

**COMS 311: Homework 2**  
**Due: Feb 23, 11:59pm**  
**Total Points: 50**

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### General Requirements

- When proofs are required, do your best to make them both clear and rigorous. Even when proofs are not required, you should justify your answers and explain your work.
- When asked to present a construction, you should show the correctness of the construction.

### Some Useful (in)equalities

- $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
- $2^{\log_2 n} = n$ ,  $a^{\log_b n} = n^{\log_b a}$ ,  $n^{n/2} \leq n! \leq n^n$ ,  $\log x^a = a \log x$
- $\log(a \times b) = \log a + \log b$ ,  $\log(a/b) = \log a - \log b$
- $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$
- $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 2(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}})$
- $1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$

- (10 pts) Using a table size of 11, and a hash function  $h(x) = 3x + 2$  for positive integers, draw the resulting hash table array when the integers

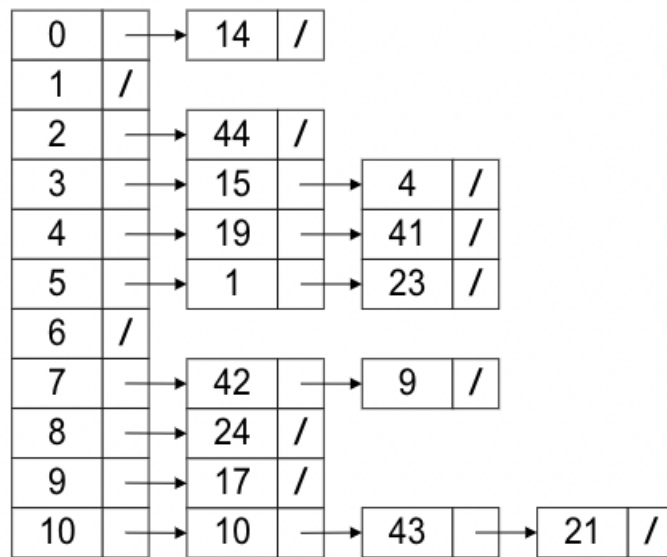
**1, 17, 10, 15, 14, 43, 4, 21, 23, 24, 19, 41, 42, 9, 44**

are added to an empty hash table in this order. Note that for this hash function,  $x$  is stored in the table at index  $h(x) \% n$ , where  $n$  is the table size.

- Using a chaining hash table that is not enlarged when elements are added.
- Using a chaining hash table that is doubled in size when the table reaches a load factor of  $\alpha > 0.75$ .

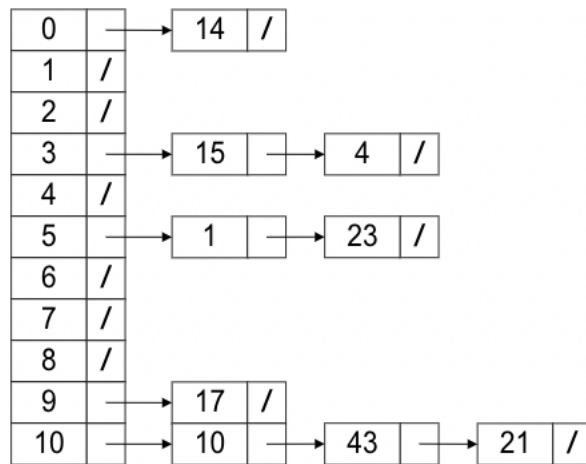
## Problem 1

### Part a

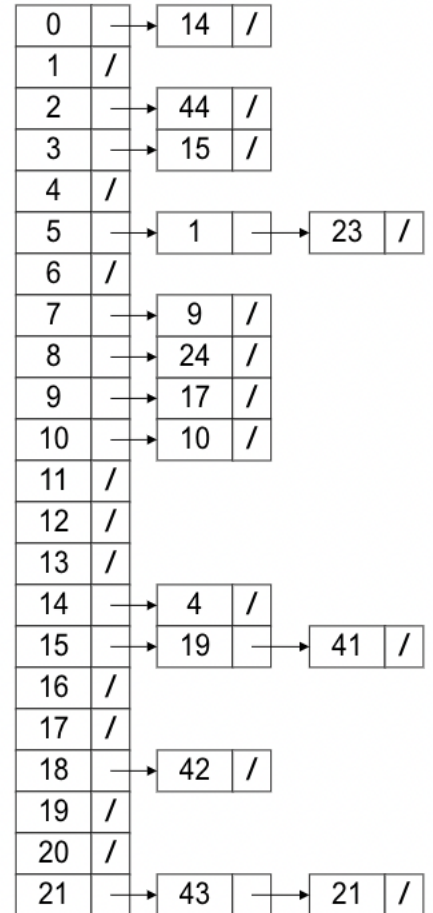


# Problem 1 Part b

Before Doubling  
Size



After Doubling  
Size



2. (10 pts) Consider the following recurrence relation:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 7 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) + 1 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

(a) Use the Master theorem to show that  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2(7)})$ .

