

## COMP 6651 – ADT - Assignment – 1

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**Q1:**

**A:**

**FALSE**

By the definition of  $O$ ,  $f(n) \leq cg(n)$  for  $c > 0$  for some  $c > 0$  and  $n_0$  such that  $n \geq n_0$  i.e. the function  $g(n)$  grows faster than  $f(n)$  but doesn't imply that  $f(n)$  grows faster than  $g(n)$ .

For example:

$f(n)=n$  and  $g(n)=n^2$ . This satisfies the condition  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  as  $n = O(n^2)$  but  $g(n) \neq O(f(n))$  as  $n^2 \neq O(n)$ . So,  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  doesn't imply  $g(n) = O(f(n))$ .

**B:**

**FALSE**

$f(n)=O((f(n))^2)$

From the definition of  $O$ ,  $f(n) \leq cg(n)$  for some  $c > 0$  and  $n_0$  such that  $n \geq n_0$

Applying the rule,

$f(n) \leq c((f(n))^2)$ . This holds true for  $f(n) \geq 1$  however this fails when  $f(n) < 1$ .

For example:

$f(n)=5$  then  $5 \leq c.5^2$ .

$f(n)=-3$  then  $-3 \leq c.3^2$ . For this to hold true, the value of  $c$  should be negative, which is against the definition of  $O$ .

**C:**

**FALSE**

$f(n)=\Theta(f(n/2))$

By the definition of  $\Theta$ , we know that

$c_1g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2g(n)$  for some  $c_1, c_2 > 0$  and  $n_0$  such that  $n \geq n_0$

Applying the rule,

$c_1f(n/2) \leq f(n) \leq c_2f(n/2)$ . Consider  $f(n) = 2^{2n}$ , then  $f(n/2) = 2^n \Rightarrow c_1.2^n \leq 2^{2n} \leq c_2.2^n$ .

For this to hold true, there should exist a constant  $c_2$  such that,  $2^n \leq c_2$ . But this is impossible as  $2^n$  increases exponentially and will exceed any constant  $c_2$ .

**D:**

**TRUE**

$f(n)+o(f(n)) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

Assume,  $g(n) = o(f(n))$ . From the definition of  $o$ ,  $f(n) < cg(n)$  for some  $c > 0$  and  $n_0$  such that  $n \geq n_0$  i.e.  $0 \leq g(n) < c(f(n))$

*Adding  $f(n)$  on both sides of equation,*

$f(n) \leq f(n) + g(n) < f(n) + c \cdot f(n)$   
 $f(n) \leq f(n) + o(f(n)) < (1+c) \cdot f(n)$ . So, from the definition of  $o$ ,  
 we can say,  $f(n) + o(f(n)) = \Theta(f(n))$

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**Q2:**

Recurrence Equation is  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$

**(a) Failed Proof with  $T(n) \leq cn^2$**

Let's try proving by substitution that  $T(n) \leq cn^2$

We are given:

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$

Assume  $T(n) \leq cn^2$

Substituting this into the recurrence:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\leq 4(c(n/2)^2) + n \\
 &= 4(cn^2/4) + n \\
 &= cn^2 + n
 \end{aligned}$$

So, we get:

$$T(n) \leq cn^2 + n$$

This fails to satisfy  $T(n) \leq cn^2 + n$ , because the extra 'n' term prevents the inequality from holding for large 'n'.

Thus, the assumption  $T(n) \leq cn^2 + n$ , does not work.

**(b) Correcting the Proof:**

We can attempt to subtract a lower-order word in order to make the substitution proof work. Let us deduct from  $T(n)$  a term proportional to  $n$ :

Assume  $T(n) = cn^2 - bn$ , where  $c > 0$  and  $d > 0$ .

