

Problem 7

a) $a=8, b=2, c=2$

$$c < \log_b a$$

$$2 < \log_2 8$$

$$2 < 3$$

Hence, case 3 of master theorem, $T(n) = O(n^3)$

b) $a = 3, b=4, f(n) = n \log n$

$$\log_b a = \log_4 3 = 0.7925$$

$$f(n) = n \log n > n^{0.7925}$$

Hence, case 1 of master theorem, $T(n) = O(n \log n)$

c) $a = 2, b= 4, c = 0.5$

$$c = \log_b a$$

$$0.5 = \log_4 2$$

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Hence, case 2 of master theorem, $T(n) = O(\sqrt{n} \log n)$