(b) Use induction to prove that  $T(n) = \frac{1}{6}(7n^{\log_2(7)} - 1)$ .

(a)

$$T(n) = 7 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) + 1$$

$$a = 7, b = 2, f(n) = 1$$

For the master theorem, we must compare  $n^{\log_b(a)}$  to  $f(n)$

$n^{\log_2(7)}$  is polynomial greater than 1,  $f(n) \cdot n^d = n^{\log_2(7)}$  for  $d = \log_2(7)$ , so case 1 applies.

Case one says  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)})$ , hence:  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2(7)})$

(b)

Base Case:  $T(1) = 1$ ,  $(1)(6(7 + 1^{\log_2 7} - 1)) = (1/6) \cdot (7 \cdot 1 - 1) = (1/6)(6) = 1$   
 $1 = 1$  so base case holds.

**Inductive Hypothesis:**  $\forall k \geq 1, T(k) = \frac{1}{6}(7^{\log_2 k} - 1)$

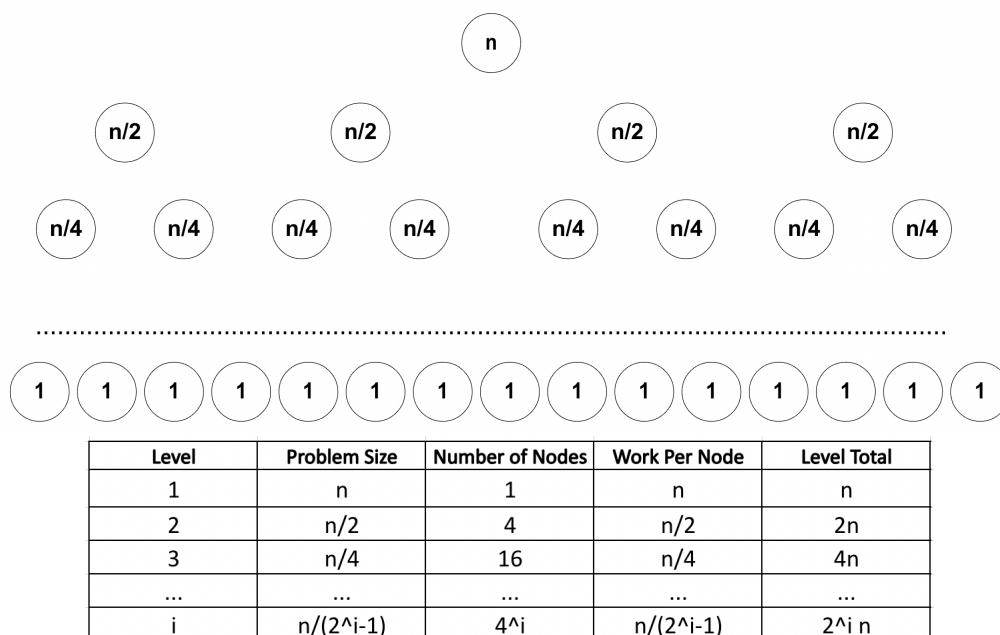
We will be proving  $T(k + 1) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 7(k + 1)^{\log_2(T)} - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} T(k+1) &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot (7(k + 1)^{\log_2 7} - 1) \\ T(k+1) &= 7 \cdot T(\frac{k+1}{2}) + 1 \\ &= 7 \cdot (\frac{1}{6}(7(\frac{k+1}{2})^{\log_2 7} - 1)) + 1 \text{ via IH} \\ &= 7 \cdot (\frac{1}{6}(7(\frac{(k+1)^{\log_2 7}}{2^{\log_2 7}}) - 1)) + 1 \\ &= 7 \cdot (\frac{1}{6}(k + 1)^{\log_2 7} - 1) + 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(7(k + 1)^{\log_2 7} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $T(k + 1) = \frac{1}{6}(7(k + 1)^{\log_2 7} - 1)$  using induction.

