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## 1 Straightforward

1. (a)  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + c$

Using Master Theorem,  $a = 4$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $d = 0$  (Since  $f \in O(1)$ )  
So,  $a > b^d \rightarrow \text{Case 1} \rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$

- (b)  $T(n) = T(n/4) + T(n/2) + n \cdot c$

Note that we cannot directly resolve this recurrence using the Master theorem. So, we will need to simplify it.

Observe that  $T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + n \cdot c$

Using Master Theorem,  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $d = 1$  (Since  $f = n \cdot c \in O(n)$ )

So,  $a = b^d \rightarrow \text{Case 2} \rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n \cdot \log_a n) \rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n \cdot \log_2 n)$

- (c)  $T(n) = T(n-2) + T(n-4)$ , where  $T(0) = T(1) = T(2) = T(3) = c_0$

Note that we cannot directly resolve this recurrence using the Master theorem. So, we will need to simplify it.

Observe that:

$$T(n) = T(n-2) + T(n-4) \leq 2T(n-2)$$

$$\leq 2(2T(n-4)) = 4T(n-4)$$

...

$$= 2^k T(n-2k)$$

$$\text{So, } n-2k = 0 \rightarrow k = n/2$$

$$\text{So, } T(n) \leq 2^{n/2} T(0) = 2^{n/2} c_0$$

$$\text{So, } T(n) \in O(2^{n/2})$$

2. (a) (i) **Definition:**

- Input: Integers  $m$ ,  $n \geq 0$
- Output: Integer The product of  $m$  and  $n$

- (ii) **Decomposition:**

$$m \cdot n = m + m \cdot (n-1)$$

So, in Python:

```
def product(m, n):  
    if n == 0:  
        return 0  
    return m + product(m, n-1)
```

- (iii) **Deconstruction:**

- Cost of binary addition:  $O(p)$
- Cost of binary comparison:  $O(1)$
- Cost of function call:  $O(1)$
- Cost of return:  $O(1)$

So, time complexity is given by the recurrence relation:  $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(p) + O(1)$

$$= T(n-2) + 2O(p) + 2O(1) = \dots = T(0) + nO(p) + nO(1)$$

Since  $p = \log_2 n$ ,  $T(n) = O(n \log n)$  (Using Master Theorem)

(iv) **Design:**

No, since each value of  $m \cdot n$  is computed exactly once, we don't need memoization.

(v) **Iteration:**

Yes, we can convert the recursive solution to an iterative solution.

```
def product(m, n):
    for i in range(n):
        m += m
    return m
```

(vi) **Correctness:**

- Base Case:  $m \cdot 0 = 0$
- Inductive Hypothesis: Assume  $\text{multiply}(m, n) = m \cdot n$  holds true for  $n$
- Inductive Step:  $\text{multiply}(m, n + 1) = m + \text{multiply}(m, n)$

$$= m + m \cdot n \text{ (I.H.)}$$

$$= m \cdot (n + 1)$$

So, the recursive solution is correct.

(b) i. **Definition:**

- Input: Integers  $m > 0, n \geq 0$
- Output: Integer The  $n^{\text{th}}$  power of  $m$

ii. **Decomposition:**

$$m^n = m \cdot m^{n-1}$$

So, in Python:

```
def power(m, n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    return m * power(m, n-1)
```

iii. **Deconstruction:**

- Cost of binary multiplication:  $O(p^2)$
- Cost of binary comparison:  $O(1)$
- Cost of function call:  $O(1)$
- Cost of return:  $O(1)$
- Cost of unary decrement:  $O(1)$

So, time complexity is given by the recurrence relation:  $T(n) = T(n - 1) + O(p^2) + O(1)$   
 $= T(n - 2) + 2O(p^2) + 2O(1) = \dots = T(0) + nO(p^2) + nO(1)$

Since  $p = \log_2 n$ ,  $T(n) = O(n(\log n)^2)$

iv. **Design:**

No, since each value of  $m^n$  is computed exactly once, we don't need memoization.

v. **Iteration:**

Yes, we can convert the recursive solution to an iterative solution.

```
def power(m, n):
    result = 1
    for i in range(n):
        result *= m
    return result
```

vi. **Correctness:**

- Base Case:  $m^0 = 1$
- Inductive Hypothesis: Assume  $\text{power}(m, n) = m^n$  holds true for  $n$
- Inductive Step:  $m^{n+1} = m \cdot \text{power}(m, n)$

$$= m \cdot m^n \text{ (I.H.)}$$

$$= m^{n+1}$$

So, the recursive solution is correct.