Substituting this in the recurrence:

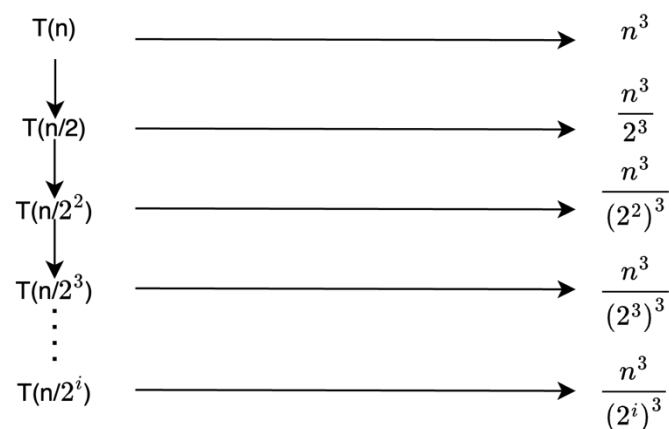
$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= 4T(n/2) + n \\
 &\leq 4( c((n/2)^2) - bn/2 ) + n \\
 &= 4( cn^2/4 - bn/2 ) + n \\
 &= cn^2 - 2bn + n \\
 &= cn^2 - bn - (b-1)n \\
 &\leq cn^2 - bn \text{ if and only if } (b-1)n \text{ is positive.}
 \end{aligned}$$

By subtracting the lower term, the substitution proof works and we got  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$ .

Therefore, by subtracting the lower order term  $dn$ , the substitution proof works and we have  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

**Q3:**

(a)



Here, the recurrence continues until the subproblem reaches 1.

i.e.  $n/2^i = 1 \Rightarrow n = 2^i \Rightarrow k=c$

The height of the tree is  $\log_2(n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total Cost } T(n) &= n^3 + n^3/2^3 + n^3/(2^2)^3 + n^3/(2^3)^3 + \dots + n^3/(2^i)^3 \\
 &= \sum_1^{\log n} n^3 / ((2^i)^3) \\
 &< \sum_1^{\infty} n^3 / ((2^i)^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

So, using the formula of Geometric progression for infinite series with  $a = n^3$  and  $r = 1/2^3$ . Then, we get:

$$= n^3 / (1 - 1/8)$$

$$= n^3 / (7/8)$$

$$= (8/7) n^3$$

So,  $T(n) = O(n^3)$

Proof by substitution method:

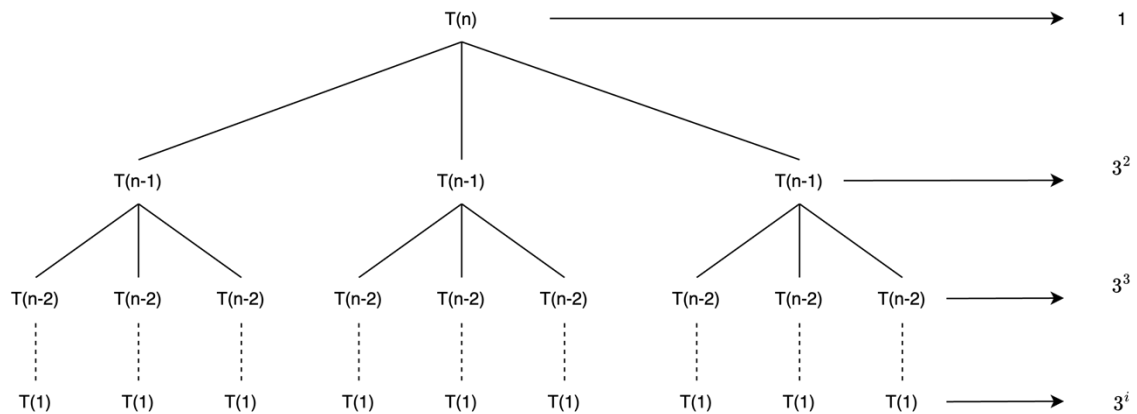
From the definition of  $O$ ,  $T(n) \leq cn^3$ . Substituting the value in given recurrence relation,

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + n^3$$

$$\leq cn^3/8 + n^3 = n^3 (c/8 + 1)$$

For a positive value of  $c/8 + 1 \Rightarrow c > -8$ , it holds true for any value. So, the solution is correct.

