

### Section 03: Asymptotic Analysis

#### Review Problems

##### 1. Code Analysis

For each of the following code blocks, what is the worst-case runtime? Give a big- $\Theta$  bound.

```

(a) public List<String> merge(DoubleLinkedList<String> list, int n) {
    List<String> result = new DoubleLinkedList<String>();
    for (String str : list) {
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            result.add(str);
        }
    }
    return result;
}

(b) public void foo(int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
            System.out.println("Hello!");
        }
    }
    for (int i = 1; j = 0; j = 2) {
        System.out.println("Hello!");
    }
}

(c) public int num(int n) {
    if (n <= 1) {
        return n;
    } else if (n < 1000) {
        return num(n - 3);
    } else {
        return num(n / 3);
    }
}

(d) public int foo(int n) {
    if (n <= 1) {
        return 1;
    }
    int x = foo(n - 1);
    System.out.println("Hello!");
    x = foo(x - 1);
    return x;
}
    
```

##### 2. Binary Search Trees

(a) Write a method validate to validate a BST. Although the basic algorithm can be converted to any data structure and work in any format, if it helps, you may write this method for the IntTree class:

```

public class IntTree {
    private IntTreeNode overallRoot;
    // constructors and other methods omitted for clarity

    private class IntTreeNode {
        public int data;
        public IntTreeNode left;
        public IntTreeNode right;
        // constructors omitted for clarity
    }
}
    
```

#### Section Problems

##### 3. Modeling recursive functions

(a) Consider the following method.

```

public static int f(int n) {
    if (n <= 0) {
        return 0;
    }
    int result = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
            result++;
        }
    }
    return 5 * (n / 2) + 3 + result + 2 * (n / 3);
}
    
```

(i) Find a recurrence  $T(n)$  modeling the worst case runtime of  $f(n)$ . Hint: You may need to use Gauss's summation identity (see the last page).

(ii) Find a recurrence  $H(n)$  modeling the returned integer output of  $f(n)$ .

*Handwritten notes:*  
 $T(n) = \begin{cases} C_1 & \text{if } n=0 \\ \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + 2 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) & \text{else} \end{cases}$   
 Recursion tree diagram showing levels  $i=0$  to  $i=n-1$  with work per node  $1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .  
 Gauss's formula:  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

(b) Consider the following method.

```

public static int g(n) {
    if (n <= 1) {
        return 1000;
    }
    if (g(n / 3) > 5) {
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            System.out.println("Hello!");
        }
        return 5 + g(n / 3);
    } else {
        for (int i = 0; i < n + n; i++) {
            System.out.println("Hello!");
        }
        return 4 + g(n / 3);
    }
}
    
```

(i) Find a recurrence  $S(n)$  modeling the worst-case runtime of  $g(n)$ .

(ii) Find a recurrence  $X(n)$  modeling the returned integer output of  $g(n)$ .

(iii) Find a recurrence  $P(n)$  modeling the printed output of  $g(n)$ .

(c) Consider the following set of recursive methods.

```

public int test(int n) {
    Dictionary<Integer, Integer> dict = new AvDictionary<>();
    populate(n, dict);
    int counter = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        counter += dict.get(i);
    }
    return counter;
}

private void populate(int k, Dictionary<Integer, Integer> dict) {
    if (k == 0) {
        dict.put(k, k);
    } else {
        for (int i = 0; i < k; i++) {
            dict.put(i, 1);
        }
        populate(k / 2, dict);
    }
}
    
```

(i) Write a mathematical function representing the worst-case runtime of test.

You should write two functions, one for the runtime of test and one for the runtime of populate.

#### 4. Master Theorem

For each of the recurrences below, use the Master Theorem to find the big- $\Theta$  of the closed form or explain why Master Theorem doesn't apply. (See the last page for the definition of Master Theorem.)

(a)  $T(n) = \begin{cases} 15 & \text{if } n \leq 5 \\ 27(n/4) + n^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(b)  $T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ 19(n/3) + n^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(c)  $T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ \log(n)T(n/2) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(d)  $T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq 19 \\ 17(n/3) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(e)  $T(n) = \begin{cases} 5 & \text{if } n \leq 24 \\ 27(n-2) + 5n^3 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

#### 5. Tree method walk-through

Consider the following recurrence:  $A(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ 3A(n/6) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

We want to find an exact closed form of this equation by using the tree method. Suppose we draw out the total work done by this method as a tree, as discussed in lecture. Let  $n$  be the initial input to  $A$ .

(a) What is the size of the input at level  $i$  (as in class, call the root level 0)?

(b) What is the number of nodes at level  $i$ ?

(c) What is the total work at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  recursive level?

(d) What is the last level of the tree?

(e) What is the work done in the base case?

(f) Combine your answers from previous parts to get an expression for the total work.

