

# L10 - Time Complexity II

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## Time Complexity of recursive Sum of a list of numbers

recSum(Arr, n)

1. if  $n = 0$
2. return 0
3. return  $\text{recSum}(\text{Arr}, n-1) + \text{Arr}[n]$

### **Recurrence Equation/Relation**

$$T_{\text{recSum}}(n) = \begin{cases} c1; & \text{if } n = 0 \\ T_{\text{recSum}}(n-1) + c; & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $c$  &  $c1$  are positive constants:

Solving for

$$T_{\text{recSum}}(n) = T_{\text{recSum}}(n-1) + c; \quad \text{if } n > 0 \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

Using equation 1, above, repeatedly,

Substituting  $n-1$  for  $n$  in eq. 1

$$T_{\text{recSum}}(n-1) = T_{\text{recSum}}(n-1-1) + c; = T_{\text{recSum}}(n-2) + c;$$

$$T_{\text{recSum}}(n) = \underline{T_{\text{recSum}}(n-1)} + c$$

Substituting  $n-2$  for  $n$  in eq. 1

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$$T_{\text{recSum}}(n-2) = T_{\text{recSum}}(n-2-1) + c; = T_{\text{recSum}}(n-3) + c;$$

$$= [T_{\text{recSum}}(n-2) + c] + c = T_{\text{recSum}}(n-2) + c + c$$

$$= \underline{T_{\text{recSum}}(n-2)} + 2c$$

Substituting  $n-2$  for  $n$  in equation 1

$$= [T_{\text{recSum}}(n-3) + c] + 2c = T_{\text{recSum}}(n-3) + c + 2c$$

$$= T_{\text{recSum}}(n-3) + 3c$$

...

Let's continue this process of unfolding of recurrence equation/relation for  $k$  steps

$$= T_{recSum}(n - k) + kc \quad (2)$$

let  $n - k = 0$ , therefore  $k = n$   
 substituting  $k=n$  in equation 2

$$T_{recSum}(n) = T_{recSum}(n - n) + cn$$

$$= T_{recSum}(0) + cn$$

$$T_{recSum}(n) = c1 + cn = cn + c1$$

$$T_{recSum}(n) = \mathbf{O(n)}$$

If  $n = 4$ ,  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{recSum}(\text{Arr}, 4) \rightarrow \text{recSum}(\text{Arr}, 3) \rightarrow \text{recSum}(\text{Arr}, 2) \rightarrow \text{recSum}(\text{Arr}, 1) \rightarrow \text{recSum}(\text{Arr}, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{recSum}(4) &= T_{recSum}(3) + c \\ &= T_{recSum}(2) + c + c \\ &= T_{recSum}(1) + c + c + c \\ &= T_{recSum}(0) + c + c + c + c \\ &= c1 + c + c + c + c \end{aligned}$$

If  $n=4$ , the  $\text{recSum}$  function is called 5 times and  $T_{recSum}$  is also calculated 5 times.

As such, there is one-to-one correspondence between the number of times recursive code is invoked and the number of steps to calculate the affiliated time complexity. This is important point.

$$T_1(n) = \begin{cases} c1; & \text{if } n = 0 \\ T_1(n-2) + c; & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

where c & c1 are positive constants:

Solving for

$$T_1(n) = T_1(n-2) + c; \quad \text{if } n > 0 \quad (\text{eq. 3})$$

Using equation 3, above, repeatedly,

$$T_1(n) = \underline{T_1(n-2)} + c$$

Substituting n-2 for n in equation 3

$$= [T_1(n-4) + c] + c = T_1(n-4) + c + c$$

$$T_1(n) = \underline{T_1(n-4)} + 2c$$

Substituting n-4 for n in equation 3

$$= [T_1(n-6) + c] + 2c = T_1(n-6) + c + 2c$$

$$T_1(n) = \underline{T_1(n-6)} + 3c$$

...

$$T_1(n) = T_1(n-k) + (k/2)c \quad (4)$$

assuming n to be multiple of 2.

let n - k = 0, therefore k = n,

substituting k=n in equation 4

$$T_1(n) = T_1(n-n) + (c/2)n$$

$$= T_1(0) + (c/2)n$$

$$= c1 + (c/2)n$$

$$T_1(n) = \mathbf{O(n)} \quad \text{Linear Time Complexity}$$

$$T_m(n) = \begin{cases} c1; & \text{if } n = 0 \\ T_m(n-1) + c(\log n); & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

where c & c1 are positive constants:

Solving for

$$T_m(n) = T_m(n-1) + c(\log n); \quad \text{if } n > 0 \quad (\text{eq. 5})$$

Using equation 5, above, repeatedly,

$$T_m(n) = \underline{T_m(n-1)} + c(\log n)$$

Substituting n-1 for n in equation 5, above

$$\begin{aligned} &= [T_m(n-2) + c(\log(n-1))] + c(\log n) \\ &= \underline{T_m(n-2)} + c(\log(n-1)) + c(\log(n)) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting n-2 for n in equation 5, above  $[T_m(n-2) = T_m(n-2-1) + c(\log(n-2))];$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [T_m(n-3) + c(\log(n-2))] + c(\log(n-1)) + c(\log(n)) \\ &= \underline{T_m(n-3)} + c(\log(n-2)) + c(\log(n-1)) + c(\log(n)) \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

$$= T_m(n-k) + c(\log(n-(k-1))) + c(\log(n-(k-2))) + \dots + c(\log(n-2)) + c(\log(n-1)) + c(\log(n)) \quad (6)$$

let  $n-k=0$ , therefore  $k=n$ ,  
substituting  $k=n$  in equation 6

$$T_m(n) = T_m(n-n) + c(\log(n-(n-1))) + c(\log(n-(n-2))) + \dots + c(\log(n-2)) + c(\log(n-1)) + c(\log(n))$$

$$= T_m(0) + c(\log 1) + c(\log 2) + \dots + c(\log(n-2)) + c(\log(n-1)) + c(\log(n))$$

$$\log a + \log b = \log ab$$

$$= T_m(0) + c (\log(1 * 2 * \dots * (n-2) * (n-1) * n))$$

$$= T_m(0) + c (\log(n!))$$

$$= c_1 + c (\log(n!))$$

$$n! \text{ is upper bounded by } n^n \quad (1! = 1^1, 2! < 2^2, 3! < 3^3, \dots)$$

$$= c_1 + c(\log(n^n))$$

$$\log a^b = b \log a$$

$$= c_1 + c (n \log(n))$$

$$T_m(n) = c_1 + c(n \log(n))$$

$$= \mathbf{O(n \log(n))}$$