(b)



Here, the recurrence continues until the subproblem reaches 1.

i.e.  $n - i = 1 \Rightarrow i = n - 1$

The height of the tree is  $n-1$ .

$$\text{Total Cost } T(n) = 1 + 3^2 + 3^3 + \dots + 3^i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n 3^i$$

So, using the formula of Geometric progression for finite series with  $a=1$  and  $r=3$ . Then, we get:

$$= a(r^n - 1)/(r - 1)$$

$$= 1(3^n - 1)/(3 - 1)$$

$$= (3^n - 1)/2$$

To find the upper bound  $O$ , we can say that it depends on the exponential growing value of  $3^n$

$$T(n) = O(3^n)$$

Proof by substitution method:

From the definition of  $O$ ,  $T(n) \leq c3^n$ . Substituting the value in given recurrence relation,

$$T(n) = 3T(n-1) + 1$$

$$\leq 3c3^{n-1}+1$$

$$=c3^n+1$$

So, for a sufficiently large n and appropriate value of c, we can say:

$$T(n)=O(3^n)$$


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Q4:

**(a)**  $T(n) = T(n/2) + T(n/3) + T(n/6) + n \lg n.$

$$f(x) = n \lg n$$

So, to find the value of p,

$$(1/2)^p + (1/3)^p + (1/6)^p = 1$$

For p=1,

$$(1/2) + (1/3) + (1/6) = 1$$

Therefore, the value of p is 1

**Using Akra-Bazzi method:**

$$T(n) = \theta \left( n^p \left( 1 + \int_1^n \frac{f(x)}{x^{p+1}} dx \right) \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta \left( n^1 \left( 1 + \int_1^n \frac{x \lg x}{x^2} dx \right) \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta \left( n \left( 1 + \int_1^n \frac{\lg x}{x} dx \right) \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta \left( n \left( 1 + \left[ \frac{\lg^2 x}{2} \right]_1^n \right) \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta \left( n \left( 1 + \left[ \frac{\lg^2 n}{2} - \frac{\lg^2 1}{2} \right] \right) \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta \left( n \left( 1 + \frac{\lg^2 n}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta \left( n + \frac{n \lg^2 n}{2} \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta(n \lg^2 n)$$

(b)

$$T(n) = (1/3)T(n/3) + 1/n.$$

$$f(n) = 1/n$$

So, to find the value of p,

$$(1/3)(1/3)^p = 1$$

$$(1/3)^{p+1} = 1$$

$$3^{-p-1} = 1$$

$$3^{-p-1} = 3^0$$

$$-p-1 = 0$$

$$P = -1$$

Therefore, the value of p is -1

**Using Akra-Bazzi method**

$$T(n) = \theta \left( n^p \left( 1 + \int_1^n \frac{f(x)}{x^{p+1}} dx \right) \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta \left( n^{-1} \left( 1 + \int_1^n \frac{1/x}{x^0} dx \right) \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta \left( \frac{1}{n} \left( 1 + \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx \right) \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta \left( \frac{1}{n} (1 + [\log x]_1^n) \right)$$

$$T(n) = \theta \left( \frac{1}{n} (1 + [\log n - \log 1]) \right)$$

$$(n) = \theta \left( \frac{(1 + \log n)}{n} \right)$$

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Q5 :

a) To solve this problem with only  $O(n \log n)$  invocations of the equivalence tester, we can use a divide-and-conquer approach similar to the majority element algorithm. The idea is to recursively divide the set of cards, test for equivalence in each recursive step, and combine the results to find a majority equivalent set.

Algorithm to find the majority set

**FindMajority(A, l, r) :**

If (l == r) then:  
    return A[l]

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mid = ( l+r) /2

//recursively find majorities in both halves
left_majority = FindMajority(A, l, mid)
right_majority = FindMajority(A, mid+1, r)

if left_majority == right_majority then
    return left_majority

left_count = countFrequency(X, l, r, left_majority)
right_count = countFrequency(X, l, r, right_majority)

//majority element exists in the left half
if left_count > (r-l+1)/2 then
    return left_majority

//majority element exists in the right half
else if right_count > (r-l+1)/2 then
    return right_majority
else
    return -1

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**countFrequency(A, l, r, value) :**

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count = 0
for i= l to r do
    //calling the equivalence_tester
    if equivalence_tester(A[i], value) then
        count = count +1
    end if
end for

return count

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b)

**Correctness of the Algorithm**

We will prove that the algorithm works correctly, using a proof by induction. For the base case, consider an array/collection of 1 element (which is the base case of the algorithm). Such a collection has the majority element, which is the first and the only element, so the base case is correct.

