

# CSC373 Worksheet 0 Solution

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1. Recurrence:  $T(n) = T(n-1) + n$

Guess:  $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(n^2)$ .

I need to show  $T(n) \leq c \cdot n^2$ .

$$T(n) \leq c(n-1)^2 + n \tag{1}$$

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

$$= cn^2 - c2n + c + n \tag{3}$$

$$\leq cn^2 - c2n + cn + n \tag{4}$$

$$= cn^2 - cn + n \tag{5}$$

$$\leq cn^2 - cn + cn \tag{6}$$

$$= cn^2 \tag{7}$$

## Notes:

- Substitution method
  - Solves recurrences
    - \* Recurrence characterizes the running time of divide-and-conquer algorithm
  - How it works:
    1. Make a guess for the solution
    2. Use mathematical induction to prove the guess is correct or incorrect.

## Example:

Recurrence:  $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n$

Guess:  $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ ,

We need to show  $T(n) \leq cn \lg n$ .

1. Assume the bound holds for all positive  $m < n$ , in particular  $m = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$
2. Find the upper bound of  $T(m)$

$$T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) \leq c \lfloor n/2 \rfloor \lg(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)$$

3. Show  $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n$  leads to  $T(n) \leq cn \lg n$

$$T(n) \leq 2(c \lfloor n/2 \rfloor \lg(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)) + n \quad (8)$$

$$\leq cn \lg(n/2) + n \quad (9)$$

$$= cn \lg(n) - cn \lg 2 + n \quad (10)$$

$$= cn \lg(n) - cn + n \quad (11)$$

$$\leq cn \lg(n) - cn + cn \quad (12)$$

$$\leq cn \lg(n) \quad (13)$$

4. Show that the boundary holds using mathematical induction

Doesn't have information in detail. Skipping this for now.

– Making good guess

\* Three suggestions

1. Using recursion tree
2. Through practice
3. prove loose upper and lower bounds on the recurrence and then reduce the range of uncertainty

2. Recurrence:  $T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1$

Guess:  $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(\lg n)$ .

I need to show  $T(n) \leq c \cdot \lg n$ .

$$T(n) \leq c \lg(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\leq c \lg(n/2) + 1 \quad (2)$$

$$= c(\lg n - \lg 2) + 1 \quad (3)$$

$$= c(\lg n - 1) + 1 \quad (4)$$

$$= c \lg n - c + 1 \quad (5)$$

$$\leq c \lg n - c + c \quad (6)$$

**Correct Solution:**

Recurrence:  $T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1$

Guess:  $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(\lg n)$ .

I need to show  $T(n) \leq c \cdot \lg n$ .

$$T(n) \leq c \lg(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\leq c \lg(n/2) + 1 \quad (2)$$

$$= c(\lg n - \lg 2) + 1 \quad (3)$$

$$= c(\lg n - 1) + 1 \quad (4)$$

$$= c \lg n - c + 1 \quad (5)$$

$$\leq c \lg n - c + c \quad (6)$$

The solution holds for  $c \geq 1$ .

3. Recurrence:  $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n$

Guess (Upperbound):  $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(n \lg n)$ .

I first need to show  $T(n) \leq c \cdot n \lg n$ .

$$T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n \quad (1)$$

$$= 2c \lfloor n/2 \rfloor \lg \lfloor n/2 \rfloor + n \quad (2)$$

$$\leq 2c \cdot (n/2) \lg(n/2) + n \quad (3)$$

$$= c \cdot n(\lg n - 1) + n \quad (4)$$

$$= cn \lg n - cn + n \quad (5)$$

$$\leq cn \lg n - cn + cn \quad (6)$$

$$\leq cn \lg n \quad (7)$$

The above inequality holds for  $c \geq 1$ .

Guess (Lowerbound):  $T(n) = \Omega(n \lg n)$ .

I first need to show  $d \cdot (n - 2) \lg(n - 2) \leq T(n)$ .

$$T(n) = 2T(\lfloor (n - 2)/2 \rfloor) + n \quad (8)$$

$$\geq 2d \lfloor (n - 2)/2 \rfloor \lg \lfloor (n - 2)/2 \rfloor + n \quad (9)$$

$$\geq 2d \cdot ((n - 2)/2) \lg((n - 2)/2) + n \quad (10)$$

$$= d \cdot (n - 2)(\lg(n - 2) - 1) + n \quad (11)$$

$$= d \cdot (n - 2) \lg(n - 2) - d \cdot (n - 2) + n \quad (12)$$

$$\geq d \cdot (n - 2) \lg(n - 2) - d \cdot (n - 2) + (n - 2) \quad (13)$$

$$\geq d \cdot (n - 2) \lg(n - 2) - d \cdot (n - 2) + d \cdot (n - 2) \quad (14)$$

$$= d \cdot (n - 2) \lg(n - 2) \quad (15)$$

The above inequality holds for  $0 \leq d < 1$ .

### Notes:

- Both upper bound and lower bound don't need to be the same

#### 4.3-3

We saw that the solution of  $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n$  is  $O(n \lg n)$ . Show that the solution of this recurrence is also  $\Omega(n \lg n)$ . Conclude that the solution is  $\Theta(n \lg n)$ .

First, we guess  $T(n) \leq cn \lg n$ , ← upper bound

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 2c \lfloor n/2 \rfloor \lg \lfloor n/2 \rfloor + n \\ &\leq cn \lg(n/2) + n \\ &= cn \lg n - cn \lg 2 + n \\ &= cn \lg n + (1 - c)n \\ &\leq cn \lg n, \end{aligned}$$

where the last step holds for  $c \geq 1$ .

Next, we guess  $T(n) \geq c(n + 2) \lg(n + 2)$ , ← lower bound

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\geq 2c(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 2)(\lg(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 2) + 1) + n \\ &\geq 2c(n/2 - 1 + 2)(\lg(n/2 - 1 + 2) + 1) + n \\ &= 2c \frac{n+2}{2} \lg \frac{n+2}{2} + n \\ &= c(n+2) \lg(n+2) - c(n+2) \lg 2 + n \\ &= c(n+2) \lg(n+2) + (1 - c)n - 2c \\ &\geq c(n+2) \lg(n+2), \end{aligned}$$

where the last step holds for  $n \geq \frac{2c}{1-c}$ ,  $0 \leq c < 1$ .

#### 4. Recurrence (Merge sort):

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Guess (upper bound):  $T(n) \leq c \cdot (n - 2) \cdot \lg(n - 2)$

$$T(n) \leq c(\lceil n/2 \rceil - 2) \lg(\lceil n/2 \rceil - 2) + c(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 2) \lg(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 2) + dn \quad (2)$$

$$= c(n/2 + 1 - 2) \lg(n/2 + 1 - 2) + c(n/2 + 1 - 2) \lg(n/2 + 1 - 2) + dn \quad (3)$$

$$= c((n - 2)/2) \lg((n - 2)/2) + c((n - 2)/2) \lg((n - 2)/2) + dn \quad (4)$$

$$= c(n - 2) \lg((n - 2)/2) + dn \quad (5)$$

$$= c(n - 2) \lg(n - 2) - c(n - 2) + dn \quad (6)$$

$$= c(n - 2) \lg(n - 2) - (d - c)n + 2c \quad (7)$$

$$= c(n - 2) \lg(n - 2) \quad (8)$$

$$(9)$$

The bound holds as long as  $c > d$ .