

22C:44 Midterm 1

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Notes: (a) All problems carry equal weight. (b) Show all your working. (c) Feel free to consult your notes and books.

1. Solve the recurrence

$$\begin{aligned} T(2) &= 1 \\ T(n) &\leq T(n/10) + T(9n/10) + n, \quad \text{for all } n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

by using the substitution method with the guess $T(n) \leq cn \lg n$.

2. Analyze the following function to determine its running time as a function of n . Express your answer in Θ -notation.

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printHello(n) {
    s ← 1;
    for i ← 1 to n do {
        u ← ⌊ n/s ⌋;
        for j ← 1 to u do
            print ‘‘Hello‘‘;
        s ← 2 s;
    }
}
```

3. The input is an array of n elements that contains 10 distinct elements, each appearing $n/10$ times. Modify **Partition** so that **QuickSort** runs in *worst case time* of $O(n \lg n)$. Set up a recurrence for the worst case running time of **QuickSort** and using this prove that the worst case running time of **QuickSort** is indeed $O(n \lg n)$.
Note: It is acceptable (in fact, preferable) if you describe your modification to **Partition** in words, rather than in code. In any case, you should try to make your main idea clear.
4. In class we studied *binary heaps*, that is, heaps in which each node has 2 children. Binary heaps can be extended to d -ary heaps, that is, heaps in which each node has d children. How would you represent a d -ary heap in an array? If a node is in slot i , which slots would its d children occupy?
5. The problem is to find the median in an array of n elements, given that the median occurs $n/10$ times. For this problem, your friend suggests the following simple, randomized algorithm:

Step 1 Pick an element x at random, uniformly from among the n elements in the array.

Step 2 Check whether x is a median. If it is, stop. Otherwise, repeat the process starting with Step 1.

Analyze this algorithm to determine its expected running time.
