

Question 1

From largest to smallest, the asymptotic size of the given functions are (with lg taken to represent \log_2 and lg^{1000} taken to mean $(lg(n))^{1000}$):

$$lg(n^{1000}) \quad (1)$$

$$(lgn)^n \quad (2)$$

$$n^{lgn} \quad (3)$$

$$n^{lg lgn} \quad (4)$$

$$(lgn)^{(lgn)} \quad (5)$$

$$lg^{1000} n \quad (6)$$

$$n^2 \quad (7)$$

$$n lgn \quad (8)$$

$$n \quad (9)$$

$$lgn \quad (10)$$

$$n^{(1/lgn)} \quad (11)$$

$$(1 + 0.001)^n \quad (12)$$

$$lg_{1000} n \quad (13)$$

$$1 \quad (14)$$

Question 2

The answers to this question rely on the discussion of the master method in chapter 4 of the CLRS textbook.

2.1) $T(n) = 2T(n/3) + 1$, so $a = 2, b = 3, f(n) = 1$). Using the master method, this is case 1: $f(n) = O(n^{\log_3 2 - \epsilon})$, so $\mathbf{T(n)} = \Theta(\mathbf{n^{\log_3 2}})$.

2.2) $T(n) = 5T(n/4) + n$, so $a = 5, b = 4, f(n) = n$. Again this is case 1 of the master method: $f(n) = O(n^{\log_4 5 - \epsilon})$, so $\mathbf{T(n)} = \Theta(\mathbf{n^{\log_5 4}})$.

2.3) $T(n) = 8T(n/2) + n^3$, so $a = 8, b = 2, f(n) = n^3$. This is case 2 of the master method: $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 8})$, so $\mathbf{T(n)} = \Theta(\mathbf{n^3 lgn})$

2.4) $T(n) = T(n^{1/2}) + 1$. This recurrence relation cannot be directly translated into the form of the master method, so we use a change of variables $m = lgn$. $S(m) = S(m/2) + 1$, so $a_m = 1, b_m = 2, f(m) = 1$. This is case 2 of the master method, because $S(m) = \Theta(m^{\log_2 1}) = \Theta(mlgm)$. Changing back to our original variables, $T(n) = T(2^m) = S(m) = \Theta(mlgm) = \Theta(lgn \lg lgn)$

Question 3

Question 4