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Reading: Chapter 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2

Exercises:

1. P22, 2.1-3

2. P29, 2.2-3

3. P53, 3.1-3

4. Show that $2n^2 + 3n + 1 = \Theta(n^2)$

*5. reading: Appendix B.5,

*6. Compute the height of a complete 3-ary tree with n nodes.

1. P22, 2.1-3

Pseudo code loosely based on python syntax conventions

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1. i = NIL
2. for index from 1 to n:
3. // assume indexing of A starts from 1
4.     if A[index] == v:
5.         i = index
6.         break
7. return i
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Loop invariant: At the start of each iteration, none of the elements in the checked subarray, i.e. $\langle a_1, a_2 \dots a_{index-1} \rangle$ is equal to v .

Initialization: Trivially true at initialization, since checked subarray is NULL.

Maintenance: If a_{index} is not equal to v , a_{index} is appended to the checked subarray, and loop invariant is maintained. Otherwise, exit loop and we are done.

Termination: Loop terminates because either $a_{index} == v$ or we have exhausted all $index$. In either case, nothing is appended to the checked subarray in the current iteration, so loop invariant is unchanged. In the latter case, no element of A is equal to v and NIL is returned.

2. P29, 2.2-3

Let $X \sim$ number of elements checked. Assume each element could be v with equal probability p .

Case 1: Assume at most one element of A is equal to v (so that elements are *NOT* i.i.d.).

$$E(X) = 1 \cdot p + 2p \cdot + \dots + n \cdot p + n(1 - np) = \frac{n(1 + n)p}{2} + n(1 - np)$$

The term $n(1 - np)$ corresponds to the case where v is not found in A .

In the case of v existing in A with certainty, we sub in $p = \frac{1}{n}$,

$$E(X) = \frac{1 + n}{2} = \Theta(n)$$

Case 2: Any number of elements of A could be equal to v (so that elements are i.i.d.).

$$E(X) = 1 \cdot p + 2 \cdot p(1 - p) + \dots + np(1 - p)^{n-1} + n(1 - p)^n$$

The last term corresponds to the case where v is not found in A . Simplifying,

$$E(X) = \frac{1 - (1 - p)^n}{p}$$

Since $0 < \frac{(1-p)^n}{p} < \frac{1-p}{p}$, $1 < E(X) < \frac{1}{p}$. So, curiously, $E(X) = \Theta(1)$

In either case, we have to check the entire A in the worst case, and the worst case time complexity is trivially $\Theta(n)$.

3. P53, 3.1-3

The statement is equivalent to saying the asymptotic upper bound on running time is at least $C_0 n^2$ for some constant C_0 . This seems to suggest the upper bound could be greater – unbounded in fact.

4. Show that $2n^2 + 3n + 1 = \Theta(n^2)$

Let $f(n) = 2n^2 + 3n + 1$

$$\begin{array}{l} \exists C_1 = 1 \ \& \ C_2 = 3 \ \& \ n_0 = 4 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad 0 \leq C_1 n^2 \leq f(n) \leq C_2 n^2 \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0 \end{array}$$

Hence,

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

*6. Compute the height of a complete 3-ary tree with n nodes.

For a k-ary complete tree, with h levels,

$$n = 1 + k + k^2 + \dots + k^{h-1} = \frac{k^h - 1}{k - 1}$$

Rearranging and taking logs,

$$h = \log_k(n(k - 1) + 1)$$

Sub in $k = 3$

$$h = \log_3(2n + 1)$$