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Assignment 2  
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1. Step1: Find the closed-form expression for  $T(x, k)$

Assume that  $k$  is large enough and  $k > 1$ .

Let  $i$  be the number of iterations and  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
T(x, k) &= 2T\left(\frac{x}{2}, k-2\right) + \frac{1}{2}x && \text{\#by definition, since } k > 1 \\
&= 2\left[2T\left(\frac{x}{2^2}, k-4\right) + \frac{x}{2^2}\right] + \frac{1}{2}x \\
&= 2^2T\left(\frac{x}{2^2}, k-4\right) + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x && \text{\#i=2} \\
&= 2^2\left[2T\left(\frac{x}{2^3}, k-6\right) + \frac{x}{2^3}\right] + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x \\
&= 2^3T\left(\frac{x}{2^3}, k-6\right) + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x && \text{\#i=3} \\
&\dots \\
&= 2^iT\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, k-2i\right) + \frac{i}{2}x
\end{aligned}$$

Case1: When  $k$  is even, let  $i = \frac{k}{2}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
T(x, k) &= 2^{\frac{k}{2}}T\left(\frac{x}{2^{\frac{k}{2}}}, 0\right) + \frac{k}{2}x \\
&= 2^{\frac{k}{2}} \cdot \frac{x}{2^{\frac{k}{2}}} + \frac{k}{4}x \\
&= x + \frac{k}{4}x \\
&= \left(\frac{k+4}{4}\right)x
\end{aligned}$$

Case2: When  $k$  is odd, let  $i = \frac{k-1}{2}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
T(x, k) &= 2^{\frac{k-1}{2}}T\left(\frac{x}{2^{\frac{k-1}{2}}}, 1\right) + \frac{k-1}{2}x \\
&= 2^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \cdot \frac{x}{2^{\frac{k-1}{2}}} + \frac{k-1}{4}x \\
&= x + \frac{k-1}{4}x \\
&= \left(\frac{k+3}{4}\right)x
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, The closed-form expression for  $T(x, k)$  is:

$$T(x, k) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{k+4}{4}\right)x & \text{k is even} \\ \left(\frac{k+3}{4}\right)x & \text{k is odd} \end{cases}$$

Step2: Prove the correctness of the expression.

Let the predicate  $P(k)$  denote that  $T_c(x, k) = T_R(x, k)$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Prove that  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, P(k)$  holds by complete induction.

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Base Case:

(1) When  $k = 0, T(x, k) = T(x, 0) = (\frac{0+4}{4})x = x$

Then  $P(0)$  holds.

(2) When  $k = 1, T(x, k) = T(x, 1) = (\frac{1+3}{4})x = x$

Then  $P(1)$  holds.

Induction Step:

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq j \leq k, P(j)$  holds. [IH]

WTP:  $P(k+1)$  holds.

Assume  $k > 1$

Then by definition of  $T(x, k)$ , we have

$$T(x, k+1) = 2T(\frac{x}{2}, k+1-2) + \frac{1}{2}x = 2T(\frac{x}{2}, k-1) + \frac{1}{2}x$$

Case1: When  $(k+1)$  is even, then  $(k-1)$  is also even.

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, k+1) &= 2[(\frac{k-1+4}{4}) \cdot \frac{1}{2}x] + \frac{1}{2}x \quad \# \text{by IH, since } (k-1) \text{ is even and } 0 \leq k-1 < k+1, \text{ so } P(k-1) \text{ holds} \\ &= (\frac{k+3}{4})x + \frac{1}{2}x \\ &= (\frac{k+5}{4})x \\ &= [\frac{(k+1)+4}{4}]x \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $P(k+1)$  holds when  $(k+1)$  is even.

Case2: When  $(k+1)$  is odd, then  $(k-1)$  is also odd.

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, k+1) &= 2[(\frac{k-1+3}{4}) \cdot \frac{1}{2}x] + \frac{1}{2}x \quad \# \text{by IH, since } (k-1) \text{ is odd and } 0 \leq k-1 < k+1, \text{ so } P(k-1) \text{ holds} \\ &= (\frac{k+2}{4})x + \frac{1}{2}x \\ &= (\frac{k+4}{4})x \\ &= [\frac{(k+1)+3}{4}]x \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $P(k+1)$  holds when  $(k+1)$  is odd.

Therefore, by the principle of complete induction,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, P(k)$  holds.

□

2. (a) Let  $n$  be an arbitrary natural number. Let  $T(n)$  denote the maximum number of steps executed by a call to  $\text{RecClosestValue}(\text{root}, x)$ . Let  $n$  be the height of the non-empty binary search tree  $T$ .

If  $n = 0$ , tree  $T$  contains only one single node, that is  $\text{root.left} == \text{null}$  and  $\text{root.right} == \text{null}$ , so line 2-4 execute, which take constant time, represented by a constant value  $a$ .

Otherwise, when  $n > 0$ , line 5-15 execute.

