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Assignment 2

Question 1.

1. $T(n) = 3T(3/5 n) + n$
 - $A=3, B=5/3, \alpha=1, \beta=\log_{5/3} 3$
 - $O(n^{\log_{5/3} 3})$
2. $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + n$
 - $A=3, B=4, \alpha=1, \beta=\log_4 3$
 - $O(n)$
3. $T(n) = 7T(n/2) + n^2$
 - $A=7, B=2, \alpha=2, \beta=\log_2 7$
 - $O(n^{\log_2 7})$
4. $T(n) = T(3/4n) + 3n^2 + n$
 - $A=1, B=4/3, \alpha=2, \beta=\log_{4/3} 1$
 - $O(n^2)$
5. $T(n) = T(n/3) + \log_3 n$

Handwritten derivation of the recurrence $T(n) = T(n/3) + \log_3 n$ using the substitution method:

$T(n) = T(n/3) + \log_3 n$

Step 1: $(n) \log_3(n)$ $\log_3(\frac{n}{3^{\log_3 n}}) = 1$

Step 2: $(n/3) \log_3(n/3)$ $\frac{n}{3^{\frac{1}{\log_3 n} h}} = 3^1$

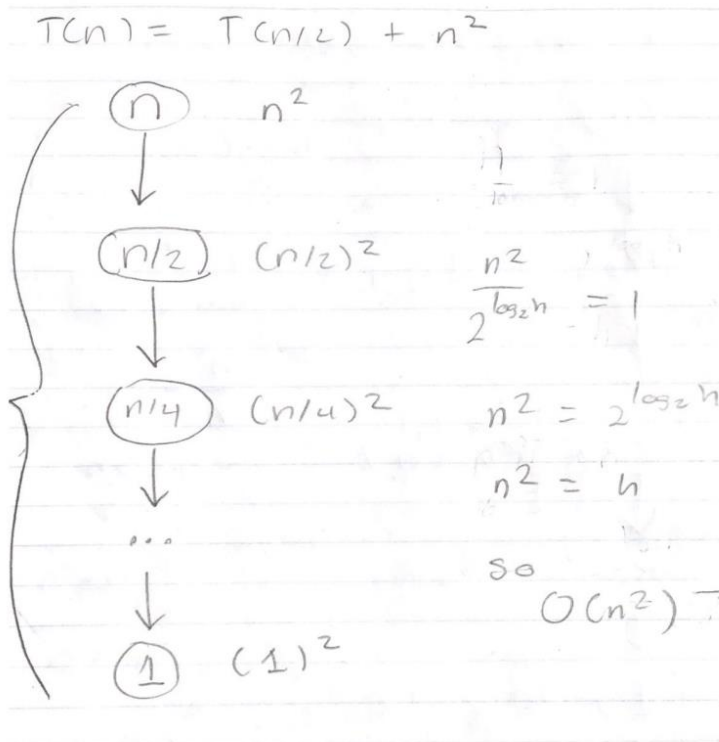
Step 3: $(n/9) \log_3(n/9)$ $\frac{n}{h} = 3$

Step 4: \dots $n = 3h$

Step 5: $(1) \log_3(1)$ $\frac{1}{3} \cdot n = h$

So $O(n)$

6. $T(n) = T(n/2) + n^2$



Question 2.

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```
def isreverse(str1, str2):
    return str2 == reverse(str1)

def reverse(string):
    if len(string) == 0:
        return string
    else:
        return reverse(string[1:]) + string[0]

def main():
    i=0
    k=0
    print("Please enter a string: ")
    givenStr = input()
    print("Please enter another string: ")
    givenStr2 = input()
    print(isreverse(givenStr, givenStr2))

