

Problem Set 2

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + \frac{n}{\log n}$$

Here,

$a = 3$ subproblems

$b = 2$, factor

$$f(n) = \frac{n}{\log n}$$

Now, if we calculate $\log_b(a)$

$$\log_2(3) = 1.585\dots$$

If we compare $n^{\log_b a} \Rightarrow n^{1.585\dots}$ with $\frac{n}{\log n}$

Here, $n^{1.585}$ is clearly larger than $\frac{n^1}{\log n}$

Hence, this is case 1 of the master theorem, since $f(n)$ is $O(n^{\log_b a})$

Hence the asymptotic upper bound and lower bound of $T(n)$ is $n^{\log(3)}$.