

3. [12 points – 4 points each part] *Analysis of linear-time median algorithms.*

Assume $T(1) = c_1$, where c_1 is some constant. Prove Θ bounds for each of the following recurrences using the substitution method.

- (a) $T(n) = n + (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i)$
 (b) $T(n) = n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i)$ (this one is tricky)
 (c) $T(n) = n + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lceil n/4 \rceil) + T(\lceil n/8 \rceil)$

Answer:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= n + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i) \\
 T(n-1) &= (n-1) + \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} T(i) \\
 nT(n) - (n-1)T(n-1) &= n^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i) - (n-1)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} T(i) \\
 \therefore nT(n) - (n-1)T(n-1) &= T(n-1) + 2n - 1 \\
 nT(n) &= nT(n-1) + 2n - 1 \\
 T(n) &= T(n-1) + 2 - \frac{1}{n} \\
 \text{and } T(1) &= c_1, \text{ where } c_1 \text{ is some constant}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

BigO Analysis

Let us assume $T(n) \in O(n)$, then $T(n) \leq cn, c \geq 0$

Lets check the base case first i.e. for $n = 1$,

$T(1) = c_1$, from (1)

$T(1) \leq c$, from assumption

Lets check for recurrence relation, i.e. $T(n-1) \leq c(n-1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\leq c(n-1) + 2 - \frac{1}{n} \\
 T(n) &\leq cn - c + 2 - \frac{1}{n} \\
 T(n) &\leq cn - c + 2 \quad \left(\text{since } n \geq 0 \text{ and } -\frac{1}{n} \text{ is negative} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

and we can say that $T(n) \leq cn$ (from our assumption)

$$\therefore cn - c + 2 \leq cn$$

$$\implies c \geq 2$$

Our assumption has been proven true.

Hence, we can say that, $T(n) \in O(n)$ if $c \geq \max(2, c_1)$

BigOmega Analysis

Let us assume that $T(n) \in \Omega(n)$,

then $T(n) \geq cn$, for $c \geq 0$

Lets check the base case first i.e. for $n = 1$,

$T(1) = c_1$, from (1)

$T(1) \geq cn$, from assumption

Hence, we can say our assumption is true, if $c \leq c_1$

Lets check the recurrence relation i.e. $T(n-1) \geq c(n-1)$

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

$$= cn - c + 2 - \frac{1}{n}$$

and we can say that

$$T(n) \geq cn \quad (\text{which is also our assumption})$$

$$cn \leq cn - c + 2 - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\implies c \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\implies c \leq \frac{3}{2} \quad (\text{since min value of } n \text{ can be } 2)$$

Hence, we can say that our assumption is true, and $T(n) \in \Omega(n)$ if $c \leq \min(c, \frac{3}{2})$

Thus, we can say - $T(n) \in \Theta(n)$

(b)

$$T(n) = n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i)$$

$$T(n-1) = (n-1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} T(i)$$

$$T(n) - T(n-1) = n + T(n-1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} T(i) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} T(i)$$

$$T(n) - T(n-1) = T(n-1) + 1$$

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

$$T(1) = c_1,$$

where c_1 is some constant

BigO Analysis

Let us assume $T(n) \in O(2^n)$, then

$$T(n) \leq c2^n - b, \quad c \geq 0, \text{ and } b \text{ is also a constant.}$$

Lets check for base case first i.e. $n = 1$

$$T(1) = c_1 \quad \text{from (2)}$$

$$T(1) \leq 2c - b \quad \text{from assumption}$$

Hence, our assumption is true, if $c \geq (\frac{c_1+b}{2})$.

Lets check for recurrence relation -

$$T(n) \leq 2(c2^{n-1} - b) + 1$$

$$\leq 2c2^{n-1} - 2b + 1$$

$$\leq c2^n - b - b + 1$$

And we can say that

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq c2^n - b && \text{if} \\ c2^n - 2b + 1 &\leq c2^n - b \\ \implies &b \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, our assumption is true, and

$$T(n) \in O(2^n), \quad \text{if } c \geq \frac{c_1+b}{2} \text{ and } b \geq 1$$

BigOmega Analysis

Let us assume $T(n) \in \Omega(2^n)$, then

$$T(n) \geq c2^n - b, \quad c \geq 0 \text{ and } b \text{ is some constant.}$$

Lets check base case first, i.e. $n = 1$

$$T(1) = c_1 \quad \text{from (2)}$$

$$T(1) \geq c * 2 - b \quad \text{from assumption}$$

Hence, our assumption is true, if $c \leq \frac{c_1+b}{2}$

Lets check for the recurrence relation -

$$T(n) \geq 2(c2^{n-1} - b) + 1$$

$$\geq 2c2^{n-1} - 2b + 1$$

$$\geq c2^n - b - b + 1$$

And we can say that -

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\geq c2^n - b && \text{if} \\ c2^n - 2b + 1 &\geq c2^n - b \\ \implies &b \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, our assumption is true and

$$T(n) \in \Omega(2^n) \quad \text{if } c \leq \frac{c_1+b}{2} \text{ and } b \leq 1$$