main()
```

The function call to the helper function `reverse()` leads into creating the recurrence of the function `isreversed()`. In `reverse()`, there is a call to `len()`, which in python, is constant time; therefore, it has no effect on the recurrence time. In the recursive call to `reverse()`, I am calling it on a string that is of size $n-1$, if n is the size of the string passed into to `reverse()`. Thus, every call the string is shorter by $n-1$ times which means in the recurrence function $T(n)$ is equal to $T(n-1)$.

With that, the recurrence for the function is...

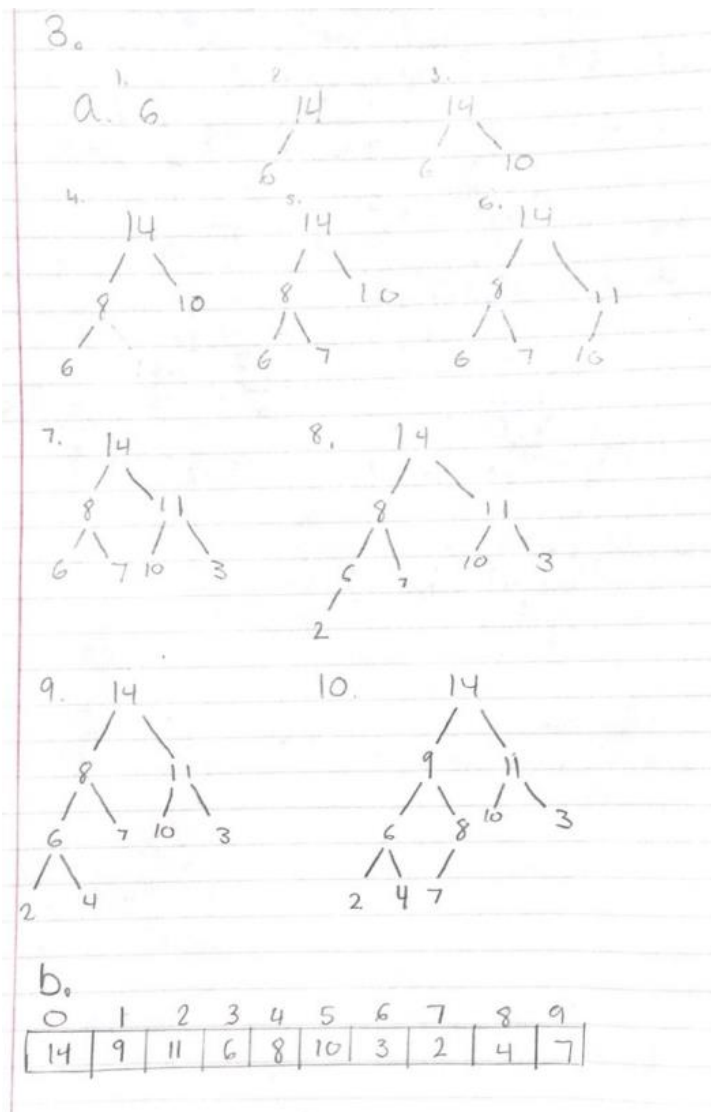
$$T(n) = T(n-1) + c$$

Or

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

As a result, the big O notation of the function is $O(n)$.

Question 3.



Question 4.

1. True. The recurrence function of $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n$ does imply $O(n^{\log_2 3})$ because if one were to solve for the big O runtime with the Master Theorem, it will be $O(n^{\log_2 3})$.
 - $A = 3, B = 2, \alpha = 1, \beta = \log_2 3$; Case 3 applies
2. False. The recurrence equation for merge sort is $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$. By using the Master Theorem, we know that the big O runtime is $O(n \log n)$. Because $n^2 \log n$ is a runtime that is greater than $n \log n$, it is impossible for $\Omega(n^2 \log n)$ to be true for merge sort.
3. False. If we expand the given recurrence function, we end up getting something that looks like the following:
 - a. $T(n-1) + \log(n)$
 - b. $T(n-2) + \log(n-1) + \log(n)$
 - c. $T(n-3) + \log(n-2) + \log(n-1) + \log(n)$

If we assume $n = 0$, then

$$T(0) + \log(1) + \log(2) + \log(3) \dots \log(n-1) + \log(n)$$

Which is the same as...

$$T(0) + \log(n!)$$

Therefore, for the given recurrence function, the runtime is $\Theta(\log(n!))$, but this does not work for quick sort. The worst case for quick sort is $O(n^2)$, which is when a sorted array is passed in. Thus, the statement is false because the runtime of the recurrence is not the same as quick sort's worst case.

Question 5.

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def inversionCount(alist):
    count = 0
    leftcount = 0
    rightcount = 0
    newlist = []
    if len(alist) > 1:
        mid = len(alist) // 2
        lefthalf = alist[:mid]
        righthalf = alist[mid:]
        leftcount, lefthalf = inversionCount(lefthalf)
        rightcount, righthalf = inversionCount(righthalf)

        i = 0
        j = 0

        while i < len(lefthalf) and j < len(righthalf):
            if lefthalf[i] < righthalf[j]:
                newlist.append(lefthalf[i])
                i += 1
            else:
                newlist.append(righthalf[j])
                j += 1
                count += len(lefthalf[i:])

        while i < len(lefthalf):
            newlist.append(lefthalf[i])
            i += 1

        while j < len(righthalf):
            newlist.append(righthalf[j])
            j += 1
    else:
        newlist = alist

    return count + leftcount + rightcount, newlist

def main():
    initlist = [4,1]
    inversions, finalList = inversionCount(initlist)
    print("Unsorted List: ", initlist)
    print("Sorted List: ", finalList)
    print("The amount of inversions in this list are: ", inversions)
main()
```

Because the function `inversionCount()` function is basically merge sort with a counter, the runtime and recurrence function are practically the same. Using a counter and modifying it are constant operations, so they do not have an affect on the recurrence function of merge sort because n has greater growth than a constant, $O(1)$.

Therefore, the recurrence function of `inversionCount()` is...

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

Using the Master Theorem to find the big O runtime in the worst case...

$$A = 2, B = 2, \alpha = 1, \beta = \log_2 2 = 1$$

$$\text{Case 2} \rightarrow \Theta(n \log n)$$

Thus, the runtime in the worst case for `inversionCount()` is $O(n \log n)$.