For the inductive step, suppose that *FindMajority* will correctly find the majority element on any array of length less than  $n$ . Suppose we call *FindMajority* function on an array of size  $n$ . It will recursively call *FindMajority* on two arrays of size  $n/2$ . By the induction hypothesis, these calls will correctly find the majority element in both these arrays. Hence, after the recursive calls, we will be able to find the majority element in both or any one half of the subarray between indices  $l, \dots, \text{mid}$  and  $\text{mid}+1, \dots, r$  respectively, if the majority element exists. Note:- It can also happen that upon combining the subarray, we get the majority element. Now, we have shown in our algorithm that if the majority element exists, the count of those elements will be greater than half the length of the array, hence after executing it, we will get the majority element if there exists any between  $l$  and  $r$ . This concludes our proof.

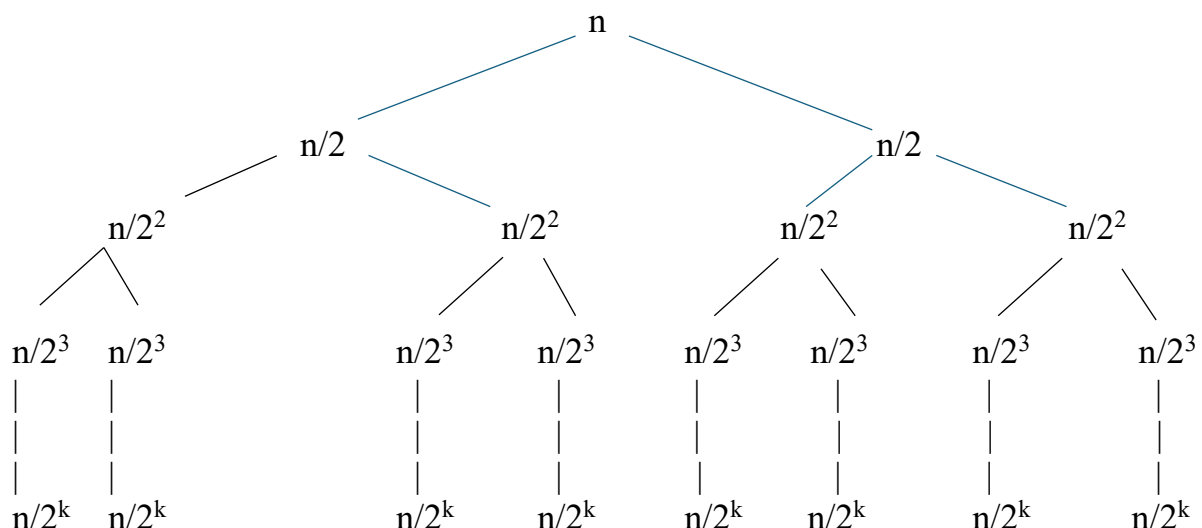
c) In the given algorithm, the *equivalence\_tester* is called for each element in the array for every range considered in the recursive calls. Also, the algorithm makes two recursive calls with arrays of size  $n/2$  each.

Let  $T(n)$  be the number of invocations of *equivalence\_tester* for an array of size  $n$ . The recurrence relation can be expressed as follows:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$$

Using a recursion tree method to generate a guess for the time complexity.

Diagram :



So, there are a total of  $k$  steps and at each step it is taking  $n$  amount of time. Therefore, total time taken is  $n \cdot k$ .

We assume that  $n/2^k = 1 \Rightarrow n = 2^k \Rightarrow k = \log_2 n$



Therefore, the total time taken is  $n \cdot k = n \cdot \log n$   
So,  $T(n) = O(n \log n)$

Now, let's use substitution method to prove the same.

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + n \\ \Rightarrow T(n) &= 2[2T(n/2^2) + n/2] + n \quad // \text{Substituting } T(n/2) \\ \Rightarrow T(n) &= 2^2 T(n/2^2) + n + n \\ \Rightarrow T(n) &= 2^2 [2T(n/2^3) + n/2^2] + 2n \quad // \text{Substituting } T(n/2^2) \\ \Rightarrow T(n) &= 2^3 T(n/2^3) + 3n\end{aligned}$$

