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COSC 3320: Algorithms and Data Structures
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Homework 3

Due February 25, at the start of class

1. Consider the following recurrence relation, and assume n to be a power of four.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 2T(n/4) + \sqrt{n} & \text{if } n = 4^d, d > 0. \end{cases}$$

   (a) Apply the Master Theorem to have an asymptotic bound for $T(n)$.

   (b) Determine the exact value of $T(n)$ using the unfolding technique.

   (c) Prove by induction the correctness of the above solution.

   (d) Verify that the above solution is coherent with the asymptotic bound obtained in (a).

2. Consider the following recurrence relation, and assume n to be a power of four.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{n} & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 4T(n/4) + n/2 & \text{if } n = 4^d, d > 0. \end{cases}$$

   (a) Draw the recursion tree for $n = 16$.

   (b) Determine the number of levels of the recursion tree, and the total cost associated to each level.

   (c) From (b), determine the exact value of $T(n)$.

3. Consider the following recurrence relation, and assume n to be a power of two.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } n \in \{1, 2\}, \\ T(n/2) + T(n/4) + n & \text{if } n = 2^d, d > 1. \end{cases}$$

   (a) Draw the recursion tree for $n = 32$.

   (b) Determine the number ℓ of levels of the recursion tree, and an upper bound to the total cost associated to level i, with $0 \le i < \ell$.

   (c) From (b), determine an upper bound to $T(n)$, and argue that this bound is asymptotically tight.

4. Let $S = S[0], S[1], \ldots, S[n-1]$ be a sequence of n elements on which a total order relation is defined. An *inversion* in S is a pair of elements $S[i], S[j]$ such that $S[i] > S[j]$ and $i < j$. Give a recursive algorithm that determines the number of inversions in S in time $O(n \log n)$. (Hint: adapt the Merge-Sort strategy.)