Case1: if  $x < \text{root.value}$  and  $\text{root.left} \neq \text{null}$ , then line 6-8 execute. Since the height of left subtree is at most  $(n - 1)$  in worst case scenario. So the recursive call in line 7 takes at most  $T(n - 1)$  time.

Case2: if  $x > \text{root.value}$  and  $\text{root.right} \neq \text{null}$ , then line 9-11 execute. Since the height of right subtree is at most  $(n - 1)$  in worst case scenario. So the recursive call in line 10 takes at most  $T(n - 1)$  time.

And since all other instructions in line 12-15(if  $x == \text{root.value}$ , line 12-15 also execute), as well as line 1 and line 5, take constant time, represented by a constant value  $b$ . Then, putting all together, we get the following definition of  $T(n)$ :

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} a & n = 0 \\ T(n - 1) + b & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

(b) Let predicate  $P(n)$  denote that if input root is the root of a non-empty binary search tree  $T$  storing numbers and  $x$  is some number, and  $n$  is the height of  $T$ , then  $\text{RecClosestValue}(\text{root}, x)$  terminates and returns a node  $T$  with the closest value to  $x$ .

Prove that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$  holds by complete induction.

Base case: when  $n = 0$ ,  $T$  has only one single node, that is the root. So, the node in  $T$  with the closest value to  $x$  is the root itself. Line 2-4 execute, then it returns the root as wanted in line 3, and since there is no recursive call, so  $\text{RecClosestValue}(\text{root}, x)$  terminates. Thus,  $P(0)$  holds.

Induction Step: Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , assume for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq j < n, P(j)$  holds. [I.H]

WTP:  $P(n)$  holds

Assume  $n \geq 1$ , then line 5-15 execute.

Let  $n_L$  be the height of left subtree and  $n_R$  be the height of right subtree.

Case1: if  $x < \text{root.value}$  and  $\text{root.left} \neq \text{null}$ , line 6-8 execute. Since  $0 \leq n_L < n$ , by I.H.  $P(n_L)$  holds, that is  $\text{RecClosestValue}(\text{root.left}, x)$  terminates and it returns a node(which is closest) in left subtree with the closest value to  $x$ . And then line 12-15 execute, if  $|\text{root.val} - x| \leq |\text{closest.val} - x|$ , then change the node closest to root, otherwise node closest in left subtree is the node closest in  $T$ . And by line 15,  $\text{RecClosestValue}(\text{root}, x)$  terminates and returns a node in  $T$  with the closest value to  $x$  as wanted. Thus,  $P(n)$  holds for all  $n \geq 1$  in this case.

Case2: if  $x > \text{root.value}$  and  $\text{root.right} \neq \text{null}$ , line 9-11 execute. Since  $0 \leq n_R < n$ , by I.H.  $P(n_R)$  holds, that is  $\text{RecClosestValue}(\text{root.right}, x)$  terminates and it returns a node(which is closest) in right subtree with the closest value to  $x$ . And then line 12-15 execute, if  $|\text{root.val} - x| \leq |\text{closest.val} - x|$ , then change the node closest to root, otherwise node closest in right subtree is the node closest in  $T$ . And by line 15,  $\text{RecClosestValue}(\text{root}, x)$  terminates and returns a node in  $T$  with the closest value to  $x$  as wanted. Thus,  $P(n)$  holds for all  $n \geq 1$  in this case.

Case3: if  $x == \text{root.value}$ , then the node in  $T$  with the closest value to  $x$  is the root itself. Line 12-15 execute, since  $|\text{root.val} - x| = 0 \leq |\text{closest.val} - x|$ , then change the node closest to root, and by line 15,  $\text{RecClosestValue}(\text{root}, x)$  terminates and returns the root as wanted. Thus,  $P(n)$  holds for all  $n \geq 1$  in this case.

Therefore, by the principle of complete induction,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$  holds.

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3. (a)Step1: Formulate a loop invariant.

Let  $LI(k)$  denote the assertion that if the while loop is executed at least  $k$  times, then

$$(1) 0 \leq lo_k \leq hi_k - 1 \leq len(A) - 1$$

$$(2) sum_k = A[lo_k] + A[hi_k]$$

$$(3) sum_{k-1} \neq x$$

Step2: Prove the LI.

Prove  $LI(k)$  by simple induction.

Base Case: On entering the while loop (when  $k=0$ )

$$(1) \text{ By precondition, } len(A) \geq 2, \text{ then } hi_0 = len(A) - 1 \geq 1$$

$$\text{Since } lo_0 = 0 \leq 1, \text{ so } 0 \leq lo_0 \leq hi_0 - 1 \leq len(A) - 1$$

$$(2) \text{ By line 4, } sum_0 = A[lo_0] + A[hi_0]$$

$$(3) \text{ Since we do not enter the loop, so no previous iteration exists, then } sum_{k-1} \neq x \text{ is vacuously true.}$$

Thus,  $LI(0)$  holds.