3. (10 pts) Without using the Master Theorem, give the asymptotic upper bounds on the following recurrence relations. Note that methods found in chapter 4 of the text may be useful.

$$(a) : T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 2 \\ 4 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$



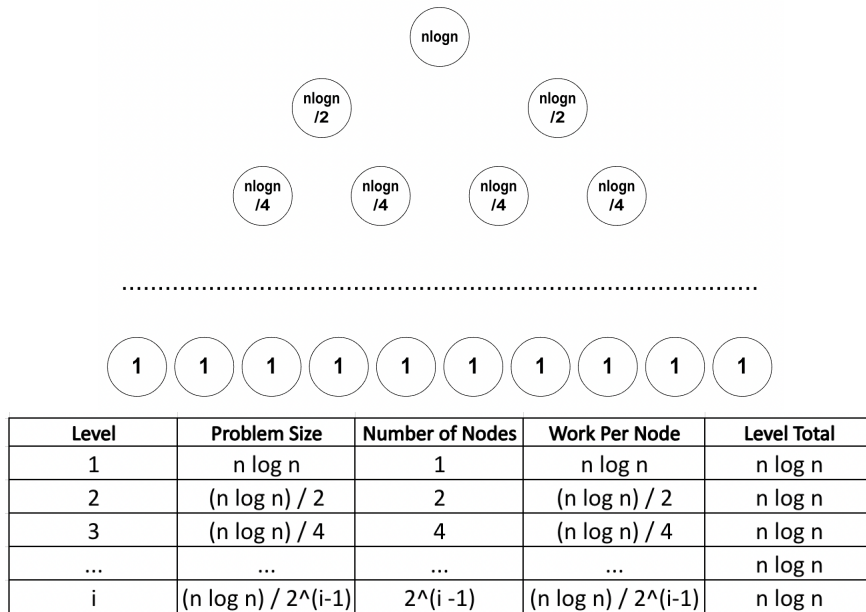
Using this tree and table, we can write a summation using the level total in terms of  $i$ , where  $i$  is the variable that increases. Since the tree will reach the level where work per node is one at depth  $\log n$ , this summation will go from  $i = 0$  to  $\log n$ .

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\log n} 2^i n = n \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{\log n} 2^i = n \cdot (2n - 1) = 2n^2 - n = \Theta(n^2)$$

This summation will hold because each the work per leaf decreases by a factor of two but the number of nodes per layer increases by a factor of 4, as seen in the recursion tree diagram. This is further shown in the table, where the total work per layer column is  $2^i n$  work per layer.

Hence,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$ .

$$(b) : T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 2 \\ 2 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) + n \log n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$



For this tree, we see that a and b are equal, so the tree work per layer is consistent. Each layer requires  $n \log n$  work because the number of nodes increase at the same rate that the problem size decreases.

Since the work per layer is consistent and we can calculate the depth ( $\log n$ , the problem size is halved each layer), we can multiply these to find the total runtime.

$$\text{Work per layer} \cdot \text{number of layers} = n \log n \cdot \log n = n \log^2 n.$$

$$\text{Hence, } T(n) = \Theta(n \log^2 n).$$

$$(c) : T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ T(\frac{n}{3}) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

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n/3

n/9

n/27

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Level	Problem Size	Number of Nodes	Work Per Node	Level Total
1	n	1	n	n
2	n / 3	1	n / 3	n / 3
3	n / 9	1	n / 9	n / 9
...	...	1	...	...
i	n / (3 <sup>i-1</sup> )	1	n / (3 <sup>i-1</sup> )	n / (3 <sup>i-1</sup> )

For this problem, we need to use a summation to find the total runtime because the total work per layer changes. This summation will go from  $i = 0$  to  $\log_3 n$  and will sum  $\frac{n}{3^i}$ , the work per layer total for layer  $i$ .

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\log_3 n} \frac{n}{3^i} = \frac{1}{2}(3n - 1) = \Theta(n)$$

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

$$(d) : T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 9 \cdot T(\frac{n}{3}) + n^{2.5} & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$



$$(e) : T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ T(n-2) + n^2 & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

4. (10 pts) If Possible, use the Master theorem to give bounds on the following recurrence relations.

$$(a) : T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 2 \\ 4 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$a = 4, b = 2, f(n) = n \\ n^{\log_b(a)} = n^{\log_2(4)} = n^2 \rightarrow n \leq n^2, f(n) \leq n^{\log_b(a)}$$

Case 1 of Master theorem applies here.

