

CS 325 Week 2 Practice - Solution

Problem 1: How many times as a function of n (in Θ form), does the following PHP function echo "Print"? Write a recurrence and solve it.

```
function foo( $n ) {  
    if ( $n > 1 ) {  
        foo($n/2);  
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        for ( $i = 1; $i <= $n; $i += 1 ) {  
            echo " Print ".$i." <br> ";  
        }  
        echo " <br>";  
    } else {  
        return 1;  
    }  
}
```

The recurrence is $T(n) = 4 T(n/2) + kn$ $T(1) = 0$

Master Method: $a = 4$, $b = 2$, $f(n) = kn$, $\log_2 4 = 2$, $n^{\log_2 4} = n^2$

$f(n) = kn = O(n^{2-\epsilon})$

Case 1 : $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

Problem 2: Give the asymptotic bounds for $T(n)$ in each of the following recurrences. Make your bounds as tight as possible and justify your answers.

a) $T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n$

Master Method: $a = 2$, $b = 4$, $f(n) = n$, $\log_4 2 = 1/2$, $n^{\log_4 2} = n^{1/2}$

$f(n) = n = \Omega(n^{\epsilon+1/2})$

Case 3 :

Regularity: $af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) = 2\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) = \frac{n}{2} \leq cf(n)$ for $c = \frac{1}{2}$

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

b)

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n-1) + n^2 \\ &= T(n-2) + (n-1)^2 + n^2 \\ &= T(n-3) + (n-2)^2 + (n-1)^2 + n^2 \quad \text{stop at } T(1) = 1 \\ &= 1 + \dots + (n-2)^2 + (n-1)^2 + n^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \Theta(n^3) \end{aligned}$$

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Problem 3:

Complete the following divide-and-conquer algorithm to determine if all integers in an array A are equal. The initial call would be `allEqual(A,0,A.length-1)`.

(Yes, there is an easy iterative algorithm for this problem. The goal here is to provide practice with the design and analysis of divide-and-conquer algorithms.)

```
boolean allEqual ( int A[], int p, int r){
    if (p == r)
        return true;
    if (A[p] != A[r])
        return false;

    //take it from here

    int q = (p+r)/2;
    return ( allEqual( A, p, q) && AllEqual( A, q+1, r);
}
```

Write a recurrence relation for your algorithm and then solve it to obtain the worst-case asymptotic time complexity for your algorithm.

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

$$\text{Master Method: } a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = c, \log_2 2 = 1, n^{\log_2 2} = n^1$$

$$f(n) = c = O(n^{1-\epsilon})$$

$$\text{Case 1 : } T(n) = \Theta(n)$$

Problem 4: For the following program fragment compute the worst-case asymptotic time complexity (as a function of n).

```
for (i=0; i<=n-1; i++)
    loop body 1

for (i=0; i<=n-1; i++)
    for (j=i; j<= n-1; j++)
        loop body 2
```

The first loop has asymptotic time complexity $\Theta(n)$. For the second nested loops the body 2 is executed $\Theta(n^2)$. So the overall time complexity is $\Theta(n^2)$.