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SCS1308 - Foundations of Algorithms

Tutorial 03

Iteration Method

1. $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n^4$ with the base case $T(1) = \Theta(1)$
2. $T(n) = 16T(n/4) + n^2$ with the base case $T(1) = \Theta(1)$
3. $T(n) = T(n/4) + \sqrt{n}$ with the base case $T(1) = \Theta(1)$
4. $T(n) = T(n/2) + n \log_2 n$ with the base case $T(1) = 0$, assume $n = 2^k$ for $k \geq 0$
5. $T(n) = 2T(n-1) + 2^n$ with the base case $T(1) = 2$
6. $T(n) = T(n - \sqrt{n}) + \sqrt{n}$, with the base case $T(1) = 1$
7. $T(n) = T(n/2) + \log n$ with the base case $T(1) = 0$ assume that $n = 2^k$
8. $T(n) = T(n-3) + 2n$ with the base cases, $T(1) = 1$, $T(2) = 2$, and $T(3) = 3$ (assume n is divisible by 3 for simplicity)

Substitution Method

1. Prove the solution of $T(n) = T(n-1) + n$ is $O(n^2)$.
2. Prove that $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n/\log_2 n$ with the base case $T(1) = 1$ is $O(n \log n)$
3. $T(n) = 3T(\sqrt{n}) + \log n$, with the base case $T(2) = 1$
4. $T(n) = T(\sqrt{n}) + 1$, with the base case $T(2) = 0$

Masters Method

1. $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n$
2. $T(n) = T(n/3) + 1$
3. $T(n) = 7T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$
4. $T(n) = 2T(n/4) + \sqrt{n}$
5. $T(n) = \sqrt{2}T(n/2) + n$
6. Use the master method to show that the solution to the binary-search recurrence $T(n) = T(n/2) + \Theta(1)$ is $T(n) = \Theta(\log_2 n)$.
7. $T(n) = 5T(n/2) + n^{2.3}$, $\log_2 5 \approx 2.32$

A Summation formulas

Basic counting

$$\sum_{j=a}^b 1 = b - a + 1 \quad (\text{number of integers from } a \text{ to } b, \text{ inclusive})$$

Arithmetic sums (polynomial sums)

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n i &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 &= \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2 \\ \sum_{j=i+1}^n j &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - \frac{i(i+1)}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Geometric

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=0}^n r^i &= \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r} \quad (r \neq 1) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n r^i &= \frac{r(1 - r^n)}{1 - r} \quad (r \neq 1) \\ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} r^i &= \frac{1}{1 - r} \quad (|r| < 1) \\ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} r^i &= \frac{r}{1 - r} \quad (|r| < 1) \\ \sum_{i=0}^n ar^i &= a \cdot \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r} \quad (r \neq 1) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n ar^{i-1} &= a \cdot \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \quad (r \neq 1)\end{aligned}$$

Logarithmic

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \log k = \log(n!)$$

$$\log(n!) = n \log n - n + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi n) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\log k}{k} = \frac{1}{2} (\log n)^2 + O(1)$$