3. (a) **Definition:**

- Input: String  $s$
- Output: Integer The length of the string  $s$

(b) **Decomposition:**

$$|s| = 1 \text{ if } s[0] = \backslash 0 \text{ else } 1 + |s[1 :]|$$

So, in Python:

```
def length(s):
    if s[0] == '\0':
        return 1
    return 1 + length(s[1:])
```

(c) **Deconstruction:**

- Cost of binary comparison:  $O(1)$
- Cost of function call:  $O(1)$
- Cost of return:  $O(1)$
- Cost of assignment:  $O(1)$

So, time complexity is given by the recurrence relation:  $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(1)$   
 $= T(n-2) + 2O(1) = \dots = T(0) + nO(1)$

So,  $T(n) = O(n)$

(d) **Design:**

No, since each value of  $|s|$  is computed exactly once, we don't need memoization.

(e) **Iteration:**

Yes, we can convert the recursive solution to an iterative solution.

```
def length(s):
    count = 0
    while s[count] != '\0':
        count += 1
    return count
```

(f) **Correctness:**

- Base Case:  $|s| = 1$  if  $s[0] = \backslash 0$
  - Inductive Hypothesis: Assume  $\text{length}(s) = |s|$  holds true for  $s$  for some  $P(k)$
  - Inductive Step:  $P(k+1) \equiv \text{length}(s) = |s|$  holds true for  $s$
- $$\begin{aligned} \text{length}(s) &= 1 + \text{length}(s[1:]) \\ &= 1 + |s[1 :]| = 1 + k \text{ (I.H.)} \\ &= k + 1 \end{aligned}$$

So, the recursive solution is correct.

4. (a) **Definition:**

- Input: Integers  $a, b \geq 0$
- Output: Integer The value of  $a \bmod b$

(b) **Decomposition:**

$$a \bmod b = a - b \text{ if } a < b \text{ else } (a - b) \bmod b$$

So, in Python:

```
def mod(a, b):
    if a < b:
        return a
    return mod(a - b, b)
```

(c) **Deconstruction:**

- Cost of binary subtraction:  $O(p)$
- Cost of binary comparison:  $O(1)$
- Cost of function call:  $O(1)$
- Cost of return:  $O(1)$

So, time complexity is given by the recurrence relation:

$$T(a) = T(a - b) + O(p) + O(1)$$

$$= T(a - 2b) + 2O(p) + 2O(1) = \dots = T(a - kb) + kO(p) + kO(1)$$

Since  $a - kb < b$ ,  $T(a) = O(p)$

But, since  $p = \log_2 n$ ,  $T(a) = O(\log a)$

(d) **Design:**

No, since each value of  $a \bmod b$  is computed exactly once, we don't need memoization.

(e) **Iteration:**

Yes, we can convert the recursive solution to an iterative solution.

```
def mod(a, b):
    while a >= b:
        a -= b
    return a
```

(f) **Correctness:**

- Base Case:  $a \bmod b = a$  if  $a < b$
- Inductive Hypothesis: Assume  $\text{mod}(a, b) = a \bmod b$  holds true for  $a$
- Inductive Step:  $\text{mod}(a, b) = (a - b) \bmod b$

5. (a) **Definition:**

- Input: Array  $A$  of size  $n$
- Output: Array The sorted array  $A$

(b) **Decomposition:**

- Base Case: If  $n = 0$ , return  $A$
- Inductive Step: Insert  $A[n-1]$  into the sorted array  $A[0 : n-2]$  so that it is in the correct position

So, in Python:

```
def sort(A):
    if len(A) <= 1:
        return A
    A[0: len(A)-1] = sort(A[0: len(A)-1])
    key = A[len(A)-1]
    i = len(A) - 2
    while i >= 0 and A[i] > key:
        A[i+1] = A[i]
        i -= 1
    A[i+1] = key
    return A
```

(c) **Deconstruction:**

The time complexity is given by the recurrence relation:  $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n) + O(1)$

$$= T(n-2) + 2O(n) + 2O(1) = \dots = T(0) + nO(n) + nO(1)$$

So,  $T(n) = O(n^2)$

(d) **Design:**

No, since each value of  $A$  is computed exactly once, we don't need memoization.

(e) **Iteration:**

Yes, we can convert the recursive solution to an iterative solution.

```
def sort(A):
    for i in range(1, len(A)):
        key = A[i]
        j = i - 1
        while j >= 0 and A[j] > key:
            A[j+1] = A[j]
            j -= 1
        A[j+1] = key
    return A
```

(f) **Correctness:**

- Base Case: If  $n = 0$ , return  $A$
- Inductive Hypothesis: Assume  $\text{insertion\_sort}(A[0 : n - 1])$  sorts  $A[0 : n - 1]$  - Inductive Step: Need to show  $\text{insertion\_sort}(A[0 : n])$  sorts  $A[0 : n]$

**Inner Loop:**

$P(q) \equiv$  The first  $q$  elements of  $A$  are sorted

- Base Case:  $q = 0$ . The function returns  $A$ , which is trivially true
  - Inductive Hypothesis: Assume the function works for some  $k$ , which also means  $P(k)$  holds
  - Inductive Step: Need to show that  $P(k + 1)$  holds
- If  $A[q + 1] \geq A[q]$ , then it means  $P(q + 1)$  is true.
- Otherwise,  $A[q + 1] < A[q]$ . Then, we will need to show that  $A[q + 1]$  is moved to the correct position. Note that the larger element is moved to the right, and then the next element is checked, and so on.
- Therefore,  $P(q + 1)$  holds.

