

***Design and Analysis of Algorithms***  
***CS575, Spring 2023***

**Theory Assignment 2.1**

**Due on 3/2/2023 (Thursday)**

1. (16 points) Use the iteration method or recursion tree method to solve the following recurrence equation.
- a) (8 points)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(n-1) + n & \text{if } (n > 1) \\ 1 & \text{if } (n = 1) \end{cases}$$

- b) (8 points) You can assume  $n^{1/2^k} = 2$  for some integers  $n$  and  $k$ .

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Let's solve this using the iteration method and by expanding the relation for small 'n's', look for a pattern.

$$n=1, T(1) = 1$$

$$n=2, T(2) = T(1) + 2 = 3$$

$$n=3, T(3) = T(2) + 3 = 6$$

$$n=4, T(4) = T(3) + 4 = 10$$

It be seen that the sum of first 'n' natural nos is involved.

$$\text{The sum of first 'n' natural nos} = n(n+1)/2$$

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

$$= T(n-2) + (n-1) + n$$

$$= T(n-3) + (n-2) + (n-1) + n$$

⋮

$$= T(1) + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$$

Therefore, the solution of the recurrence relation is  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$ .

- You can assume  $n^{1/2^k} = 2$  for some integers  $n \neq k$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=2 \\ T(\sqrt{n}) + c & \text{if } n>2 \end{cases}$$

Recursion Tree method can be used to solve the recurrence relation.

At each level recursion, we take the square root of the input size  $n$ .

Let 'c' be the cost of each level of recursion.

$T(n)$  is the cost at the root.

$T(\sqrt{n})$  is the cost at the next level and so on.

Until we reach the leaves at  $T(2)$  with cost 0

$$T(n) = c + T(\sqrt{n})$$

$$T(\sqrt{n}) = c + T(2)$$

$$T(2) = 0$$

Substituting  $T(2) = 0$  &  $T(\sqrt{n}) = c + T(2)$  in the first equation

$$\therefore T(n) = c + c + T(2\sqrt{n})$$

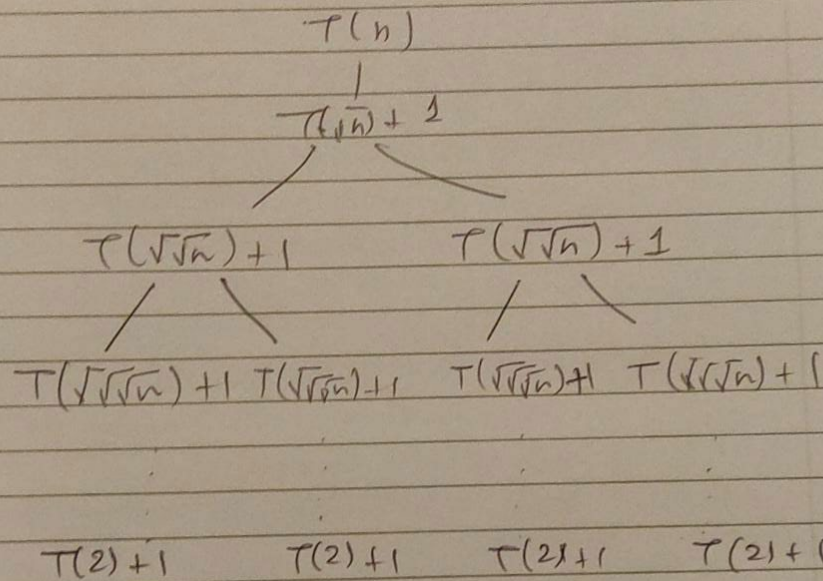
Continuing this process we get

$$T(n) = \log \log n * c + T(2)$$

Since  $T(2) = 0$

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

Here's what the tree would look like.





2. (6 points) Use Master method to solve  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$  and  $T(1)=1$ .

Handwritten solution for problem 2 on a spiral notebook. The page has a date line at the top right with slashes. The solution is written in black ink. It starts with the recurrence relation  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$  and  $T(1)=1$ . Then it identifies the parameters  $a=4$ ,  $b=2$ ,  $c=1$ , and  $k=2$ . It calculates  $b^k = 2^2 = 4$ . It then states that since  $a = b^k$ , the second case of the Master Theorem applies. The resulting time complexity is given as  $T(n) = \Theta(n^k \lg n)$  with  $k=2$ . Finally, it shows the simplified result  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \lg n)$  after crossing out an incorrect intermediate step  $T(n) = n^2 \lg$ .

2)  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$  &  $T(1)=1$ .

$a=4$  ,  $b=2$  ,  $c=1$  &  $k=2$

Calculating  $b^k = 2^2$   
 $b^k = 4$

As  $a = b^k$  , 2nd case of Master Theorem comes into picture.

$T(n) = \Theta(n^k \lg n)$   
as  $k=2$

~~$T(n) = n^2 \lg$~~

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

3. (10 points) Professor Caesar wishes to develop a matrix-multiplication algorithm that is asymptotically faster than Strassen's Algorithm. His algorithm will use divide-and-conquer method, dividing each matrix into pieces of size  $n/4 \times n/4$ , and the divide and combine steps together will take  $\theta(n^2)$  time. He needs to determine how many subproblems his algorithm has to create in order to beat Strassen's algorithm. If his algorithm creates  $a$  subproblems, then the recurrence for the running time  $T(n)$  becomes  $T(n) = aT(n/4) + \theta(n^2)$ . What is the largest integer value of  $a$  for which Professor Caesar's algorithm would be asymptotically faster than Strassen's algorithm?

- 3) The goal of Prof. Caesar is to develop a matrix-multiplication algorithm, as asymptotically faster than Strassen's algorithm.

The divide-and-conquer technique will be used by the algorithm, dividing each matrix into pieces of size  $n/4 \times n/4$ .

These divide-and-conquer steps will be taking  $\Theta(n^2)$  time.

For beating Strassen's algorithm, he needs to determine how many subproblems his algorithm has to create. Suppose his algorithm creates 'a' subproblems, then the recurrence for the running time becomes

$$T(n) = a T(n/4) + \cancel{\Theta(n^3)} \Theta(n^2)$$

Asymptotic running time of Strassen's Algorithm is

$$S(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg_2 7})$$

Using Master's Theorem for Caesar's algorithm.

$$b = 4 \quad k = 2 \quad \therefore b^k = 4^2 = 16$$

Now depending on 'a'

$$\Theta(n^2) \text{ if } a < 16 \quad (\text{beats Strassen's algo})$$

$$\Theta(n^2 \log n) \text{ if } a = 16 \quad (\text{also better than Strassen's})$$

$$\Theta(n^{\log_4 a}) \text{ if } a > 16$$

For this case we need that

$$\frac{\log a}{\log 4} < \frac{\log 7}{\log 2}$$

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$$\frac{\log a}{\log 7} < \log_2 2^2$$

$$\frac{\log a}{\log 7} < 2$$

$$\log a < \log 7^2$$

$$a < 49$$

The largest integer for  $a=48$ .