# Recurrences, Master Theorem, tree and table method, write the recurrence for recursive functions.

Conventions: When giving answers (online):

- Do NOT put any spaces in your answers
- For level TC (time complexity) give the answer in the form: number\_of\_nodes\*1\_node\_TC without any spaces.
   E.g. the tree for the recurrence T(n) = 4T(n/2) + cn has at level TC at level t: 4<sup>t</sup>\*c(n/2<sup>t</sup>) where 4<sup>t</sup> is the number of nodes per level and c(n/2<sup>t</sup>) is the TC of one node at level t.

## P1. Given the recurrences

- a. T(N) = 3\*T(N/5) + N + IgN
- b.  $T(N) = 4*T(N/2) + \sqrt{N}$
- c.  $T(N) = 6*T(N/5) + N^3$
- d. T(N) = 6\*T(N/5) + 7

Find their O time complexity with the tree method. <u>You must show the tree and fill out the table like we</u> <u>did in class.</u>

Find their  $\Theta$  time complexity with the Master Theorem method.

**P2.** Solve the recurrence T(n) = 2T(n-3)+c, where T(n) = c for all  $n \le 3$ .

**P3.** Can you solve the recurrence:  $T(n) = T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) + T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) + cn$  with base cases T(N) = c for  $N \le 13$  ? Here the symbols  $\lfloor - \rfloor$ ,  $\lceil - \rceil$  indicate rounded and down and rounded up.

**P4. (6 points)** A recursive algorithm for processing arrays works as follows: it first does some processing which takes N<sup>2</sup> and allows it to split the array in 3 equal parts. Next the algorithm applies itself again to each one of those smaller arrays.

If the array has 0, 1, or 2 elements the algorithm executes 5 instructions and finishes. Give the recurrence formula (including the base case) for this algorithm.

P5. (Exam 1, Fall 15, 002) (5 points) Is anything wrong with the following recurrence definition?

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g(0) = N
g(N) = g(N-1) + c
P6.(Exam 1, Fall 15, 002)
int foo(int * array, int N) {
    if (N == 0) return 0;
    int result = 0;
    int b, c;
    for (b = 0; b < N/4; b++)
       for (c = N; c > 1 ; c = c/2)
           result = result + array[b] * array[c];
    return result + foo(array, N-1);
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Give the recurrence formula (including the base case).

#### P7. Short answer.

- a) (5pts) Can you apply the master theorem for the recurrence T(n) = 4T(n-2) + cn? Justify. (E2,Fall 18)
- b) (6 pts) Consider the tree for the recurrence T(n) = 4T(n/2) + cn. Fill in the answers regarding the tree for this recurrence:

Any internal node has \_\_\_\_\_ children.

The **problem size** for a node on level 3 is \_\_\_\_\_ (where the root is at level 0).

The **TC of a single** node on level 3 is \_\_\_\_\_ (where the root is at level 0).

The **last level** is (if the answer involves a log, indicate the base for it) : k = \_\_\_\_\_

How many nodes will the tree have at level t ? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Level TC at some level t?\_\_\_\_\_

- c) (5 pts) Give a recurrence formula that will result in a tree that has the last level: k = N/4
- d) *This problem if not covered in Fall 2020.* (4 pts) Mark (with X) the correct statement about the Tree (and table) method for solving recurrences as done in class:

\_\_\_\_\_ it computes an estimate of the time complexity (but it does not completely prove it)

- \_\_\_\_\_ it computes and mathematically proves the correct answer.
- e) (5 pts) Consider the recurrence: T(N) = T(N-7)+c. Assume the first applicable value for N is 0 (i.e. assume it is never applied to negative values).

How many base case(s) does this problem have? (2pts) : \_\_\_\_\_\_

List the values of N for the base case (3pts) : \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### f) T/F: 3^{log\_2(N)} = N

**P8.** (10pts) Can you use the **Master theorem** to solve the recurrence: **T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n** ? If yes, solve it with this method (make sure you indicate the case give the value for  $\epsilon$  where needed and use limit theorem for  $\Theta/\Theta/\Omega$ ). If no, show why you cannot use it.

## T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n

**P9.** (8 pts) Write a recursive function that has the recurrence formula (for time complexity): T(N) = 2\*T(N/3) + cN and base cases: T(N) = c (for all N≤2).

**P10.** (30 pts) Use the tree method to compute the  $\Theta$  time complexity for T(N) = 4T(N/4) + cN with T(1) = c.

Fill in the table below and finish the computations outside of it:

Level	Argument/ Problem size	Cost of one node	Nodes per level	Cost of whole level
0				
1				
2				
1				
<b>k=</b> Leaf level. Write k as a function of N.				

Total tree cost calculation: .....

T(N) = Θ(.....)

Draw the tree.-Show **levels 0,1 and 2.** (Show just a few nodes at level 2) Show the problem size T(...) as a label next to the node and inside the node show the local cost (cost of one node) as done in class.

# EXTRA: topic induction method (not covered and not required for test or quiz)

PExtra1. Use the substitution method (induction) to show that  $T(N) = 2T(N/2) + N^3$  is  $O(N^3)$ . Let T(0)=4.

PExtra2. CLRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (textbook)

- a. Reminder: The book calls 'substitution method' what we called 'induction method'.
- b. Page 87: 4.3-1 Consider every one of the three methods. Can you apply it? If yes, solve with that method, if no, explain why.
- c. Page 87, 4.3-7
- d. page 92, 4.4-1, 4.4-2, 4.4-3 (NOT with the tree on the given recurrence. Instead, use a similar but easier recursion, and guess it with the Master theorem or the tree and prove it with induction).
- e. page 96, 4.5-1 (This only requires Master Theorem)