

# Homework 7 sample solution

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1. Find a recurrence  $T(n)$  that describes the runtime of the RecursionMystery algorithm below:

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Input: data: array of integers
Input: n: size of data
1 Algorithm: RecursionMystery
2 if  $n > 1$  then
3    $min = max = 1$ 
4   for  $i = 2$  to  $n$  do
5     if  $data[i] < data[min]$  then
6        $min = i$ 
7     end
8     if  $data[i] > data[max]$  then
9        $max = i$ 
10    end
11  end
12  Swap  $data[1]$  and  $data[min]$ 
13  if  $max > 1$  then
14    | Swap  $data[n]$  and  $data[max]$ 
15  else
16    | Swap  $data[min]$  and  $data[max]$ 
17  end
18  if  $n > 2$  then
19    | Call RecursionMystery on  $data[2..n - 1]$ 
20  end
21 end
22 return data
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**Answer:**  $T(n) = T(n - 2) + \Theta(n)$

All lines other than the for loop and the recursive call on line 19 take  $\Theta(1)$  time. The body of the for loop takes  $\Theta(1)$  time, and it iterates  $n = \Theta(n)$  times, for a total of  $n\Theta(1) = \Theta(n)$  time. The recursive call is called on an array of size  $n - 2$ , so it takes  $T(n - 2)$  time to return. In total, it takes  $T(n - 2) + \Theta(n)$  time to evaluate RecursionMystery on an input of size  $n$ .

2. Draw the recurrence tree that corresponds to the recurrence  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \Theta(1)$ .