Thus, we can say - $T(n) \in \Theta(2^n)$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= n + T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right) + T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{4} \right\rceil\right) + T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{8} \right\rceil\right) \\
T(1) &= c_1
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

BigO Analysis

Let us assume $T(n) \in O(n \lg n)$,

then $T(n) \leq cn \lg n$, $c \geq 0$

Lets check the base case first i.e. $n = 1$

$T(1) = c_1$ from (3)

$T(1) \leq c(1)(\lg 1) = 0$ from assumption

Hence, our assumption is true, if $c_1 \leq 0$

Lets check for the recurrence relation -

$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &\leq n + \left\lceil c \frac{n}{2} \lg \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil c \frac{n}{4} \lg \frac{n}{4} \right\rceil + \left\lceil c \frac{n}{8} \lg \frac{n}{8} \right\rceil \\
&\leq n + \left(c \frac{n}{2} \lg \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) + \left(c \frac{n}{4} \lg \frac{n}{4} + 1 \right) + \left(c \frac{n}{8} \lg \frac{n}{8} + 1 \right) \quad \text{as } \lceil a \rceil \leq a + 1 \\
&\leq n + 3 + \frac{cn}{2}(\lg n - \lg 2) + \frac{cn}{4}(\lg n - \lg 4) + \frac{cn}{8}(\lg n - \lg 8) \\
&\leq n + 3 + cn \lg n \left(\frac{4}{8} + \frac{2}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \right) - cn \left(\frac{4}{8} + \frac{4}{8} + \frac{3}{8} \right) \\
&\leq n + 3 + \frac{7}{8}cn \lg n - \frac{11}{8}cn \\
&\leq n + 3 + \frac{7}{8}cn \lg n \quad (\text{since } n \geq 1 \text{ and } c \geq 0)
\end{aligned}$$

And we say that -

$$\begin{aligned}
&T(n) \leq cn \lg n \quad \text{if} \\
&n + 3 + \frac{7}{8}cn \lg n \leq cn \lg n \\
\Rightarrow &c \geq \frac{8n + 24}{n \lg n} \quad \text{where } n \geq 1
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we can say that our assumption is true and

$$T(n) \in O(n \lg n) \quad \text{if } c \geq \frac{8n+24}{n \lg n}, n \neq 1$$

BigOmega Analysis

Let us assume that $T(n) \in \Omega(n \lg n)$,

then $T(n) \geq cn \lg n$, for $c \geq 0$

Lets check with base case first i.e. for $n = 1$,

$T(1) = c_1$ from (1)

$T(1) \geq c(1)(\lg 1) = 0$ from assumption

Hence our assumption is true if $c_1 \geq 0$

Lets check for the recurrence relation -

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\geq n + \left\lceil \frac{cn}{2} \lg \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{cn}{4} \lg \frac{n}{4} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{cn}{8} \lg \frac{n}{8} \right\rceil \\
 &\geq n + \left\lceil \frac{cn}{2} (\lg n - \lg 2) + \frac{cn}{4} (\lg n - \lg 4) + \frac{cn}{8} (\lg n - \lg 8) \right\rceil && \text{since } \lceil a \rceil + \lceil b \rceil \geq \lceil a + b \rceil \\
 &\geq n + \left\lceil cn \lg n \left(\frac{4}{8} + \frac{2}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \right) - cn \left(\frac{4}{8} + \frac{4}{8} + \frac{3}{8} \right) \right\rceil \\
 &\geq n + \left\lceil \frac{7}{8} cn \lg n - \frac{11}{8} cn \right\rceil \\
 &\geq n + \left\lceil \frac{7}{8} cn \lg n \right\rceil - \left\lceil \frac{11}{8} cn \right\rceil \\
 &\geq n + cn \lg n - 2cn && \dots \text{taking ceiling}
 \end{aligned}$$

And we say that -

$$\begin{aligned}
 &T(n) \geq cn \lg n && \text{if} \\
 &n + cn \lg n - 2cn \geq cn \lg n \\
 \implies &c \leq \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we can say that our assumption is true and $T(n) \in \Omega(n \lg n)$ if $c \leq \frac{1}{2}$

Thus we have, $T(n) \in \Theta(n \lg n)$