

Q1

1/1 point (ungraded)

Suppose we have a graph consisting of exactly one linear path, encoded in a set of tuples $\text{Edge}(A,B,\text{cost})$: $(\text{node1},\text{node2},c_1)$, $(\text{node2},\text{node3},c_2)$, $(\text{node3},\text{node4},c_3)$, ..., $(\text{nodeM},\text{node}(M+1),c_M)$. We use a recursive query to compute the total cost from node1 to nodeM. If $M=1000$, roughly how many iterations are needed for the linear versus nonlinear versions of the query?

☐ 1000 versus 500

☐ 1000 versus 100

☒ 1000 versus 10

☐ 500 versus 10

Explanation

The linear version adds one step at a time, so it takes about 1000 steps to get the cost for $(\text{node1},\text{node1000})$. The nonlinear version doubles the length each time, so it takes about $\log_2(1000) \approx 10$ to get the cost for $(\text{node1},\text{node1000})$.