

# Assignment week 2 - Big O Notation

Assume that  $T(1) = 1$

1.  $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + 1$

- Assume that:  $2^k = n \rightarrow 2^{-k}n = 1 \rightarrow k = \log_2 n$   
 $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + 1 = (T(\frac{n}{4}) + 1) + 1 = T(2^{-2}n) + 2 = T(2^{-3}n) + 3 = \dots = T(2^{-k}n) + k = T(1) + \log_2 n = 1 + \log_2 n$
- With  $C = 1 + \log_2 e$ ,  $f(n) = \log n$ ,  $n_0 = e \rightarrow T(n) \leq C.f(n)$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$  because of:
  - $1 = \log e \leq \log n \forall n \geq e$
  - $\log_2 n = \log_2 e \cdot \log n$ $\rightarrow T(n) = 1 + \log_2 n \leq \log n + \log_2 e \cdot \log n = (1 + \log_2 e) \log n, \forall n \geq e$

So,  $T(n) = O(\log n)$

2.  $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + n$

- Assume that:  $2^k = n \rightarrow 2^{-k}n = 1 \rightarrow k = \log_2 n$   
 $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + n = 2(2T(\frac{n}{4}) + \frac{n}{2}) + n = 2^2T(2^{-2}n) + 2n = 2^3T(2^{-3}n) + 3n = \dots = 2^kT(2^{-k}n) + kn = nT(1) + n \log_2 n = n + n \log_2 n$
- With  $C = 1 + \log_2 e$ ,  $f(n) = n \log n$ ,  $n_0 = e \rightarrow T(n) \leq C.f(n)$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$  because of:
  - $n = n \cdot 1 \leq n \log n, \forall n \geq e$
  - $\log_2 n = \log_2 e \cdot \log n$ $\rightarrow T(n) = n + n \log_2 n \leq n \log n + n \log_2 e \cdot \log n = (1 + \log_2 e)n \log n, \forall n \geq e$

So,  $T(n) = O(n \log n)$

3.  $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{2}) + \log n$

- Assume that:  $2^k = n \rightarrow 2^{-k}n = 1 \rightarrow k = \log_2 n$   
 $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{2}) + \log n = 3(3T(\frac{n}{4}) + \log \frac{n}{2}) + \log n = 3^2T(2^{-2}n) + \log n + 3 \log 2^{-1}n = \dots = 3^kT(2^{-k}n) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 3^i \log 2^{-i}n \leq 3^kT(2^{-k}n) + \sum_{i=0}^k 3^i \log 2^{-i}n$
- We have  $2^{-k}n = 1$  and  $k = \log_2 n$ , and  $\log x < x, \forall x > 0$  so:  
 $T(n) \leq 3^{\log_2 n} T(1) + \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 3^i 2^{-i}n \leq n^{\log_2 3} + \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 3^i (2^{-i}n)^{\log_2 3 - 0.5}$   
 $= n^{\log_2 3} + n^{\log_2 3 - 0.5} \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 3^i 2^{-i \log_2 3} 2^{0.5i} = n^{\log_2 3} + n^{\log_2 3 - 0.5} \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 3^i 3^{-i} 2^{0.5i}$   
 $= n^{\log_2 3} + n^{\log_2 3 - 0.5} \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 2^{0.5i} = n^{\log_2 3} + n^{\log_2 3 - 0.5} \frac{2^{0.5(\log_2 n + 1)} - 1}{2^{0.5} - 1} \leq n^{\log_2 3} + n^{\log_2 3 - 0.5} \frac{2^{0.5(\log_2 n + 1)}}{2^{0.5} - 1}$   
 $= n^{\log_2 3} + n^{\log_2 3 - 0.5} \frac{n^{0.5} 2^{0.5}}{2^{0.5} - 1}$   
 $= n^{\log_2 3} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} - 1} n^{\log_2 3} = \frac{2\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2} - 1} n^{\log_2 3}$
- With  $C = \frac{2\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2} - 1}$ ,  $f(n) = n^{\log_2 3}$ ,  $n_0 = 1 \rightarrow T(n) \leq C.f(n)$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$

So,  $T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3})$