

Datastructures and Algorithms

Recurrence Equations, Induction, Master Method, Runtime Analysis

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Functions

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- Due to time constraints, we're not going to go over this exam question again, but you're probably going to be able to solve it after this session

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Any questions regarding **code expert** on your part?

→ Prefix sum in 2D:

terrible description since
it only mentions 1 factor!
(no word about the other)

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- Be able to solve "rank-by-complexity" tasks
- Be able to set up *recurrence equations* from Code Snippets
- Be able to solve *recurrence equations* and solution's correctness

4. Summary

Getting on the same page

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Prove or disprove the following statements, where $f, g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$.

✓(a) $f \in \mathcal{O}(g)$ if and only if $g \in \Omega(f)$.

✓(e) $\log_a(n) \in \Theta(\log_b(n))$ for all constants $a, b \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$

✗(g) If $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{O}(g)$ and $f(n) := f_1(n) \cdot f_2(n)$, then $f \in \mathcal{O}(g)$.

$\Theta(\log(n))$

$\mathcal{O}(n)$

$$\begin{array}{l} f_1 = n \\ f_2 = 3n \end{array} \rightarrow f = f_1 \cdot f_2 = 3n^2 \notin \mathcal{O}(n)$$

$$g(n) = n$$

$$f_1, f_2 = 1$$

$$f_2 = n \in \mathcal{O}(n)$$

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Solution: 2^{16} , $\log(n^4)$, $\log^8(n)$, \sqrt{n} , $n \log n$, $\binom{n}{3}$, $n^5 + n$, $\frac{2^n}{n^2}$, $n!$, n^n .

$$4 \log(n) < (\log(n))^8$$

$n \cdot \log(n)$

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for $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$:¹

$$c = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$n^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{n}$$

$c, \log \log n, \log^c n, \sqrt{n}, n, n \log n, n^c, c^n, n!, n^n$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! \cdot (n-k)!} \in \Theta(n^k), \quad \log(n!) \in \Theta(n \log n)$$

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6. Analyse the running time of (recursive) Functions

How many calls to $f()$?

```
for(unsigned i = 1; i <= n/3; i += 3)
  for(unsigned j = 1; j <= i; ++j)
    f();
```

Handwritten annotations: A red bracket on the left groups the entire code block. A red arrow points to the $n/3$ term in the first for loop. A red circle highlights the $f();$ call. A red bracket on the right groups the inner loop and the $f();$ call.

$$\frac{n}{3} \cdot n \cdot 1 = \dots n^2$$

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The code fragment implies $\Theta(n^2)$ calls to $f()$: the outer loop is executed $n/9$ times and the inner loop contains i calls to $f()$

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    for(unsigned k = 1; k <= n; k *= 2)  
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}
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$\sigma(n)$

$\sigma(1)$

$\sigma(\log(n))$

" $\sigma(n) \cdot (\sigma(1) + \sigma(\log(n)))$ "

$\rightarrow \sigma(n \log(n))$

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The second inner loop contains $\lfloor \log_2(n) \rfloor + 1$ calls to $f()$. Summing up yields $\Theta(n \log(n))$ calls.

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$T(n)$: # calls to f()

```
void g(unsigned n) {  
  if (n>0){  
    g(n-1);  
    f();  
  }  
}
```

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n-1) + 1 \\ &= T(n-2) + 1 + 1 \\ &= T(n-2) + \underline{2} \\ &\vdots \\ &= T(0) + \dots \\ &= 0 + n \\ &\in \Theta(n) \end{aligned}$$

sub.
clean up.

n {

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```

```
// n = 2^k  $\leftrightarrow$   $\log_2(n) = k$ 
```

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```
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$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1 + 1$$

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2$$

$$\log(n) + 1 = k + 1$$

$$= T(0) + \boxed{k + 1} \quad \parallel k = \log_2 n$$

$$= 0 + \log_2(n) + 1$$

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rec. eq.

proof by Ind.
Master Method

$$M(2^k) = \begin{cases} 2 + 2M(2^{k-1}) & k \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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"closed form"
↳ pr

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Hypothesis: $T(n) = 2^n$.

