

2.3

Section 2.2 describes a method for solving recurrence relations which is based on analyzing the recursion tree and deriving a formula for the work done at each level. Another (closely related) method is to expand out the recurrence a few times, until a pattern emerges. For instance, let's start with the familiar $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$. Think of $O(n)$ as being $\leq cn$ for some constant c , so: $T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + cn$. By repeatedly applying this rule, we can bound $T(n)$ in terms of $T(n/2)$, then $T(n/4)$, then $T(n/8)$, and so on, at each step getting closer to the value of $T(\cdot)$ we do know, namely $T(1) = O(1)$.

$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + cn \leq 2[2T(n/4) + cn/2] + cn = 4T(n/4) + 2cn \leq 4[2T(n/8) + cn/4] + 2cn = 8T(n/8) + 3cn \leq 8[2T(n/16) + cn/8] + 3cn = 16T(n/16) + 4cn$. A pattern is emerging... the general term is $T(n) \leq 2^k T(n/2^k) + kcn$. Plugging in $k = \log_2 n$, we get $T(n) \leq nT(1) + cn \log_2 n = O(n \log n)$.

(a) Do the same thing for the recurrence $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + O(n)$. What is the general k th term in this case? And what value of k should be plugged in to get the answer?

- because $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + O(n)$
- $T(n) \leq 3T(n/2) + cn \leq 3[3T(n/4) + \frac{cn}{2}] + cn = 9T(n/4) + \frac{3cn}{2} + cn \leq 9[3T(n/8) + \frac{cn}{4}] + \frac{3cn}{2} + cn = 27T(n/8) + \frac{3cn}{2} + cn + \frac{9cn}{4} \leq 27[3T(n/16) + \frac{cn}{8}] + \frac{3cn}{2} + cn + \frac{9cn}{4} = 81T(n/16) + \frac{3cn}{2} + cn + \frac{9cn}{4} + \frac{27cn}{8}$
- As we can see, The general k th term is $T(n) \leq 3^k T(n/2^k) + 2cn(\frac{3}{2}^{k-1})$
- k should be plugged is $k = \log_{\frac{3}{2}} n$, **Reason: n is power of b , and b is 2 in this question. the depth is $k = \log_{\frac{3}{2}} n$**

(b) Now try the recurrence $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(1)$, a case which is not covered by the master theorem. Can you solve this too?

- Because $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(1)$
- $T(2) = T(1) + O(1)$ $T(3) = T(2) + O(1) = T(1) + 2O(1)$ $T(4) = T(3) + O(1) = T(1) + 3O(1)$
- As we can see $T(n) = T(1) + (n-1)O(1)$
- because $O(1)$ is a constant, we can let $O(1)$ be c , then $T(n) = T(1) + c(n-1)$. Apparently $T(n) = O(n)$

2.5.

Solve the following recurrence relations and give a Θ bound for each of them.

- a. $T(n) = 2T(n/3) + 1$
 - $d=0$, $a=2$, $b=3$
 - $\log_{\frac{3}{2}} a = \log_{\frac{3}{2}} 2 > d$
 - $T(n) = O(n^{\log_{\frac{3}{2}} 2})$
- b. $T(n) = 5T(n/4) + n$

- $d=1$ $a=5$ $b=4$
 - $\log_b a = \log_4 5 > d$
 - $T(n) = O(n^{\log_4 5})$
- c. $T(n) = 7T(n/7) + n$
 - $d=1$ $a=7$ $b=7$
 - $\log_b a = 1 = d$
 - $T(n) = O(n \log n)$
- d. $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n^2$
 - $d=2$ $a=9$ $b=3$
 - $\log_b a = \log_3 9 = 2 = d$
 - $T(n) = O(n^2 \log n)$
- e. $T(n) = 8T(n/2) + n^3$
 - $d=3$ $a=8$ $b=2$
 - $\log_b a = \log_2 8 = 3 = d$
 - $T(n) = O(n^3 \log n)$
- f. $T(n) = 49T(n/25) + n^{\frac{3}{2} \log n}$
 - $d=3$, $a=49$, $b=25$, $f(n) = n^{\frac{3}{2} \log n}$
 - let's take $g(n) = n^{\frac{3}{2}} \leq f(n) = n^{\frac{3}{2} \log n}$
 - In this case $d=3/2$
 - $\log_b a = \log_{25} 49 < d = 3/2$
 - so if $g(n) = n^{\frac{3}{2}}$, Then $T(n) = O(n^{\frac{3}{2}})$
 - $n^{\frac{3}{2} \log n}$ has larger growth rate than $n^{\frac{3}{2}}$
 - So $T(n) = n^{\frac{3}{2} \log n}$
- g. $T(n) = T(n-1) + 2$
 - $T(2) = T(1) + 2$
 - $T(3) = T(2) + 2 = T(1) + 4$
 - $T(4) = T(3) + 2 = T(1) + 6$
 - $T(n) = T(1) + 2(n-1)$
 - As we can see $T(1)$ is a constant, $f(n) = 2(n-1)$ which has a larger growth rate
 - Then $T(n) = O(n)$
- h. $T(n) = T(n-1) + n^c$, where $c \geq 1$ is a constant
- $T(2) = T(1) + 2^c$
- $T(3) = T(2) + 3^c = T(1) + 2^c + 3^c$
- $T(4) = T(3) + 4^c = T(1) + 2^c + 3^c + 4^c$
- $T(k) = T(1) + 2^c + 3^c + 4^c + \dots + k^c$

- Apparently, every time when n increase by 1, there will be a $(n+1)^k$, so k^c determine the growth rate $T(n) = O(n^c)$

2.22

You are given two sorted lists of size m and n . Give an $O(\log m + \log n)$ time algorithm for computing the k th smallest element in the union of the two lists.

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#again, we can input our R code here.
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