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(10 points) Suppose we have a function  $g$  defined (for  $n$  a power of 2) by

$$\begin{aligned} g(1) &= 3 \\ g(n) &= 4g(n/2) + n \text{ for } n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Your partner has already figured out that

$$g(n) = 4^k g(n/2^k) + \sum_{p=0}^{k-1} n2^p$$

Finish finding the closed form for  $g(n)$  assuming that  $n$  is a power of 2. Show your work and simplify your answer. Recall that  $\log_b n = (\log_a n)(\log_b a)$ .

**Solution:** To find the value of  $k$  at the base case, set  $n/2^k = 1$ . Then  $n = 2^k$ , so  $k = \log_2 n$ . Notice also that  $4^{\log_2 n} = 4^{\log_4 n \log_4 2} = n^2$ .

Substituting this into the above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} g(n) &= 4^k g(n/2^k) + n \sum_{p=0}^{k-1} 2^p \\ &= 4^{\log_2 n} \cdot 3 + n \sum_{p=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} 2^p \\ &= 3n^2 + n(2^{\log_2 n} - 1) \\ &= 3n^2 + n(n - 1) \end{aligned}$$

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1. (8 points) Suppose we have a function  $g$  defined (for  $n$  a power of 3) by

$$\begin{aligned} g(9) &= 5 \\ g(n) &= 3g(n/3) + n \text{ for } n \geq 27 \end{aligned}$$

Your partner has already figured out that

$$g(n) = 3^k g(n/3^k) + kn$$

Finish finding the closed form for  $g$ . Show your work and simplify your answer.

**Solution:**

To find the value of  $k$  at the base case, set  $n/3^k = 9$ . Then  $n = 3^{k+2}$ , so  $k + 2 = \log_3 n$ , so  $k + 2 = \log_3 n - 2$ . Substituting this into the above, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} g(n) &= 3^{\log_3 n - 2} g(9) + (\log_3 n - 2)n \\ &= 3^{\log_3 n} 3^{-2} 5 + n \log_3 n - 2n \\ &= \frac{5}{9}n + n \log_3 n - 2n = n \log_3 n - \frac{15}{9}n \end{aligned}$$

2. (2 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

The number of nodes in the  
4-dimensional hypercube  $Q_4$

4

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1. (8 points) Suppose we have a function  $g$  defined (for  $n$  a power of 2) by

$$\begin{aligned} g(1) &= c \\ g(n) &= 4g(n/2) + n \text{ for } n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Express  $g(n)$  in terms of  $g(n/2^3)$  (where  $n \geq 8$ ). Show your work and simplify your answer.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} g(n) &= 4g(n/2) + n \\ &= 4(4g(n/2^2) + n/2) + n \\ &= 4(4(4g(n/2^3) + n/2^2) + n/2) + n \\ &= 4^3g(n/2^3) + n(2^2 + 2 + 1) \\ &= 4^3g(n/2^3) + 7n \end{aligned}$$

2. (2 points) Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is such that  $f(n) = n!$ . Give a recursive definition of  $f$

**Solution:**

$f(0) = 1$ , and  $f(n) = nf(n-1)$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

You could also have used  $f(n+1) = (n+1)f(n)$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

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(10 points) Suppose we have a function  $F$  defined (for  $n$  a power of 3) by

$$\begin{aligned} F(1) &= 5 \\ F(n) &= 3F(n/3) + 7 \text{ for } n \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

Your partner has already figured out that

$$F(n) = 3^k F(n/3^k) + 7 \sum_{p=0}^{k-1} 3^p$$

Finish finding the closed form for  $F$ . Show your work and simplify your answer. Recall the following useful closed form (for  $r \neq 1$ ):  $\sum_{k=0}^n r^k = \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1}$

**Solution:**

To find the value of  $k$  at the base case, set  $n/3^k = 1$ . Then  $n = 3^k$ , so  $k = \log_3 n$ . Substituting this into the above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} F(n) &= 3^{\log_3 n} \cdot 5 + 7 \sum_{p=0}^{\log_3 n - 1} 3^p \\ &= 5n + 7 \frac{3^{\log_3 n} - 1}{3 - 1} \\ &= 5n + 7 \frac{n - 1}{3 - 1} = 5n + \frac{7(n - 1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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1. (8 points) Suppose we have a function  $f$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= f(1) = 3 \\ f(n) &= 5f(n-2) + d, \text{ for } n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $d$  is a constant. Express  $f(n)$  in terms of  $f(n-6)$  (where  $n \geq 6$ ). Show your work and simplify your answer.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 5f(n-2) + d \\ &= 5(5f(n-4) + d) + d \\ &= 5(5(5f(n-6) + d) + d) + d \\ &= 5^3 f(n-6) + (25 + 5 + 1)d \\ &= 5^3 f(n-6) + 31d \end{aligned}$$

2. (2 points) Suppose that  $G_0$  is the graph consisting of a single vertex. Also suppose that the graph  $G_n$  consists of a copy of  $G_{n-1}$  plus an extra vertex  $v$  and edges joining  $v$  to each vertex in  $G_{n-1}$ . Give a clear picture or precise description of  $G_4$ .

**Solution:** This is a recursive construction of all the complete graphs, except for the indexing being off by one. So  $G_4$  is just  $K_5$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} g(1) &= c \\ g(n) &= 2g(n/4) + n \text{ for } n \geq 4 \end{aligned}$$

Your partner has already figured out that

$$g(n) = 2^k g(n/4^k) + n \sum_{p=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{2^p}$$

Finish finding the closed form for  $f(n)$  assuming that  $n$  is a power of 4. Show your work and simplify your answer. Recall that  $\log_b n = (\log_a n)(\log_b a)$ .

**Solution:** To find the value of  $k$  at the base case, set  $n/4^k = 1$ . Then  $n = 4^k$ , so  $k = \log_4 n$ . Notice also that  $2^{\log_4 n} = 2^{\log_2 n \log_2 4} = n^{1/2} = \sqrt{n}$

Substituting this into the above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} g(n) &= 2^{\log_4 n} \cdot c + n \sum_{p=0}^{\log_4 n - 1} \frac{1}{2^p} \\ &= 2^{\log_4 n} \cdot c + n \left( 2 - \frac{1}{2^{\log_4 n - 1}} \right) \\ &= c\sqrt{n} + n \left( 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \\ &= c\sqrt{n} + 2n - 2\sqrt{n} \\ &= 2n - (c - 2)\sqrt{n} \end{aligned}$$