Induction step:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 1 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i \\ &= 1 + 2^n - 1 = 2^n \end{aligned}$$

How many calls to $f()$?

```
void g(unsigned n) {  
    for (unsigned i = 0; i < n ; ++i) {  
        g(i)  
    }  
    f();  
}
```

You can also see it directly:

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 1 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T(i) \\ \Rightarrow T(n-1) &= 1 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} T(i) \\ \Rightarrow T(n) &= T(n-1) + T(n-1) = 2T(n-1)\end{aligned}$$

7. Solving Simple Recurrence Equations

Recurrence Equation

$$\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + \frac{n}{2} + 1 \\ 3 \end{matrix}} \right\} T(n) = \begin{cases} 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + \frac{n}{2} + 1, & n > 1 \\ 3 & n = 1 \end{cases}$$

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Recurrence Equation

$$\begin{aligned}T(2^k) &= 2T(2^{k-1}) + 2^k/2 + 1 \\&= 2(2(T(2^{k-2}) + 2^{k-1}/2 + 1) + 2^k/2 + 1) = \dots \\&= 2^k T(2^{k-k}) + \underbrace{2^k/2 + \dots + 2^k/2 + 1 + 2 + \dots + 2^{k-1}}_k \\&= 3n + \frac{n}{2} \log_2 n + n - 1\end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Assumption $T(n) = 4n + \frac{n}{2} \log_2 n - 1$

Induction

1. Hypothesis $T(n) = f(n) := 4n + \frac{n}{2} \log_2 n - 1$
2. Base Case $T(1) = 3 = f(1) = 4 - 1$.
3. Step $T(n) = f(n) \longrightarrow T(2 \cdot n) = f(2n)$ ($n = 2^k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$):

$$\begin{aligned} T(2n) &= 2T(n) + n + 1 \\ &\stackrel{i.h.}{=} 2\left(4n + \frac{n}{2} \log_2 n - 1\right) + n + 1 \\ &= 8n + n \log_2 n - 2 + n + 1 \\ &= 8n + n \log_2 n + n \log_2 2 - 1 \\ &= 8n + n \log_2 2n - 1 \\ &= f(2n). \end{aligned}$$

Master Method

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} aT(\frac{n}{b}) + f(n) & n > 1 \\ f(1) & n = 1 \end{cases} \quad (a, b \in \mathbb{N}^+)$$

1. $f(n) = \mathcal{O}(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0 \implies T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
2. $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \implies T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$
3. $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0$, and if $af(\frac{n}{b}) \leq cf(n)$ for some constant $c < 1$ and all sufficiently large $n \implies T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$

Examples

Maximum Subarray / Mergesort

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

Handwritten annotations: $a=2$ (pointing to the coefficient 2), $b=2$ (pointing to the argument $n/2$), and $f = cn$ (pointing to the $\Theta(n)$ term).

Examples

Maximum Subarray / Mergesort

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$$a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = cn = cn^1 = cn^{\log_2 2} \xrightarrow{[2]} T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

Examples

Naive Matrix Multiplication Divide & Conquer²

$$T(n) = 8T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$

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Naive Matrix Multiplication Divide & Conquer²

$$T(n) = 8T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$

$$a = 8, b = 2, f(n) = cn^2 \in \mathcal{O}(n^{\log_2 8 - 1}) \xrightarrow{[1]} T(n) \in \Theta(n^3)$$

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Examples

Strassens Matrix Multiplication Divide & Conquer³

$$T(n) = 7T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$

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$$a = 7, b = 2, f(n) = cn^2 \in \mathcal{O}(n^{\log_2 7 - \epsilon}) \xrightarrow{[1]} T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) \approx \Theta(n^{2.8})$$