**Outer Loop:**

$P(n) \equiv \text{sort}(A, n) = A_{\text{sorted}}$

- Base Case:  $n = 0$ . The function returns  $A$ , which is trivially true
- Inductive Hypothesis: Assume the function works for some  $k$ , which also means  $P(k)$  holds
- Inductive Step: Need to show that  $P(k + 1)$  holds

By definition, we have:  $\text{sort}(A, k + 1) = \text{sort}(A_1, k + 1)$ , where  $A_1$  is the array after the first iteration of the inner loop.

We also know that that  $A_i$  is sorted up until the  $i$ 'th element.

So, the problem becomes  $\text{sort}(A_1, k)$ . By the inductive hypothesis, we know that  $\text{sort}(A_1, k) = A_{\text{sorted}}$ .

So,  $\text{sort}(A, k + 1) = A_{\text{sorted}}$ .

## 2 $\neg$ Straightforward

1. (a) **Definition:**

- Input: Integers  $n \geq 0$
- Output: The steps to move  $n$  disks from tower  $A$  to tower  $C$  using tower  $B$  as an auxiliary tower

(b) **Decomposition:**

- Base Case: If  $n = 0$ , return
- Inductive Step: Move  $n - 1$  disks from tower  $A$  to tower  $C$  using tower  $B$  as an auxiliary tower. Move disk  $n$  from tower  $A$  to tower  $C$ . Move  $n - 1$  disks from tower  $B$  to tower  $C$  using tower  $A$  as an auxiliary tower.

So, in Python:

```
def hanoi(n, A, B, C):  
    if n == 0:  
        return  
    hanoi(n-1, A, C, B)  
    print(f"Move disk {n} from {A} to {C}")  
    hanoi(n-1, B, A, C)
```

(c) **Deconstruction:**

The time complexity is given by the recurrence relation:  $T(n) = 2T(n-1) + O(1)$   
 $= 2(2T(n-2) + 2O(1)) + 2O(1) = \dots = 2^n T(0) + 2^n O(1)$   
So,  $T(n) = O(2^n)$

(d) **Design:**

No, since each value of  $n$  is computed exactly once, we don't need memoization.

(e) **Iteration:**

No, since the recursive solution is the most optimal solution. This is because the problem is inherently recursive and the iterative solution would be much more complex.

(f) **Correctness:**

- Base Case: If  $n = 0$ , return
- Inductive Hypothesis: Assume  $\text{hanoi}(k, A, C, B)$  moves  $k$  disks from tower  $A$  to tower  $C$  using tower  $B$  as an auxiliary tower
- Inductive Step: Need to show  $\text{hanoi}(k+1, A, C, B)$  moves  $k+1$  disks from tower  $A$  to tower  $C$  using tower  $B$  as an auxiliary tower

By the inductive hypothesis, we know that  $\text{hanoi}(k, A, C, B)$  moves  $k$  disks from tower  $A$  to tower  $C$  using tower  $B$  as an auxiliary tower.

So, the problem becomes moving the  $k+1^{\text{th}}$  disk from tower  $A$  to tower  $C$  using tower  $B$  as an auxiliary tower.

This is done by moving the top  $k$  disks from tower  $A$  to tower  $B$ , moving the  $k+1^{\text{th}}$  disk from tower  $A$  to tower  $C$ , and then moving the  $k$  disks from tower  $B$  to tower  $C$  using tower  $A$  as an auxiliary tower.

Therefore,  $\text{hanoi}(k+1, A, C, B)$  moves  $k+1$  disks from tower  $A$  to tower  $C$  using tower  $B$  as an auxiliary tower.

2. (a) **Definition:**

- Input: Array  $A$  of size  $n$
- Output: The sorted array  $A$

(b) **Decomposition:**

- i. Base Case: If  $n = 0$ , return  $A$
- ii. Inductive Step: Split the array  $A$  into two halves. Sort the first half and the second half. Merge the two sorted halves.