Case 1: If  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)-\epsilon})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)})$ .

Since  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)-\epsilon}) = n \in \Theta(n^{2-\epsilon}) = n \in \Theta(n^{2-1}) = n \in \Theta(n)$ , so case 1 holds.

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2(4)})$$

Hence  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$

$$(b) : T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 2 \\ 2 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) + n \log n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = n \log n \\ n^{\log_b(a)} = n^{\log_2(2)} = n^1 = n$$

Case 2 applies here

Case 2: If  $\exists k \geq 0$  such that  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^k n)$ , then  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^{k+1} n)$

$$f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^k n) = n \log n \in \Theta(n^{\log_2(2)} \cdot \log^k n) = n \log n \in \Theta(n^1 \cdot \log^1 n) \\ = n \log n \in \Theta(n \log n), \text{ so case 2 holds.}$$

$$\text{Hence } T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^{k+1} n)$$

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2(2)} \cdot \log^{1+1} n)$$

Therefore  $T(n) \in \Theta(n \cdot \log^2 n)$

$$(c) : \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3 \cdot T(\frac{n}{3}) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$a = 3, b = 3, f(n) = n \\ n^{\log_b(a)} = n^{\log_3(3)} = n^1 = n$$

Case 2 applies here

Case 2: If  $\exists k \geq 0$  such that  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^k n)$ , then  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^{k+1} n)$

$f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^k n) = n \in \Theta(n^{\log_3(3)} \cdot \log^0 n) = n \in \Theta(n \cdot 1) = n \in \Theta(n)$ , so case 2 holds.

Therefore  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^{k+1} n) = T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_3(3)} \cdot \log^{0+1} n) = T(n) \in \Theta(n^1 \cdot \log^1 n) = T(n) \in \Theta(n \cdot \log n)$

Hence  $T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$

$$(d) : \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 2 \\ 2 \cdot T(\frac{n}{4}) + \sqrt{n} & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$a = 2, b = 4, f(n) = \sqrt{n} \\ n^{\log_b(a)} = n^{\log_4(2)} = n^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{n}$$

Case 2 applies here

Case 2: If  $\exists k \geq 0$  such that  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^k n)$ , then  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^{k+1} n)$

$f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^k n) = n \in \Theta(n^{\log_4(2)} \cdot \log^0 n) = \sqrt{n} \in \Theta(\sqrt{n} \cdot 1) = \sqrt{n} \in \Theta(\sqrt{n})$ , so case 2 holds.

Therefore  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \cdot \log^{k+1} n) = T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_4(2)} \cdot \log^{0+1} n) = T(n) \in \Theta(\sqrt{n} \cdot \log^1 n) = T(n) \in \Theta(\sqrt{n} \cdot \log n)$

Hence  $T(n) \in \Theta(\sqrt{n} \log n)$

5. (10 pts) The algorithm below computes nothing useful. It takes as a parameter an array  $A$  of integers. Note that  $A.length$  returns the length of the array, and  $A.sub(s, l)$  returns a new array (with elements copied) of length  $l$  with values copied from  $A$  starting at index  $s$ .

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**Algorithm 1 Wacky(A)**

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1: if  $A.length == 1$  then
2:    $A[0] += 1$ ;
3: else
4:    $\text{int } m = \lfloor A.length/2 \rfloor$ ;
5:    $Wacky(A.sub(0, m))$ ;
6:    $Wacky(A.sub(m, m))$ ;
7:    $Wacky(A.sub(0, 1))$ ;

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- (a) Write a recurrence relation that gives the running time of **Wacky**.  
(b) Use the Master theorem to give a bound on the running time in terms of  $n$ .

(a) :

$$T(n) = a \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$$

$a = 2$  because there are 2 recursive calls with an array length greater than 1

$b = 2$

$f(n) = 1$  because the remainder of the function takes  $O(1)$  time

The recurrence relation for this algorithm:  $T(n) = 2 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$

(b) :

$a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = 1$

$$n^{\log_b(a)} = n^{\log_2(2)} = n^1 = n$$

Case 1 applies here

Case 1: If  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that  $f(n) \in n^{\log_b(a) - \epsilon}$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)})$ .

Since  $f(n) \in n^{\log_b(a) - \epsilon} = 1 \in n^{1 - \epsilon} = 1 \in n^{1 - 1} = 1 \in 1$ , so case 1 holds.

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2(2)}) = \Theta(n)$$

Hence  $T(n) \in \Theta(n)$