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Examples

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$$a = 2, b = 4, f(n) = cn \in \Omega(n^{\log_4 2 + 0.5}), 2f(n/4) = c\frac{n}{2} \leq \frac{c}{2}n^1 \stackrel{[3]}{\implies} T(n) \in \Theta(n)$$

Examples

$$T(n) = 2T(n/4) + \underbrace{\Theta(n^2)}_{f(n)}$$

$a=2$

$b=4$

Examples

Snippet

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reform.

$$T(n) = 2T(n/4) + \Theta(n^2)$$

$$a = 2, b = 4, f(n) = cn^2 \in \Omega(n^{\log_4 2 + 1.5}), 2f(n/4) = \frac{n^2}{8} \leq \frac{1}{8}n^2 \xrightarrow{[3]}$$

$T(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$

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$$K = 2$$

$$f \in \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(n^{K-\varepsilon}) \\ \Theta(n^K) \\ \Omega(n^{K+\varepsilon}) \end{cases}$$

$$f(n) = n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n^K)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n^K \log(n))$$

$$\wedge af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq cf(n), \quad 0 < c < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$$

Personal Approach to "Solving RecEqs"

"Plug and Chuck"-Approach

1. Expand few times
2. Notice patterns (careful with multiplications on $T(n)$)
3. Write down explicitly
4. Formulate explicit formula $f(n)$
5. Prove via induction

Personal Approach to "Calls of $f()$ "

1. Loops: just multiply outer runtime with inner to get whole runtime (works recursively)
2. Just brute-force calculate $g(0), g(1), g(2), g(3), \dots$ and try to identify trends
3. If too hard: consider $\Theta(2^n)$
4. If necessary/possible, simply set up and solve RecEqs via Master Method
5. If asked provide proof (by induction)

8. Sorting Algorithms

Quiz

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insertion

Quiz

Execute two further iterations of the algorithm Quicksort on the following array.
The first element of the (sub-)array serves as the pivot.

8	7	10	15	3	6	9	5	2	13
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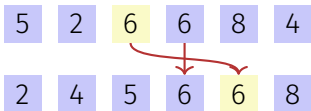
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- Stable sorting algorithms don't change the relative position of two equal elements.



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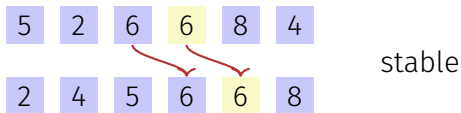
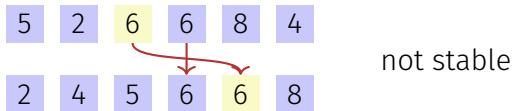
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Stable and in-situ sorting algorithms

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- In-situ algorithms require only a constant amount of additional memory.
Discussion: Which of the sorting algorithms are stable? Which are in-situ?
(How) can we make them stable / in-situ?

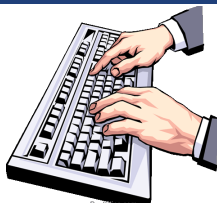
9. In-Class Code-Examples

Implement (Binary) Search from Scratch

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Use the result to implement binary insertion sort.

→ CodeExpert



10. Past Exam Questions

Past Exam 2020: Task 2b)

- (b) Gegeben sei die folgende Rekursionsgleichung:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2T(\frac{n}{4}) + 1, & n > 1 \\ 1 & n = 1 \end{cases}$$

Geben Sie eine geschlossene (nicht rekursive), einfache Formel für $T(n)$ an und beweisen Sie diese mittels vollständiger Induktion. Gehen Sie davon aus, dass n eine Potenz von 4 ist.

Hinweis:

Für $q \neq 1$ gilt $\sum_{i=0}^k q^i = \frac{q^{k+1}-1}{q-1}$.

