CSC236 Worksheet 4 Solution

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Question 1

- Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume that $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $n = 3^k$, so $k = \log_3 n$.

  Then, since $n = 3^k$ and $3 \mid n$, we have $\lceil n/3 \rceil = n/3$.

  Then,

$$
\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= 2n + T(n/3) && \text{[By def.]} && (1)\\
&= 2(n/3) + (2(n/3) + T(n/3^2)) && \text{[By subtituting n/3 for n in def.]} && (2)\\
&= 2^2(n/3) + T(n/3^2) && && (3)\\
&= 2^3(n/3^2) + T(n/3^3) && \text{[By subtituting n/3 for n in def.]} && (4)\\
&\vdots && && (5)\\
&= 2^k(n/3^{k-1}) + T(n/3^k) && \text{[After } k \text{ applications]} && (6)\\
&= 2^{\log_3 n}(n/3^{log_3 n-1}) + T(n/3^{\log_3 n}) && \text{[By replacing } k = \log_3 n\text{]} && (7)\\
&= 2^{\log_3 n}(n(3)/n) + T(n/n) && && (8)\\
&= 3 \cdot 2^{\log_3 n} + T(1) && && (9)\\
&= 3 \cdot 2^{\log_3 n} + 2 && && (10)
\end{aligned}
$$

<u>Correct Solution:</u>

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Then,

$$
\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= 2n + T(n/3) && \text{[By def.]} \quad (11)\\
&= 2n + 2(n/3) + T(n/3^2) && \text{[By subtituting n/3 for n in def.]} \quad (12)\\
&= 2n + 2(n/3) + 2(n/3^2) + T(n/3^3) && \text{[By subtituting n/3 for n in def.]} \quad (13)\\
&\vdots && (14)\\
&= 2\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} n/3^i + T(n/3^k) && (15)\\
&= 2 \cdot 3^k \Big(\frac{1-(1/3)^k}{1-1/3}\Big) + T(n/3^k) && \text{[By using geometric series]} \quad (16)\\
&= 2 \cdot 3^k \cdot 3/2\Big(1-(1/3)^k\Big) + T(n/n) && (17)\\
&= 3(3^k - 1) + T(1) && (18)\\
&= 3^{k+1} - 1 && (19)
\end{aligned}
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Notes:

- **Repeated Subtitution:**
  - Is a technique used to find a closed form formula
  - **closed form formula** is a simple formula that allows evaluation of $T(n)$ without the need to evaluate, say $T(n/2)$

    i.e. from

$$
T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + dn & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases} \tag{20}
$$

    to

    $T(n) = cn + dn \log_2 n$

Example:

Consider the recurrence

$$
T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + dn & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases} \tag{1}
$$

Find closed form formula for $T(n)$, where n is an arbitrary power of 2. That is

$\exists k \in \mathbb{N}, n = 2^k$.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume that $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $n = 2^k$, so $k = \log_2 n$.

Then,

$$
\begin{align}
T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + dn && \text{[By 1]} \tag{2}\\
&= 2\Big(2T(n/2^2) + dn/2\Big) + dn && \text{[By subtituting } n/2 \text{ for } n \text{ in 1]} \tag{3}\\
&= 2^2T(n/2^2) + 2dn \tag{4}\\
&= 2^2\Big(2T(n/2^3) + dn/2^2\Big) + 2dn && \text{[By subtituting } n/2^2 \text{ for } n \text{ in 1]} \tag{5}\\
&= 2^3T(n/2^3) + 3dn && \text{[By subtituting } n/2^2 \text{ for } n \text{ in 1]} \tag{6}\\
&\vdots \tag{7}\\
&= 2^kT(n/2^k) + kdn && \text{[After } k \text{ applications]} \tag{8}\\
&= 2^{\log_2 n}T(n/2^{\log_2 n}) + (\log_2 n)dn && \text{[By replacing } k = \log_2 n\text{]} \tag{9}\\
&= nT(1) + (\log_2 n)dn \tag{10}\\
&= cn + (\log_2 n)dn \tag{11}
\end{align}
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Question 2