Repeating this for  $k$  times, we get

$$T(n) = 2^k T(n/2^k) + kn \quad \dots\dots\dots \text{Eq 1}$$

We assume that  $T(n/2^k) = T(1)$

$$\text{Therefore, } n/2^k = 1 \Rightarrow n = 2^k \Rightarrow k = \log n$$

Substituting  $n = 2^k$  and  $k = \log n$  in Eq 1, we get

$$T(n) = 2k T(1) + kn$$

$$T(n) = n \cdot 1 + n \cdot \log n \quad \text{Since, } T(1) = 1$$

$$T(n) = n + n \log n$$

$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$  Hence proved

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**Q6:**

(a)

To verify the correctness of the STOOGESORT algorithm, we can examine different cases:

**Case 1:** If  $p = r$ , the subarray contains only one element, which is already sorted.

**Case 2:** If  $p+1 = r$ , the subarray has two elements, and the comparison and possible swap will sort them.

**Case 3:** For subarrays with more than two elements, the algorithm first checks if the first and last elements are in order, swapping them if necessary. It then performs three recursive calls: sorting the first two-thirds, then the last two-thirds, and finally re-sorting the first two-thirds to ensure everything is correct.

For an array of size  $n$ , the initial check ensures the outer elements are sorted, while the recursive steps divide the array into smaller parts. The final call to re-sort the first two-thirds fixes any issues that may arise from sorting the last two-thirds. By induction, we can conclude that STOOGESORT correctly sorts any array  $A[1..n]$

(b)

We can define the recurrence relation for the given problem in the following way:

$T(n) = 3T(2n/3) + O(1)$  (Approximate size of subarray in first and last recursive call is  $(2/3)n$  as the size of array is reduced by  $1/3$  each time and  $O(1)$  as a constant time for comparisons).

To find the time complexity, we can use the master's theorem:

$T(n) = a \cdot T(bn) + f(n)$   
 where  $a=3$ ,  $b=2/3$  and  $f(n)=O(1)$ .

Computing  $n^{\log_b a}$ :

First computing  $\log_b a$ :  $\log_{2/3} 3 = \log 3 / \log(2/3) = \log_{3/2} 3$

$n^{\log_b a} = \Theta(n^{\log_{3/2} 3})$

Since  $f(n) < n^{\log_{3/2} 3}$ , using the case 1 of Master Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 3T(2n/3) + \Theta(1) \\ &= (n^{\log_{3/2} 3}) \\ &= O(n^{(\log 3 / \log 1.5)}) \\ &\approx O(n^{2.709}) \end{aligned}$$

(c)

Stooge-Sort is remarkably the most inefficient sorting algorithm I have seen. Hence, the professors do not deserve tenure.

Insertion-Sort :  $O(n^2)$

Merge-Sort:  $O(n \lg n)$

Heapsort:  $O(n \lg n)$

Quicksort:  $O(n^2)$

Stooge-Sort:  $O(n^{2.709})$

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**Q7 :**

**Algorithm to find median**

Let DB1, DB2 be the two databases.

pointer1 = pointer2 =  $n/2$

**for**  $i=2$  to  $\log n$  **do**

    median1 = *QuerytoDb*(DB1, pointer1)

    median2 = *QuerytoDb*(DB2, pointer2)

**if** median1 > median2 **then**

        pointer1 = pointer1 -  $n/2^i$  //query the bottom half of DB1

        pointer2 = pointer2 +  $n/2^i$  //query the top half of DB2

**else**

        pointer1 = pointer1 +  $n/2^i$

        pointer2 = pointer2 -  $n/2^i$

**end if**

**end for**

return *min*(median1, median2)

**Explanation :**

*pointer1* and *pointer2* are two query pointers for each database in the procedure above.

To get median1 and median2, we first query the medians of both databases. We demonstrate that the joint database's median needs to fall between m1 and m2.

In order to notice this, note that at least  $n$  records in each of DB1 and DB2 are less than or equal to  $\max(m1, m2)$ . Therefore, the joint database's median does not exceed  $\max(m1, m2)$ . Similarly, we can demonstrate that the joint database's median is equal to  $\min(median1, median2)$ . The points  $p1$  and  $p2$  can then be moved appropriately. Since median1 and median2 are the  $n$ th and  $(n + 1)$ th lowest numbers in the joint database at the end of the loop, we return the smaller of median1, median2.

Let  $T(n)$  be the total number of queries.

As each round we reduce the problem size by half using two queries, we have

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + 2$$

Solving this recurrence we obtain

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