7, 8, 6] Global Array: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 6]
Input: [7, 8, 6] Output: [— 6 — 7, 8] Global Array: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
Input: [7, 8] Output: [7 — 8 —] Global Array: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8] □

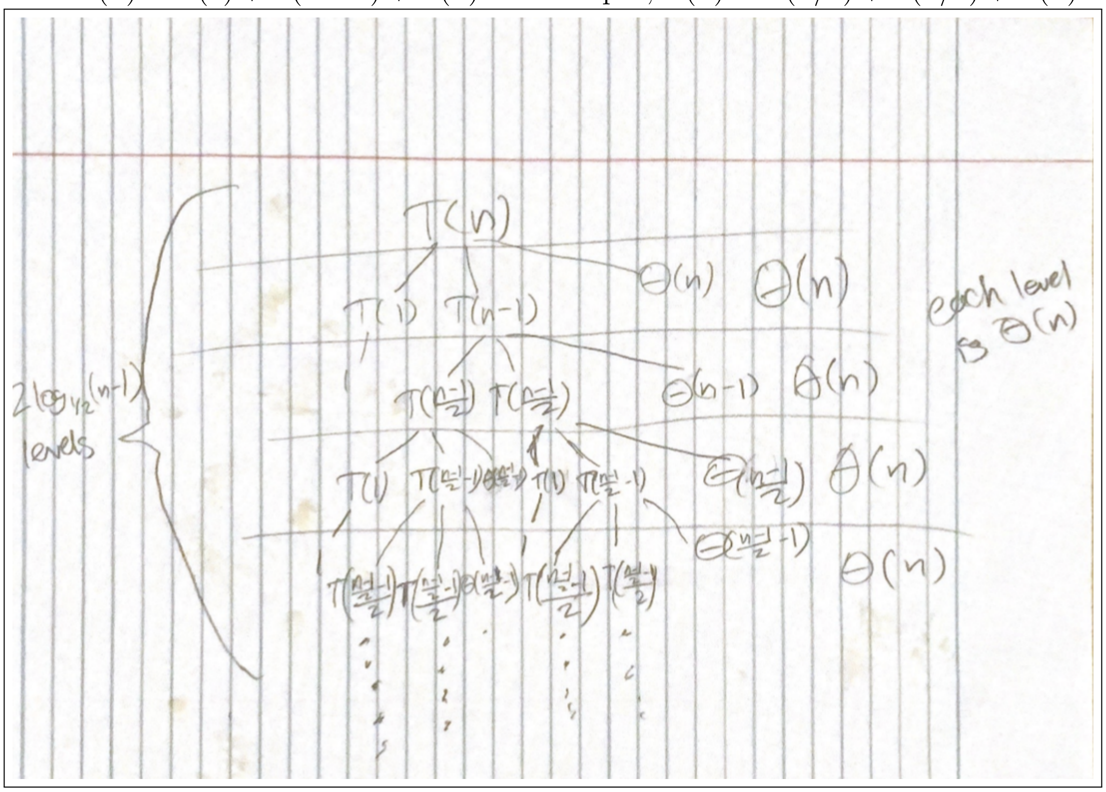
2.2 Problem 3

Problem 3. Suppose that we modify PARTITION(A, s, e) so that it chooses the median element of $A[s..e]$ in calls that occur in nodes of even depth of the recursion tree of a call QUICKSORT$(A[1, \ldots, n], 1, n)$, and it chooses the minimum element of $A[s..e]$ in calls that occur in nodes of odd depth of this recursion tree.

Assume that the running time of this modified PARTITION is still $\Theta(n)$ on any subarray of length n. You may assume that the root of a recursion tree starts at level 0 (which is an even number), its children are at level 1, etc.

Write down a recurrence relation for the running time of this version of QUICKSORT given an array n distinct elements and solve it asymptotically, i.e. give your answer as $\Theta(f(n))$ for some function $f(n)$. Show your work.

Answer. $T(n) = T(1) + T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$ if odd depth, $T(n) = T(n/2) + T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$ if even depth.



Number of levels:

$$(n-1) * (1/2)^{k/2} = 1$$
$$n - 1 = (1/2)^{k/2}$$
$$\log_{1/2}(n-1) = k/2$$
$$2\log_{1/2}(n-1) = k$$

Thus, $T(n) = n(2\log_{1/2}(n-1)) \in \Theta(n(\log_{1/2} n))$ □