



Analysis of Regular Sequences: Summatory Functions and Divide-and-Conquer Recurrences

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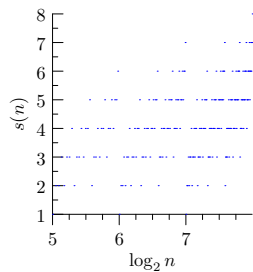
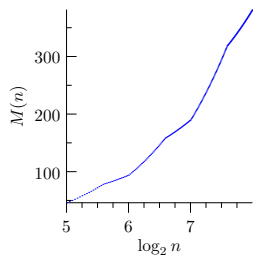
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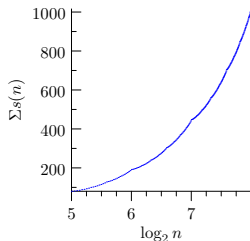
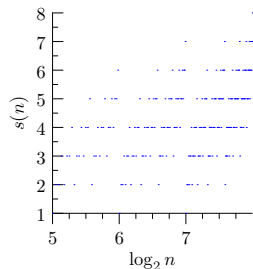
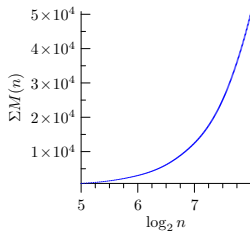
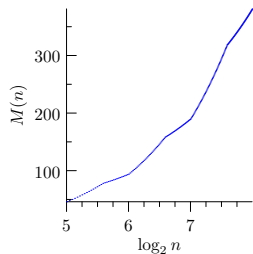
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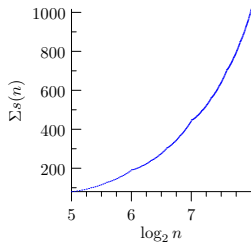
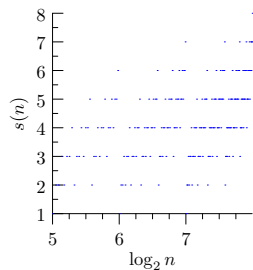
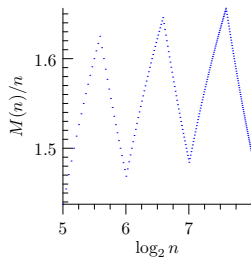
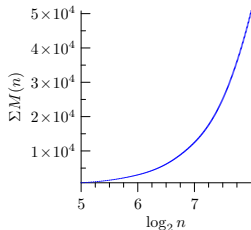
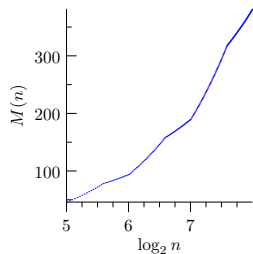
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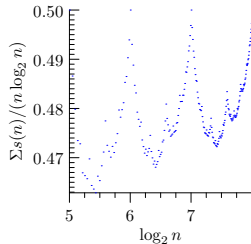
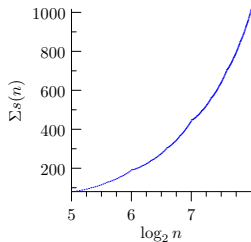
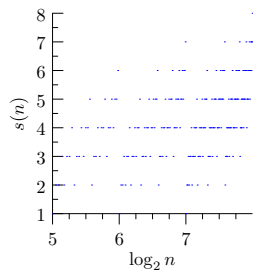
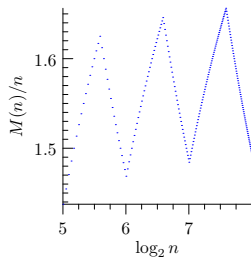
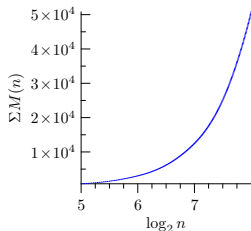
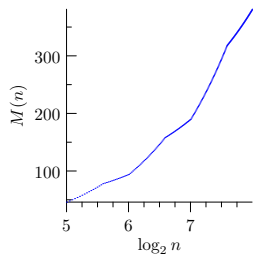
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Spoilers

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- 2 For divide & conquer sequences

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Question: Relation to “our” result?

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Dimension 1 (plus dimension of linear representation of g):
particularly simple.

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$$x(n) = n^k (\log n) \Phi(\{\log_2 n\}) + n^k \Psi(\{\log_2 n\}) \\ + O(n^{\log_2 \max\{\alpha, \beta\} + [\alpha = \beta] \varepsilon})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} x(n) = & n^k \Phi(\{\log_2 n\}) + n^{\log_2(\alpha+\beta)} \Psi(\{\log_2 n\}) \\ & + O\left(n^{\log_2 \max\{\alpha, \beta, 2^{k-1}\} + [\max\{\alpha, \beta\} = 2^{k-1}] \varepsilon} \right. \\ & \left. \times (\log n)^{[\max\{\alpha, \beta\} < 2^{k-1}]} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$x(n) = n^k \Phi(\{\log_2 n\}) + O(n^{k-1}(\log n)^E),$$

where

$$E := 1 + [\alpha + \beta = 2^{k-1}]([k \geq 2 \text{ and } c_{k-1} \neq 0] \\ + [k = 1 \text{ and } d_0 + d_1 \neq 0])$$

with

$$d_0 := (1 - \beta)x(1) - g(1) + g(0), \quad d_1 := g(1) - (1 - \beta)x(1).$$

Min-Max: Fourier Coefficients

Computing Fourier coefficients using the general result ...