So, in Python:

```
def merge(A, B):
    result = []
    i = j = 0
    while i < len(A) and j < len(B):
        if A[i] < B[j]:
            result.append(A[i])
            i += 1
        else:
            result.append(B[j])
            j += 1
    result += A[i:]
    result += B[j:]
    return result

def sort(A):
    if len(A) <= 1:
        return A
    mid = len(A) // 2
    left = sort(A[:mid])
    right = sort(A[mid:])
    return merge(left, right)
```

(c) **Deconstruction:**

The time complexity is given by the recurrence relation:  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$

Using Master Theorem,  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $d = 1$  (Since  $f = n \in O(n)$ )

So,  $a = b^d \rightarrow \text{Case 2} \rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n \cdot \log_a n) \rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n \cdot \log_2 n)$

(d) **Design:**

No, since each value of  $A$  is computed exactly once, we don't need memoization.

(e) **Iteration:**

Yes, we can convert the recursive solution to an iterative solution.

```
def merge_sort(A):
    stack = []

    # Split the array into individual elements and append them to
    # the stack
    for i in range(len(A)):
        stack.append([A[i]])

    # Merge the elements in pairs, then merge the pairs in pairs,
    # and so on until only one element is left which is the
    # sorted array
    while len(stack) > 1:
        A = stack.pop()
        B = stack.pop()
        stack.append(merge(A, B))

    return stack[0]

def merge(A, B):
    result = []
    i = j = 0
    while i < len(A) and j < len(B):
        if A[i] < B[j]:
            result.append(A[i])
            i += 1
        else:
            result.append(B[j])
            j += 1
    result += A[i:]
    result += B[j:]
    return result
```

(f) **Correctness:**

- i. Base Case: If  $n = 0$ , return  $A$
- ii. Inductive Hypothesis: Assume  $\text{sort}(A[0 : n/2])$  and  $\text{sort}(A[n/2 : n])$  sorts  $A[0 : n/2]$  and  $A[n/2 : n]$
- iii. Inductive Step: Need to show  $\text{sort}(A)$  sorts  $A$

By the inductive hypothesis, we know that  $\text{sort}(A[0 : n/2])$  and  $\text{sort}(A[n/2 : n])$  sorts  $A[0 : n/2]$  and  $A[n/2 : n]$ .

So, the problem becomes merging the two sorted halves.

This is done by comparing the first element of each half and appending the smaller element to the result.

Therefore,  $\text{sort}(A)$  sorts  $A$ .



### 3 Bonus

1.  $T(n) = T(\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor) + c$

Note that:  $T(n) \approx T(\log_2 n) + O(1)$

So,  $T(n) = T(\log_2(\log_2 n) + O(1)) + O(1) = \dots \approx T(1) + O(\log_2 n)$

So,  $T(n) \in \Theta(\log_2 n)$

2. (a) **Definition:**

- Input: Array  $A$  of size  $n$
- Output: The pairs of numbers in the array  $A$  that add up to 0

(b) **Decomposition:**

- Base Case: If  $n = 0$ , return
- Inductive Step: Check if  $-A[i]$  is in the array. If it is, then add  $(A[i], -A[i])$  to the result.

So, in Python:

```
def two_sum(A):  
    result = []  
    for i in range(len(A) // 2):  
        if -A[i] in A:  
            result.append((A[i], -A[i]))  
    return result
```

(c) **Deconstruction:**

The time complexity is given by the recurrence relation:  $T(n) = nO(n) + O(1)$   
So,  $T(n) = O(n^2)$

(d) **Design:**

Yes, we can use memoization to store the values of  $-A[i]$  in a set. This would reduce the time complexity to  $O(n)$ .

(e) **Iteration:**

Yes, we can convert the recursive solution to an iterative solution.

```
def two_sum(A):  
    result = []  
    seen = set()  
    for i in range(len(A)):  
        if -A[i] in seen:  
            result.append((A[i], -A[i]))  
            seen.add(A[i])  
    return result
```

**Time Complexity:**

We have the recurrence relation:  $T(n) = nO(1) + O(1)$   
So,  $T(n) = O(n)$

(f) **Correctness:**

- Base Case: If  $n = 0$ , return
- Inductive Hypothesis: Assume  $\text{two\_sum}(A[0 : n - 1])$  returns the pairs of numbers in the array  $A[0 : n - 1]$  that add up to 0
- Inductive Step: Need to show  $\text{two\_sum}(A)$  returns the pairs of numbers in the array  $A$  that add up to 0

By the inductive hypothesis, we know that  $\text{two\_sum}(A[0 : n - 1])$  returns the pairs of numbers in the array  $A[0 : n - 1]$  that add up to 0.  
So, the problem becomes checking if  $-A[i]$  is in the array.  
If it is, then add  $(A[i], -A[i])$  to the result.  
Therefore,  $\text{two\_sum}(A)$  returns the pairs of numbers in the array  $A$  that add up to 0.