

## Problem Set 2:

*Recurrences and Divide and Conquer*

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**Due: Thursday, January 23, 2014, at the beginning of class**

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1. Solve the following recurrences, showing your work. Assume  $T(1) = 1$  in all cases. Give your answers in  $\Theta$  notation.
  - a.  $T(n) = 4T(n/3) + \sqrt[3]{n}$
  - b.  $T(n) = 4T(n/3) + n\sqrt[3]{n}$
  - c.  $T(n) = 4T(n/3) + (n^{\log_3 4}) \log_3 n$
  - d.  $T(n) = T(\sqrt{n}) + 1$  [Hint: consider change of variable, as discussed on page 86.]
2. Use Strassen's algorithm to compute the following matrix product. Show your work.
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
3. What is the largest  $k$  such that if you can multiply  $3 \times 3$  matrices using  $k$  multiplications (not assuming commutativity of multiplication), then you can multiply  $n \times n$  matrices in time  $o(n^{\lg 7})$ ? What would the running time of the algorithm be? Show your work. [Hint: Make use of the master method to reason about this problem.]