

**Solution:** (a) **Claim:** For  $a \geq \max(\frac{\gamma}{1-(c_1^2+c_2^2+c_3^2)}, 1)$ <sup>1</sup> and  $b = 0$ , and for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  
 $T(n) \leq an^2 + b$ .

**Proof. Base case:** For  $1 \leq n \leq \frac{1}{c_1}$ ,  $T(n) = 1 \leq an^2 + b$  for  $a \geq 1$  by definition.

**Inductive hypothesis:** Let  $n > \frac{1}{c_1}$ . Assume  $T(k) \leq ak^2 + b$  for all  $1 \leq k < n$ .

**Inductive step:**

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(\lfloor c_1 n \rfloor) + T(\lfloor c_2 n \rfloor) + T(\lfloor c_3 n \rfloor) + \gamma n^2 \\ &\leq a(\lfloor c_1 n \rfloor)^2 + a(\lfloor c_2 n \rfloor)^2 + a(\lfloor c_3 n \rfloor)^2 + 3b + \gamma n^2 && \text{by induction} \\ &\leq a(c_1 n)^2 + a(c_2 n)^2 + a(c_3 n)^2 + 3b + \gamma n^2 && \text{by definition of floor operation} \\ &\leq ((c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2)a + \gamma)n^2 + 3b \leq an^2 + b \end{aligned}$$

provided that

$$\begin{aligned} ((c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2)a + \gamma) \leq a &\iff a \geq \frac{\gamma}{1 - (c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2)} \\ 3b \leq b &\iff b = 0 \quad \text{since } b \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T(n) \leq an^2 + b$  for any  $a \geq \max(\frac{\gamma}{1-(c_1^2+c_2^2+c_3^2)}, 1)$  and  $b = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Thus,  
 $T(n) = O(n^2)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

(b) The asymptotic upper bound is determined by the rightmost leaf node of the recursion tree. The value of the node is  $c_3^k n$  where  $k$  is the depth.  $c_3^k n = 1$  since it's the leaf node, which gives  $k = \log_{\frac{1}{c_3}} n$ . Hence, the upper bound of the tree depth is  $\log_{\frac{1}{c_3}} n$ .

(c)  $a \geq \max(\frac{\gamma}{1-\sum_{i=1}^k c_i^2}, 1)$

The upper bound of the depth of the recursion tree is  $\log_{\frac{1}{c_k}} n$

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<sup>1</sup>For the induction step, the condition  $a \geq \frac{\gamma}{1-(c_1^2+c_2^2+c_3^2)}$  is sufficient, but  $a \geq 1$  is necessary for the base case where  $n = 1$ .

**Solution:** (a) **Claim:** For any  $w \in L_1$  with  $n = |w| \geq 0$ ,  $w \in L_{ee}$ .

*Proof. Base case:* For  $n = |w| = 0$ ,  $w = \epsilon$ .  $\#(0, \epsilon) = 0$  and  $\#(1, \epsilon) = 0$ . Since 0 is an even number,  $w \in L_{ee}$ .

**Inductive hypothesis:** Let  $n > 0$ . Assume that all strings  $x \in L_1$  with  $0 \leq |x| < n$  are in  $L_{ee}$ .

**Inductive step:** Let  $w$  be a string of length  $n$  in  $L_1$ . By the last property of  $L_1$ ,  $w$  can only be generated from a string  $z \in L_1$ . Consider the case where  $w$  is generated by inserting a 00 or 11 into some string  $z \in L_1$ . Then  $|z| = n - 2$ , which implies  $z \in L_{ee}$  by induction. Then  $z$  has even number of 0's and even number of 1's by definition of  $L_{ee}$ . Adding exactly two ones or zeros would still make an even number of 0's and 1's, therefore  $w \in L_2$  by definition. Consider the other case where  $w$  is generated by concatenating some string  $x \in L_1$  with 0101 or 1010. Then  $|x| = n - 4$ , which implies  $x \in L_{ee}$ . Then  $\#(0, x)$  and  $\#(1, x)$  are even.  $\#(0, w) = \#(0, x) + 2$  and  $\#(1, w) = \#(1, x) + 2$  are also even, therefore  $w \in L_{ee}$ . Since  $w \in L_1$  implies  $w \in L_{ee}$ ,  $L_1 \subseteq L_{ee}$ .

(b) **Claim:** For any  $w \in L_{ee}$  with  $n = |w| \geq 0$ ,  $w \in L_1$ .

*Proof. Base case:* For  $n = |w| = 0$ ,  $w = \epsilon$ ,  $\#(0, w) = \#(1, w) = 0$ . Since 0 is an even number,  $w \in L_{ee}$ . By definition,  $\epsilon \in L_1$ , therefore  $w \in L_1$ .

**Inductive hypothesis:** Let  $n > 0$ . Assume that all strings  $x \in L_{ee}$  with  $0 \leq |x| < n$  are in  $L_1$ .

**Inductive step:** Let  $w$  be a string of length  $n$  in  $L_{ee}$ . By definition, the number of 1's and the number of 0's in  $w$  are even. Consider the case where  $w$  contains at least two consecutive 1's or 0's. Then  $w$  can be written as  $x11y$  or  $x00y$ .  $xy \in L_{ee}$  because taking exactly 2 ones or zeros out of  $w$  would still make an even number of ones and zeros. Then  $xy \in L_1$  by induction. By definition of  $L_1$ ,  $xy \in L_1$  implies  $x00y \in L_1$  and  $x11y \in L_1$ , thus  $w \in L_1$ . Then consider the case where  $w$  does not contain two consecutive 1's or 0's. In this case  $w$  must be alternating 0's and 1's, and  $|w| \geq 4$  to ensure even number of 0's and 1's. Thus,  $w$  is in the form  $z0101$  or  $z1010$  where  $|z| = |w| - 4$ . Since  $\#(0, z) = \#(0, w) - 2$  and  $\#(1, z) = \#(1, w) - 2$ ,  $z$  must have even number of 1's and even number of 0's, therefore  $z \in L_{ee}$ , which implies  $z \in L_1$  by induction. By definition of  $L_1$ ,  $z \in L_1$  implies  $z0101 \in L_1$  and  $z1010 \in L_1$ , therefore  $w \in L_1$ . Since  $w \in L_{ee}$  implies  $w \in L_1$  in all cases,  $L_{ee} \subseteq L_1$ .

- (c) • A string in  $L_{eo} - L_2$ : 010  
•  $L' = 010(1010)^*$ .

*Proof.  $L' \subseteq L_{eo}$ :* For any  $w \in L'$ ,  $\#(0, w) = 2 + 2n$  which is even and  $\#(1, w) = 1 + 2n$  which is odd, where  $n$  is the number of 1010's after 010 in  $w$ , therefore  $w \in L_{eo}$ .  $L' \cap L_2 = \emptyset$ : Let  $w$  be an arbitrary string in  $L'$ . Assume  $w \in L_2$ . Then 010 must be in  $L_2$  since  $w$  can only be obtained by concatenating 010 with some number of 1010's by definition of  $L_2$ . However, 010 cannot be in  $L_2$  since it is not in the form  $x00y$  or  $x11y$  or  $x1010$  or  $x0101$ . Hence,  $w \in L'$  implies  $w \notin L_2$ .

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