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**Problem 2-1.**

- (a) According to *Master Theorem*, suppose we have a recurrence of the form

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

where  $n$  is the size of input,  $a$  is the number of subproblems in the recursion,  $n/b$  is the size of each subproblem,  $f(n)$  is the cost of the work done outside the recursion call, which includes the cost of dividing the problem and cost of merging the solutions.

$T(n)$  has the following asymptotic bounds:

1. if  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .
2. if  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$ .
3. if  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

where  $\epsilon > 0$  is a constant

In this case,  $a = 4, b = 2$ , that means  $n^{\log_b a} = n^2$ , while  $f(n) = O(n^{2-1})$ , that makes  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$  by case 1 of the Master Theorem. This is true no matter the choice of  $f(n) \in O(n)$ .

- (b) According to *Master Theorem*, we have  $a = 3, b = \sqrt{2}$  in this case, that means  $n^{\log_b a} = n^{2\log_2 3}$ . If  $f(n) = n^4$ , then  $T(n) = O(n^4)$  by case 3 of the Master Theorem, since  $f(n) = n^4 = n^{2\log_2 3 + \epsilon}$ . If  $f(n) = 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Omega(n^{2\log_2 3})$  by case 1 of the Master Theorem, since  $0 \in O(n^{2\log_2 3 - \epsilon})$  for any positive  $\epsilon < 2\log_2 3$ .

- (c) According to the assumption, we have  $a = 2, b = 2$ , that means  $n^{\log_b a} = n$ .  $f(n) = 5n \log n$ , so  $T(n) = \Theta(n \log^2 n)$  by case 2 of the Master Theorem.

- (d) Assuming  $T(n) = cn^2$ , then we have:

$$T(n) - T(n-2) = cn^2 - c(n-2)^2 = 4cn - 4c = \Theta(n)$$

So  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

**Problem 2-2.**

**(a)**

**(b)**

**(c)**

**Problem 2-3.**

**Problem 2-4.**

**Problem 2-5.**

- (a)
- (b)
- (c) Submit your implementation to `alg.mit.edu`.