

Algorithms Assignment 4

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Problem 1

To prove this, we have to show that there exists constants $c_1, c_2, n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq c_1 n^b \leq (n+a)^b \leq c_2 n^b$, $\forall n \geq n_0$.

We also can observe that $n+a \leq 2n$, when $|a| \leq n$; and $n+a \geq \frac{1}{2}n$, when $|a| \leq \frac{n}{2}$.

Thus, if $n \geq 2|a|$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \frac{n}{2} \leq n+a \leq 2n &\Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow 0^b \leq \frac{n^b}{2} \leq (n+a)^b \leq (2n)^b, \quad b > 0 & \\ \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq 2^{-b} n^b \leq (n+a)^b \leq 2^b n^b & \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (n+a)^b = \Theta(n^b) \quad \because \quad \exists c_1, c_2, n_0 : c_1 = 2^{-b}, c_2 = 2^b, n_0 = 2|a| \quad \text{when } b > 0$$

Problem 2

Yes, $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$ and $2^2 n \neq O(2^n)$.

For $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$

Assume that $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$. Thus, we need to prove that there exists constants $c, n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq 2^{n+1} \leq c 2^n$, $\forall n \geq n_0$. We can observe that $0 \leq 2^{n+1} \leq c 2^n \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq 2 \cdot 2^n \leq c 2^n$.

Clearly, we can observe that there exists constants $c, n_0 > 0$ such that $c_0 \geq 2, n \geq 1$. Therefore $2^{n+1} = O(2^n)$.

For $2^2 n \neq O(2^n)$

Assume that $2^2 n = O(2^n)$. Thus, we need to prove that there exists constants $c, n_0 > 0$ such that $0 \leq 2^2 n \leq c 2^n$, $\forall n \geq n_0$. We can observe that $0 \leq 2^2 n \leq c 2^n \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq 2^n \cdot 2^n \leq c 2^n$.

Clearly, we can observe that there does not exist any constants c when $n \rightarrow \infty$. This contradicts the assumption $2^2 n = O(2^n)$. Therefore, we can conclude that $2^2 n \neq O(2^n)$.

Problem 3

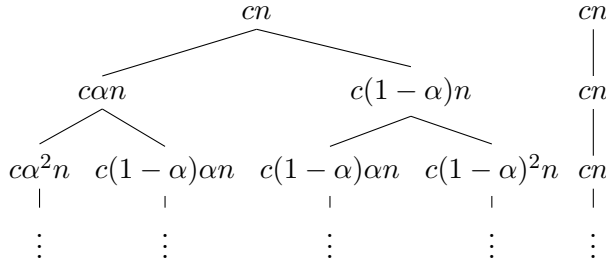
If $T(n) = O(n^2)$, there must exist constants $c, n_0 > 0$ such that $T(n) \leq cn^2, \quad \forall n \geq n_0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= T(n-1) + n \leq c(n-1)^2 + n \\
 &\leq cn^2 - 2cn + 1 + n \\
 &\leq cn^2 + (-2c + 1)n + 1 \\
 &\leq cn^2 + (-2c + 1)n \\
 &\leq cn^2 - 2cn \\
 &\leq cn^2
 \end{aligned}$$

We can observe that for $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $c \geq 1$, $T(n) \leq cn^2$. Therefore, $T(n) = O(n^2)$.

Problem 4

Recursion tree:



We can observe that $f(n) = cn$, $a = c$ and $b = 1/(1 - \alpha)$.

Therefore, in order to calculate the lower bound, we add the cost of each level of the tree by knowing that the tree is completed when the Recursion tree level is $\log_b n$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n} f(n) \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n} cn \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^{\log_b n} cn + cn \\
 &\geq n \log_b n \\
 &\geq n \lg n \\
 \therefore T(n) &= \Omega(n \lg n)
 \end{aligned}$$

In order to calculate the upper bound, we assume that there exists a constant b such that $T(n) \leq b \cdot n \cdot \lg n$.

Thus, the upper bound is:

$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= T(\alpha n) + T((1 - \alpha)n) + cn \\
&\leq b(\alpha n) \cdot \lg(\alpha n) + b[(1 - \alpha)n] \cdot \lg[(1 - \alpha)n] + cn \\
&\leq [b\alpha n \lg \alpha + b\alpha n \lg n] + [b(1 - \alpha)n \lg(1 - \alpha) + b(1 - \alpha)n \lg n] + cn \\
&\leq b n \lg n + b n (\alpha \lg \alpha + (1 - \alpha) \lg(1 - \alpha)) + cn \\
&\leq b n \lg n
\end{aligned}$$

We can apply the same logic and find the lower bound which is:

$$T(n) \geq b n \lg n$$

We can conclude that $T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$, for any $n \geq n_0$ and $c \geq -b(\alpha \lg \alpha + (1 - \alpha) \lg(1 - \alpha))$.

Problem 5

a) $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + n^3$

We have $a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = n^3$ and $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 2} = n$. We can observe that case 3 of the master method applies since $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}), \epsilon = 3$.

Therefore, $T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$.

b) $T(n) = T(\frac{9n}{10}) + n$

We have $a = 1, b = 10/9, f(n) = n$ and $n^{\log_{10/9} 1} = n^0 = 1$. We can observe that case 3 of the master method applies since $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}), \epsilon = 1$.

Therefore, $T(n) = \Theta(n)$.

c) $T(n) = 16T(\frac{n}{4}) + n^2$

We have $a = 16, b = 4, f(n) = n^2$ and $n^{\log_4 16} = n^2$. We can observe that case 2 of the master method applies since $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$.

Therefore, $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n) = \Theta(n^2 \lg n)$.

d) $T(n) = 7T(\frac{n}{3}) + n^2$

We have $a = 7, b = 3, f(n) = n^2$ and $n^{\log_3 7} = n^{1.77}$. We can observe that case 3 of the master method applies since $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}), \epsilon \approx 0.23$.

Therefore, $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$.

e) $T(n) = 7T(\frac{n}{2}) + n^2$

We have $a = 7, b = 2, f(n) = n^2$ and $n^{\log_2 7} = n^{2.81}$. We can observe that case 1 of the master method applies since $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$, $\epsilon \approx 0.81$.

Therefore, $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 7})$.

f) $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{4}) + n^{1/2}$

We have $a = 2, b = 4, f(n) = n^{1/2}$ and $n^{\log_4 2} = n^{1/2}$. We can observe that case 2 of the master method applies since $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a})$.

Therefore, $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_4 2} \lg n)$.

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

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n-1) + n \\ T(n-1) &= T(n-2) + n-1 \\ T(n-2) &= T(n-3) + n-2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n-1) + n = T(n-2) + n-1 + n = T(n-3) + n-2 + n-1 + n \\ T(n) &= T(n-k) + kn - k(k-1)/2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if our base case for $T(1)$ is $n-k=1 \Rightarrow k=n-1$. Thus,

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

We can clearly observed that it has complexity $\Theta(n^2)$.

h) $T(n) = T(n^{1/2}) + 1$

Let $n = 2^m$. Thus, $T(2^m) = T(2^{m \cdot 1/2}) + 1$. Assume tht $T(2^m) = S(m)$ where S is some function of m.

Thus, $S(m) = S(m/2) + 1$

We have $a = 1, b = 2, f(n) = 1$ and $n^{\log_2 1} = 1$. We can observe that case 2 of the master method applies since $f(n) = \Omega(1)$.

Therefore, $S(m) = \Theta(\lg m)$. Thus, since $n = 2^m \Rightarrow \lg n = m$, $T(n) = \Theta(\lg(\lg n))$