

The Introduction to Algorithms text has some exercises on page 106 (specifically 4.5-1). In addition, I have made up a few below.

Use the Master Theorem to find  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $f(n)$ , and the complexity of a function. In all cases the function being analyzed takes an array of size  $n$  as its parameter. Simplify all logarithms as far as possible.

**Theorem 4.1 (Master theorem)**

Let  $a > 0$  and  $b > 1$  be constants, and let  $f(n)$  be a driving function that is defined and nonnegative on all sufficiently large reals. Define the recurrence  $T(n)$  on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  by

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n),$$

where  $aT(n/b)$  actually means  $a'T(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a''T(\lceil n/b \rceil)$  for some constants  $a' \geq 0$  and  $a'' \geq 0$  satisfying  $a = a' + a''$ . Then the asymptotic behavior of  $T(n)$  can be characterized as follows:

1. If there exists a constant  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .
2. If there exists a constant  $k \geq 0$  such that  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^k n)$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^{k+1} n)$ .
3. If there exists a constant  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ , and if  $f(n)$  additionally satisfies the **regularity condition**  $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$  for some constant  $c < 1$  and all sufficiently large  $n$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ . ■

1. The function that takes an array of size  $n$  and does three recursive calls each on 25% of the array. The other work done in the function is a single for loop that runs through the input array one time and does one operation to each array element.
2. The function that takes an array of size  $n$  and does three recursive calls each on 25% of the array. The other work done in the function is all constant time.
3. The function that takes an array of size  $n$  and does four recursive calls each on 25% of the array. The other work done in the function is a single for loop that runs through the input array one time and does one operation to each array element.
4. The function that takes an array of size  $n$  and does four recursive calls each on 25% of the array. The other work done in the function is all constant time.
5. The function that takes an array of size  $n$  and does two recursive calls each on 25% of the array. The other work done in the function is a single for loop that runs through the input array one time and does one operation to each array element.
6. The function that takes an array of size  $n$  and does two recursive calls each on 25% of the array. The other work done in the function is all constant time.
7. The function that takes an array of size  $n$  and does four recursive calls each on 20% of the array. The other work done in the function is two *nested* for loops. The first runs through the entire array ( $i$  from 0 to  $n - 1$ ), and the second runs from  $i$  to the end of the array ( $j$  from  $i$  to  $n - 1$ ).

8. The function that takes an array of size  $n$  and does four recursive calls each on 20% of the array. The other work done in the function is a single for loop that runs through the input array one time and does one operation to each array element.
9. The function that takes an array of size  $n$  and does seven recursive calls each on 20% of the array. The other work done in the function is a single for loop that runs through the input array one time and does one operation to each array element.