

Tutorial 3

Question 1:

Find the computational complexity of the following piece of code using Big-oh notation:

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for (int i = 1; i < n; i *= 2) {  
    for (int j = n; j > 0; j /= 2) {  
        for (int k = j; k < n; k += 2) {  
            sum += (i + j * k);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Outer Loop: $i*=2$ is $O(\log n)$ because $i*=2$ is growing exponentially by double n is currently is. Thus its growing exponentially. To reach n , i need to double about $\log_2(n)$

Middle loop: since its $j/=2$ is shrinking exponentially, due to it be half in each iteration. Thus will run in $\log_2 n$ times till it reaches 0

Inner loop: since k is $+=2$, it only covers half the increments. So while in all actuality it can be $n/2$, we ignore constant thus making it $O(n/2) = O(n)$

Putting all together: $O(\log n) * O(\log n) * O(n) = O(n \log^2 n)$

Question 2:

Write a recursive function GCD(n, m) that returns the greatest common divisor of two integer n and m according to the following definition (recurrence relation):

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GCD(n,m) = {  
    m, if m <= n and n mod m = 0 {  
        GCD(m,n), if n < m {  
            GCD(m, n mod m), otherwise
```

Example:

Enter the first number: 54

Enter the second number: 24

The GCD of 54 and 24 is 6

Question 3:

Use the master method to give tight asymptotic bounds for the following recurrences (if the master method cannot be applied give your argument):

(a) $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$. $O(n^2)$

(b) $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^3$. $O(n^3)$

Master algo: $T(n) = aT(n/b) + O(n^d)$
 a = number of subproblem the algo splits the problem into
 n/b = size of each subproblem (dividing the original problem of size n)
 $O(n^d)$ = time taken to divide problem and combine the result after solving the subproblem

case 1: $a > b^d$ = use $n^{(\log_b a)}$
case 2: $a = b^d$ = use $n^d \log n$
case 3: $a < b^d$ = use n^d

Question 4:

The following is the running time of a recursion merge sort algorithm:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$$

Using the substitution method, proof that the time complexity of this algorithm is $O(n \lg n)$.
Verify your answer with the tree method and the master method.