*Handwritten notes:*  
 Tree diagram showing levels  $i=0$  to  $i=\log_6 n$ .  
 Total work expression:  $\sum_{i=0}^{\log_6 n - 1} 3^i \times \frac{n}{6^i} + 3 \log_6 n$   
 Part d:  $\frac{n}{6^i} = 1 \Rightarrow \log_6 n = i$

(g) Simplify to a closed form.

Note: you do not need to simplify your answer, once you found the closed form. Hint: You should use the finite geometric series identity somewhere while finding a closed form.

(h) Use the master theorem to find a big- $\Theta$  bound of  $A(n)$ . (See the last page for the definition of Master Theorem.)

#### 6. More tree method recurrences

For each of the following recurrences, find their closed form using the tree method. Then, check your answer using the master method (if applicable). It may be a useful guide to use the steps from section 4 of this handout to help you with all the parts of solving a recurrence problem fully.

(a)  $T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 3 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(b)  $S(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 23(n-1) + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(c)  $Z(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 87(n/2) + 4n^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

#### Food for Thought

##### 7. TreeMap implemented as a Binary Search Tree

Consider the following method, which is a part of a Binary Search Tree implementation of a TreeMap class.

```

public V find(K key) {
    return find(this.root, key);
}

private V find(Node<K, V> current, K key) {
    if (current == null) {
        return null;
    }
    if (current.key.equals(key)) {
        return current.value;
    }
    if (current.key.compareTo(key) > 0) {
        return find(current.left, key);
    }
    else {
        return find(current.right, key);
    }
}
    
```

(a) We want to analyze the runtime of our find(x) method in the best possible case and the worst possible case. What does our tree look like in the best possible case? In the worst possible case?

(b) Write a recurrence to represent the worst-case runtime for find(x) in terms of  $n$ , the number of elements contained within our tree. Then, provide a  $\Theta$  bound.

(c) Assuming we have an optimally structured tree, write a recurrence for the runtime of find(x) (again in terms of  $n$ ). Then, provide a  $\Theta$  bound.

#### Challenge Problems

##### 8. Modeling recursive functions

Consider the following recursive function. You may assume that the input will be a multiple of 3.

```

public int test(int n) {
    if (n <= 3) {
        return 2;
    }
    int curr = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        curr += 1;
    }
    return curr + test(n - 3);
}
    
```

(a) Write a recurrence modeling the worst-case runtime of test.

(b) Unfold the recurrence into a summation (for  $n \geq 6$ ).

(c) Simplify the summation into a closed form (for  $n \geq 6$ ).

##### 9. Recurrences

For the following recurrence, use the unfolding method to first convert the recurrence into a summation. Then, find a big- $\Theta$  bound on the function in terms of  $n$ . Assume all division operations are integer division.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 27(n/3) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### Master Theorem

For recurrences in this form, where  $a, b, c, e$  are constants:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } n \leq c \\ dT(n/b) + e \cdot n^c & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$T(n)$  is  $\begin{cases} \Theta(n^c) & \text{if } \log_b(a) < c \\ \Theta(n^c \log n) & \text{if } \log_b(a) = c \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)}) & \text{if } \log_b(a) > c \end{cases}$

#### Useful summation identities

**Splitting a sum**  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n (x+y) = \sum_{i=1}^n x + \sum_{i=1}^n y$

**Adjusting summation bounds**  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x) + \sum_{i=n}^n f(x)$

**Factoring out a constant**  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n c \cdot f(i) = c \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n f(i)$

**Sum of squares**  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

**Finite geometric series**  
 $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r^i = \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1}$

**Infinite geometric series**  
 $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} r^i = \frac{1}{1-r}$  (Note: applicable only when  $-1 < r < 1$ )

#### Quickcheck 03: Analysis

Your friend used summation to make a model for the running time of one of their functions. Simplify their summation into a final (exact) closed form. Then determine what the big- $\Theta$  of the function is.

Here is a list of identities that may be useful:

**Manipulating Sums:**  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n (x+y) = \sum_{i=1}^n x + \sum_{i=1}^n y$   
 $\sum_{i=1}^n f(i) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(i) - \sum_{i=1}^0 f(i)$   
 $\sum_{i=1}^n c \cdot f(i) = c \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n f(i)$

**Geometric Series Identities:**  
 $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r^i = \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1}$   
 $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} r^i = \frac{1}{1-r}$  if  $-1 < r < 1$

**Other Common Summations:**  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$   
 $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$   
 $\sum_{i=1}^n c = cn$

*Handwritten work for problem A:*  

$$A) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (6i^2 - 3)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 6i^2 - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 3$$

$$= 6 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i^2 - 3 \cdot n$$

$$= 6 \cdot \left[ \frac{n(n-1)(2n-1)}{6} \right] - 3n$$

**Another question**

Do you have any questions about this course? It could be about policy, content, instructors, TA's, etc.

*Handwritten work for problem B:*  

$$B) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{2^i}{n}$$

*Handwritten work for problem C:*  

$$C) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 1$$