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In this tutorial, we will go through the concepts of recursion, time and space complexities, and how to solve recurrence relations

# **Recursion:**

# Question 1)

```
#include<stdio.h>
      void func(int n){
           if(n>0){
               func(n-1);
                          ",n);
               func(n-1);
  10
  11
  12
  13
  14
  15 void main(){
          func(4);
  16
  17
  18
1 2 1 3 1 2 1 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1
```

## **Explanation:**

Draw recursion tree and traverse in top to bottom, left to right fashion

## Question 2)

```
#include<stdio.h>
int c=0;

void func(int n){

if(n==0){
    return;
    }

c++;
    func(n/10);

void main(){

func(123456789);
    printf("Value of c is %d",c);

}
```

### **Output:**

Value of c is 9

# **Explanation:**

Draw a recursion tree and traverse in top to bottom fashion. Final value of c=9, after that we reach the base case n=0 and so return.

# **Efficiency of Algorithms:**

# Question 1)

Find the Time Complexity and Space Complexity of the following snippet:

```
int a = 0, b = 0;
```

```
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    a = a + rand(); //rand() returns a random number
}
for (j = 0; j < M; j++) {
    b = b + rand();
}</pre>
```

#### Answer:

```
Time Complexity = O(m+n)
Space Complexity = O(1) (constant number of variables)
```

# Question 2)

Find the Time Complexity of the following snippet:

```
int a = 0;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    for (j = N; j > i; j--) {
        a = a + i + j;
    }
}
```

#### Answer:

```
code runs total no of times

= N + (N - 1) + (N - 2) + ... 1 +

0

= N * (N + 1) / 2

= 1/2 * N^2 + 1/2 * N

O(N^2) times.
```

# Question 3)

Find the Time Complexity of the following snippet:

```
int a = 0, i = N;
while (i > 0) {
```

```
a += i;
i /= 2;
}
```

#### Answer:

O(logn)

## Question 4)

Find the Time Complexity of the following function:

```
int fun(int n) {
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
        for (int j = 1; j < n; j += i) {
            // Some O(1) task
        }
}</pre>
```

#### Answer:

O(n\*log n)

# **Explanation:**

# Harmonic Series:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \approx \ln n$$

For i = 1, the inner loop is executed n times.

For i = 2, the inner loop is executed approximately n/2 times. For i = 3, the inner loop is executed approximately n/3 times. For i = 4, the inner loop is executed approximately n/4 times.

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For i = n, the inner loop is executed approximately n/n times.

```
The total time complexity of the above algorithm is (n + n/2 + n/3 + ... + n/n)
= n * (1/1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + ... + 1/n)
[Recall the complexity of harmonic series]
```

Hence, the time complexity of fun is O(nLogn)

### Question 5)

Find the Time Complexity of the following function:

#### Answer:

```
\Theta(\log 1) + \Theta(\log 2) + \Theta(\log 3) + \dots + \Theta(\log n)
= \Theta(\log n!)
= \Theta(n \log n)
```

# **Solving Recurrence Relations:**

## Question 1)

Solve the following recurrence:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$$
  
 $T(1) = 0$ 

### Answer:

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

```
= 2[2 T(n/2^2) + n/2] + n = 2^2T(n/2^2) + 2n = 2^2 *[2T(n/2^3) + n/2^2] + 2n = 2^3 T(n/2^3) + 3n \dots = 2^k T(n/2^k) + kn

If n/2^k = 1 \Rightarrow n = 2^k \Rightarrow k = 0 (with base 2) Complexity = 0(n\log n)
```

## Question 2)

Find time complexity of the recursive fibonacci method

```
public static int rFib( int n) {
if (n == 0 || n == 1)
return 1;
else
return rFib (n-1) + rFib (n-2);
}
```

#### Answer:

O( 2<sup>n</sup>)

#### **Few Basic Questions:**

Find the time complexity of the given expressions?

**Q1)** 3 n log n + 2  $n^1.8$  **Ans:** O( $n^1.8$ )

**Q2)**  $8 \log n + 4 \log \log n$  **Ans:**  $O(\log n)$ 

**Q3)**  $3n + 2 (\log n)^2 + 4 \log n$  **Ans:** O(n)

**Q4)** An algorithm takes 0.5 ms for input size 100. How large a problem can be solved in 1 min if the running time is Linear (assume low-order terms are negligible)

**Answer:** x/100 = 60,000/0.5

solving for x gives an input size of 12,000,000

**Q5)** An algorithm takes 0.5 ms for input size 100. How large a problem can be solved in 1 min if the running time is O(nlogn) (assume low-order terms are negligible)

**Answer:** xlogx /100log100 = 60,000/0.5 solving for x gives an input size of 3,656,807

Q7)

# **Apply Master's Theorem**

$$T(n) = 64 T(n/8) - n^2 \log n$$

Ans. Master's Theorem cannot be applied here because the recurrence has a -ve sign which denotes that if you don't do extra work  $(n^2 \log n)$  the problem gets divided into subproblems. Master's Theorem says this is an invalid equation form.

**Q8**)

### **Apply Master's Theorem**

$$T(2^k) = 3T(2^{k-1}) + 1; T(1) = 1$$

Ans. Let 
$$2^k = n$$
  
=>  $2^{k-1} = 2^k/2 = n/2$   
=>  $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + 1$   
=>  $T(n) = \emptyset(n^{\log 3})$  [theta]  
=>  $T(n) = \emptyset(2^{k\log 3})$   
=>  $T(n) = \emptyset(3^k)$ 

### **Homework Questions:**

- **Q1)** An algorithm takes 0.5 ms for input size 100. How large a problem can be solved in 1 min if the running time is Quadratic (assume low-order terms are negligible)
- **Q2)** An algorithm takes 0.5 ms for input size 100. How large a problem can be solved in 1 min if the running time is Cubic (assume low-order terms are negligible)
- **Q3)** Use the definition of Big-Oh to prove that  $n^{1+0.001}$  is not O(n).
- **Q4)** When  $n = 2^{2k}$  for some  $k \ge 0$ , the recurrence relation

$$T(n) = \sqrt{2} T(n/2) + \sqrt{n}, T(1) = 1$$

evaluates to?