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VE477 Intro to Algorithms

Homework 2

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Question 1 Basic complexity

1. a)

We first prove that $n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 = \mathcal{O}(n^3)$. We choose $c = 2$ and $n = 4$, next we calculate

$$c \cdot g(n) - f(n) = 2n^3 - (n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1) = n((n - \frac{3}{2})^2 - \frac{13}{4})$$

For $n > 4$, obviously the former equation yields to a result greater than 0. Since we have found the c and n to make the condition validate, which means $n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 = \mathcal{O}(n^3)$.

Next is $n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 = \Omega(n^3)$. We choose $c = \frac{1}{2}$ and $n = 7$.

$$f(n) - c \cdot g(n) = (n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1) - \frac{1}{2}n^3 = \frac{1}{2}n[(n-3)^2 - 11] + 1$$

For $n \geq 7$, the former equation yields to a result greater than 0, which means $n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 = \Omega(n^3)$.

Since $n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 = \mathcal{O}(n^3)$ and $n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 = \Omega(n^3)$, we could conclude that

$$n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 1 = \Theta(n^3)$$

□

1. b)

We set $c = 1$ and $n = 2$. We will find that when $n = 2$, $2^n = n^2$, for easier comparison, we transform them into log basis. which is $2\log n$ and $n \log 2$

then we use

$$f(x) = \int f'(x)$$

So next we need to compare $\frac{d}{dn} 2\log n = \frac{2}{n}$ and $\log 2$.

Obviously, $\frac{2}{n} \leq 1$, $\forall n \geq 2$, so we have

$$\frac{d}{dn} 2\log n \leq \frac{d}{dn} n \log 2$$

And then

$$f(n) = 2\log 2 + \int_2^n f'(n)$$

and

$$g(n) = 2\log 2 + \int_2^n g'n$$

So $\forall n \geq 2$, and $c = 1$,

$$f(n) \leq g(n)$$

namely

$$n^2 = \mathcal{O}(2^)$$

□

2. a)

$f(n) = \mathcal{O}(g(n))$. We choose $c = 1$ and $n = 9$. For the base case, namely $f(9)$ and $g(9)$, $f(n) \leq g(n)$. And we apply the same methods as 1.b), since $f'(n) < g'(n)$, $\forall n \geq 9$, we could conclude that

$$f(n) = \mathcal{O}(g(n))$$

3. a)

Not exist.

3. b)

$f(n) = n$, $g(n) = 10$

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When n is approaching ∞,

$$f_4(n) > f_1(n) > f_3(n) > f_2(n)$$

It is easy to obtain the order of f_2 and f_3,

$$\frac{f_3}{f_2} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{\log n}} > 1 \Rightarrow f_3 > f_2$$

Next we need to compare f_3 and f_1. After observing the form of f_3 and f_1, we divide them into pairs, namely $p_i = \sqrt{i} + \sqrt{n+1-i}$ for f_1 and $q = 2\sqrt{n}$ for f_3.

Note that $f_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} p_i$ and $f_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} q$. Then we calculate $p_1^2 - q^2$,

$$p_1^2 - q^2 = n + 2\sqrt{n} + 1 - 4\log n > n - 4\log n$$

when $n \geq 9$, we will have $f_1^2 - f_3^2 > 0$. Similarly, we can derive that for every pair, $p_i > q$. And this tells $f_1 > f_3$.

$f_4 > f_1$ is also obvious. That

$$f_4 > n\sqrt{n} > \underbrace{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n} + \cdots + \sqrt{n}}_{\text{totally n items}} > 1 + \sqrt{2} + \cdots + \sqrt{n} = f_1$$

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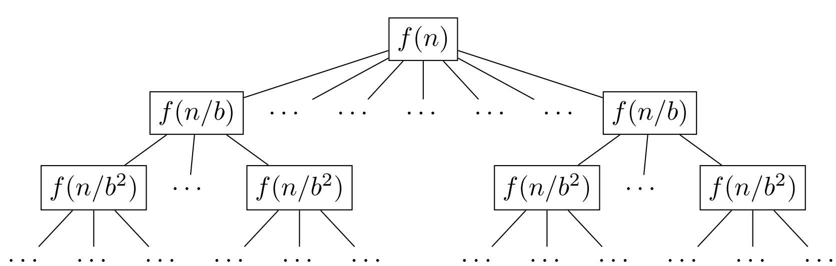
Question 2 Master Theorem

1 a)



where each node has b number of child nodes.

1 b)

i) The depth of the tree is $\log_b n$

ii) The leaves are $a^{depth} = a^{\log_b n}$