

Part II Solution

1. Recursive selection sort:

Here, the idea is to use the divide and conquer strategy to express the problem in terms of a problem of smaller size. For selection sort on an array of size n , we can place the smallest element in the beginning of the array and then sort the remaining array of size $n - 1$. This leads to the following recursive algorithm.

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public static void selectionSort( int[] arr, int low ) {
    if ( low >= arr.length )
        return;

    // determine smallest element between indices low
    // and arr.length-1 and place it at the low index
    int min = low;
    for(int i = low; i < arr.length; i++ )
        if ( arr[i] < arr[min] )
            min = i;
    int temp = arr[low];
    arr[low] = arr[min];
    arr[min] = temp;

    // Recursive call to sort the remainder of the array
    selectionSort( arr, low+1 );
}
```

Let $T(n)$ be the number of comparisons performed for an array of size n . From the recursive algorithm above, we see that $T(n)$ satisfies the following recurrence relation:

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + n$$

Using the substitution method, we obtain:

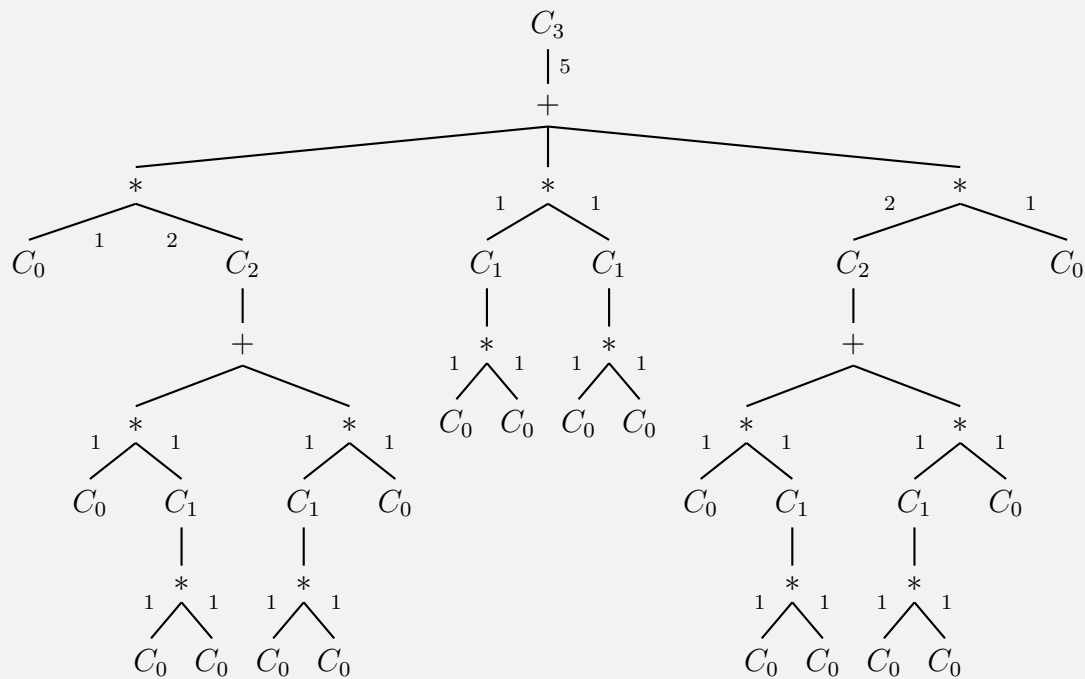
$$T(n) = T(n - 2) + (n - 1) + n = T(n - k) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} n - i$$

For the base case, we have $T(0) = 0$ and is reached when $k = n$, Therefore:

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} n - i = \frac{1}{2}n(n + 1) = \Theta(n^2).$$

2. Catalan number C_3 :

A naïve recursive implementation does not store any results and performs redundant computations. From the definition provided, we will obtain the following call tree for C_3 .



3. Iterative Substitution:: $T(n) = 2T(n - 1) + 1$

This recurrence relation is easily solved by unrolling the recurrence. We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= 2T(n - 1) + 1 \\
 &= 2[2T(n - 2) + 1] + 1 = 2^2T(n - 2) + 2 + 1 \\
 &= 2^2[2T(n - 3) + 1] + 2 + 1 = 2^3T(n - 3) + 2^2 + 2 + 1 \\
 &\vdots \\
 &= 2^kT(n - k) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i
 \end{aligned}$$

The cost of the base case be a , i.e. $T(1) = a$. The base case is reached when $k = n - 1$. Thus, we have:

$$T(n) = a2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} - 1.$$

Therefore, for $a \geq 0$, we conclude that $T(n) = \Theta(2^n)$.

4. Naïve Fibonacci recursive computation:

The Fibonacci sequence F_n for $n \geq 0$ is defined recursively as:

$$\begin{aligned}F_0 &= 0, & F_1 &= 1; \\F_n &= F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}.\end{aligned}$$

Let the number of additions be $T(n)$. Using the recursive definition of F_n ,

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n-1) + T(n-2) + 1, \\T(0) &= 0, \\T(1) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

We need to check that $T(n) = F_{n+1} - 1$ satisfies this recurrence. For the base cases:

$$\begin{aligned}T(0) &= F_{0+1} - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0, \\T(1) &= F_{1+1} - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0,\end{aligned}$$

and for the recursive case:

$$\begin{aligned}F_{n+1} - 1 &= (F_n - 1) + (F_{n-1} - 1) + 1, & (\text{from the recurrence}) \\F_{n+1} &= F_n + F_{n-1},\end{aligned}$$

which we know is true from the definition of Fibonacci numbers.