Consider the following recursion equation:

Specify a closed (non-recursive), simple formula for $T(n)$ and prove it using mathematical induction. Assume that n is a power of 4.

Hint:

For $q \neq 1$ it holds that $\sum_{i=0}^k q^i = \frac{q^{k+1}-1}{q-1}$.

Past Exam 2020: Task 2b) — Solution

$$\begin{aligned}T(4^k) &= 2T(4^{k-1}) + 1 \\&= 2(2(T(4^{k-2}) + 1) + 1) + 1 = \dots \\&= 2^k T(4^{k-k}) + 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-2} + \dots + 2 + 1 \\&= \sum_{j=0}^k 2^j = 2^{k+1} - 1 \\&= 2 \cdot 2^{\log_4 n} - 1 = 2 \cdot n^{\log_4 2} - 1 = 2\sqrt{n} - 1.\end{aligned}$$

Assumption: $T(n) = 2\sqrt{n} - 1$

Induktion:

1. Hypothesis $T(n) = f(n) := 2\sqrt{n} - 1$

2. Base Case $T(1) = 1 = f(1) = 2\sqrt{1} - 1 = 1$.

3. Step $T(n) = f(n) \longrightarrow T(4 \cdot n) = f(4 \cdot n)$ ($n = 4^k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$):

$$\begin{aligned}T(4n) &= 2T(n) + 1 \\&\stackrel{i.h.}{=} 2(2 \cdot \sqrt{n} - 1) + 1 \\&= 2\sqrt{4n} - 2 + 1 \\&= 2\sqrt{4n} - 1 \\&= f(4n).\end{aligned}$$

Past Exam 2020: Task 2e)

Gegeben sei die folgende Rekursionsgleichung:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2T(n/4) + \log_4 n, & n > 1 \\ 0 & n \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

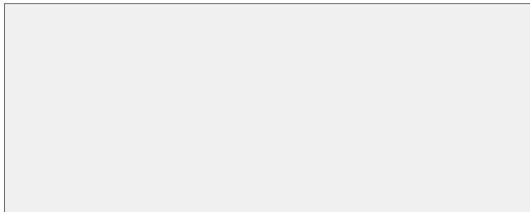
Schreiben Sie eine Funktion g , die bei Aufruf von $g(n)$ genau $T(n)$ Aufrufe von f erzeugt. Nehmen Sie an, dass $n = 4^k$ für ein $k \geq 0$.

Consider the following recursion equation:

Write a function g that when called as $g(n)$ will produce $T(n)$ calls to f . Assume that $n = 4^k$ for some $k \geq 0$.

```
// pre: n = 4^k for some k >= 0
```

```
void g(int n){
```



```
}
```

```
}
```



Past Exam 2020: Task 2e) – Solution

```
if (n > 1){  
  
    g(n/4); g(n/4);  
  
    while(n > 1){  
        f();  
        n /= 4;  
    }  
  
// } the other brace was closed  
//   in the exercise description
```

11. Tips for **code** expert

Tips for **code expert** Exercise 2

Task "Prefix Sum in 2D"

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- The binomial formula will be useful for the second one
- Please format it well or just scan a PDF and upload it

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Task "Karatsuba Ofman"

Tips for **code expert** Exercise 2

Task "Karatsuba Ofman"

- Translate "3.3.2 Divide And Conquer" from the script into code
- Main struggle: generalizing to non-"power of 2" cases
- Study the definition of `.part(lo, hi)` method
- Make sure to have both "subnumbers" be of equal length
- There might be issues with a silly off-by-one error due to how $n/2$ gets calculated — be aware of that
- || ■ Naming variable sensibly might prevent you from making silly mistakes

12. Outro

General Questions?



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i receive:

- opportunity to teach you some **LaTeX**
- submissions that look amazing thanks to **LaTeX** and markdown

you receive:

- the source files to my D&A cheat sheet

See you next time!

Have a nice week!

↳ lots of follow up next time!