Induction Step: Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume that  $LI(k)$  holds. [IH]

That is, if the loop is executed at least  $k$  times, then

$$(i) 0 \leq lo_k \leq hi_k - 1 \leq len(A) - 1$$

$$(ii) sum_k = A[lo_k] + A[hi_k]$$

$$(iii) sum_{k-1} \neq x$$

WTP:  $LI(k+1)$  holds.

Assume that  $k+1$  iterations exist.

(1) Note that since there is an iteration, so condition in line 5 must hold before the iteration.

Then  $lo_k < hi_k - 1$ , or equivalently  $lo_k + 1 \leq hi_k - 1$

Case1: if  $sum_k < x$ , line 6-7 are executed, then  $lo_{k+1} = lo_k + 1$ ,  $hi_{k+1} = hi_k$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq lo_k && \# \text{by IH}(i) \\ &\leq lo_k + 1 = lo_{k+1} && \# \text{by line 7} \\ &\leq hi_k - 1 = hi_{k+1} - 1 && \# \text{by condition in line 5} \\ &\leq len(A) - 1 && \# \text{by IH}(i) \end{aligned}$$

Case2: if  $sum_k > x$ , line 8-9 are executed, then  $hi_{k+1} = hi_k - 1$ ,  $lo_{k+1} = lo_k$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq lo_k && \# \text{by IH}(i) \\ &= lo_{k+1} \\ &\leq (hi_k - 1) - 1 && \# \text{by condition in line 5} \\ &= hi_{k+1} - 1 && \# \text{by line 9} \\ &\leq len(A) - 1 && \# \text{by IH}(i) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $0 \leq lo_{k+1} \leq hi_{k+1} - 1 \leq len(A) - 1$ , then part (1) in  $LI(k+1)$  holds.

(2) By line 11,  $sum_{k+1} = A[lo_{k+1}] + A[hi_{k+1}]$ , then part (2) in  $LI(k+1)$  holds.

(3) Since  $k+1$  iterations exist, then the while loop condition holds, so  $sum_k = sum_{(k+1)-1} \neq x$ , then part (3) in  $LI(k+1)$  holds.

Thus,  $LI(k+1)$  holds.

Therefore, by the principle of complete induction,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $LI(k)$  holds.

□

3.(b) Suppose the program terminates and the precondition holds.

Since the program terminates, then the while loop is executed a finite number of times, say  $t$ .

By exit condition of the while loop in line 5, the loop exits when  $lo_t \geq hi_t - 1$  or  $sum_t = x$

And by part (1) in LI,  $lo_t \leq hi_t - 1$ , so the loop exits when  $lo_t = hi_t - 1$  or  $sum_t = x$

By line 13, if  $sum_t = x$ , then line 14 is executed, TwoSum(A, x) terminates and returns [lo, hi], which is the pair [i, j] in the post condition, where  $sum_t = A[lo_t] + A[hi_t] = x = A[i] + A[j]$  as wanted. # by part (2) in LI

Otherwise, line 15-16 is executed, TwoSum(A, x) terminates and returns [-1, -1] as wanted.

□

3.(c) Step1: Find an appropriate loop measure.

Let  $m_k = hi_k - lo_k$

Step2: Prove the termination of TwoSum.

Assume that  $k$  iterations exist.

Since  $hi_k, lo_k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $lo_k \leq hi_k - 1$  by part (1) in LI, then  $m_k = hi_k - lo_k \geq 1$ , so  $m_k \in \mathbb{N}$

Case1: When  $sum_k < x$ , line 7 is executed, then  $lo_k = lo_{k-1} + 1$ ,  $hi_k = hi_{k-1}$ , so we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_k &= hi_k - lo_k && \text{[definition of } m_k\text{]} \\
 &= hi_{k-1} - (lo_{k-1} + 1) && \text{[line 7]} \\
 &= (hi_{k-1} - lo_{k-1}) - 1 \\
 &= m_{k-1} - 1 && \text{[definition of } m_{k-1}\text{]} \\
 &\leq m_{k-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Case2: When  $sum_k > x$ , line 9 is executed, then  $hi_k = hi_{k-1} - 1$ ,  $lo_k = lo_{k-1}$ , so we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_k &= hi_k - lo_k && \text{[definition of } m_k\text{]} \\
 &= hi_{k-1} - 1 - lo_{k-1} && \text{[line 9]} \\
 &= (hi_{k-1} - lo_{k-1}) - 1 \\
 &= m_{k-1} - 1 && \text{[definition of } m_{k-1}\text{]} \\
 &\leq m_{k-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $m$  is always decreasing. Therefore the values of  $m$  form a decreasing sequence of natural numbers, that is the while loop eventually terminates.

And then line 13-17 execute. If  $sum_k == x$ , line 14 is executed and then it returns [lo, hi], so TwoSum(A, x) terminates. Otherwise, line 16 is executed and then it returns [-1, -1], so TwoSum(A, x) terminates. In conclusion, the Function TwoSum(A, x) eventually terminates.

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