

1.

(a)

The number of elements of T that have

0 left parentheses: 1

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1 left parentheses: 1

 $(**)$

2 left parentheses: 2

 $(*(**)), ((**)*)$

3 left parentheses: 5

 $((*(**))*), (((**)*)*),$ $((**)(**)),$ $(*(*(**))), (*((**)*))$

4 left parentheses: 14

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(b)

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Define $c(n)$: the number of different elements of T with n left parentheses.

Then

$$c(n) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n c(n-i) \cdot c(i-1) & \text{if } n > 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

Explanation:

Case $n = 0$:

From 1(a) we know that there is only 1 element in T that has 0 left parentheses.

So $c(n) = 1$

Case $n > 0$:

Let $x_1, x_2 \in T$.

Let $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ be the number of left parentheses x_1, x_2 has, respectively.

For any combination of x_1, x_2 : $(x_1 x_2)$ has $a_1 + a_2 + 1$ left parentheses.

Let x be an arbitrary element of T with n left parentheses.

Since $n > 0$, x must be a combination of two elements from T .

Let x_1, x_2 be such two elements.

Then $x = (x_1 x_2)$ with $a_1 + a_2 + 1 = n$ left parentheses.

Thus $a_1 + a_2 = n - 1$

Hence, we only need to figure out how many different combinations of x_1, x_2 with $a_1 + a_2 = n - 1$ can make $(x_1 x_2)$ have n left parentheses.

We know that:

$$n - 1 = (n - 1) + (0) = (n - 2) + (1) = (n - 3) + (2) = \dots = (0) + (n - 1)$$

Since $n \in \mathbb{N}$, all of $c(n - 1), c(n - 2), \dots, c(0)$ can be defined.

Also, different x_1, x_2 can make different $(x_1 x_2)$. There are $c(a_1) \cdot c(a_2)$ different ways to form $(x_1 x_2)$ when a_1, a_2 are fixed to be specific natural numbers such that $a_1 + a_2 = n - 1$.

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} c(n) &= c(n - 1) \cdot c(0) + c(n - 2) \cdot c(1) + c(n - 3) \cdot c(2) + \dots + c(0) \cdot c(n - 1) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c(n - i) \cdot c(i - 1) \end{aligned}$$

When n is even:

The middle two terms of $\sum_{i=1}^n c(n-i) \cdot c(i-1)$ are

$$c\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \cdot c\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + c\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) \cdot c\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$$

These are two different combinations.

Thus, all the terms are different.

So, there is no repeat.

When n is odd:

The middle term of $\sum_{i=1}^n c(n-i) \cdot c(i-1)$ is

$$c\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) \cdot c\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)$$

This term only appears once.

Thus, all the terms are different.

So, there is no repeat.

Hence, we can say that there is no repeat.

Therefore, I've explained why

$$c(n) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n c(n-i) \cdot c(i-1) & \text{if } n > 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

2.

(a)

Answer:

$$p(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ or } 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 0, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 8, 9, 10, 11 \\ 3 & \text{if } n = 12 \\ p(n-3) + p(n-4) + p(n-5) - p(n-7) - p(n-8) - p(n-9) + p(n-12) & \text{if } n > 12. \end{cases}$$

The explanation is the following:

Since $0 = 0 \times 3 + 0 \times 4 + 0 \times 5$, hence $p(0)=1$,

Since $0 < 1 < 2 < 3 < 4 < 5$, hence $p(1)=p(2)=0$,

Since $3 = 3 \times 1, 4 = 4 \times 1, 5 = 5 \times 1$, hence $p(3)=p(4)=p(5)=1$,

Since $6 = 3 + 3, 7 = 3 + 4$, hence $p(6)=p(7)=1$,

Since $8 = 4 + 4 = 5 + 3, 9 = 3 \times 3 = 4 + 5, 10 = 5 + 5 = 3 \times 2 + 4, 11 = 5 + 3 \times 2 = 4 \times 2 + 3$, hence $p(8)=p(9) = p(10)=p(11)=2$,

Since $12 = 3 \times 4 = 4 \times 3 = 3 + 4 + 5$, hence $p(12)=3$.

To explain the function for $n > 12$, I will first explain that $p(n-3)=\#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp: since $p(n-3)=\#$ of ways to create $n-3$, let x be an arbitrary way of the ways to create $n-3$, then the combination of x and a 3-cent stamp must be a way to create n , hence $(x+ 3\text{-cent stamp})$ is a way of the ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp. And different x has different $(x+ 3\text{-cent stamp})$. Hence $p(n-3) \leq \#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp. Let y be an arbitrary way of the ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp. Then if we take away a 3-cent stamp form the combination of y , the remaining combination will be a way of the ways to create $n-3$. hence $(y- 3\text{-cent stamp})$ is a way of the ways to create $n-3$. And different y has different $(y- 3\text{-cent stamp})$. Hence $\#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp $\leq p(n-3)$. Hence we can conclude that $p(n-3) = \#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp.

And just like the above, $p(n-4) = \#$ of ways to create n with the use of 4-cent stamp,

$p(n-5) = \#$ of ways to create n with the use of 5-cent stamp,

$p(n-7) = \#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp and 4-cent stamp,

$p(n-8) = \#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp and 5-cent stamp,

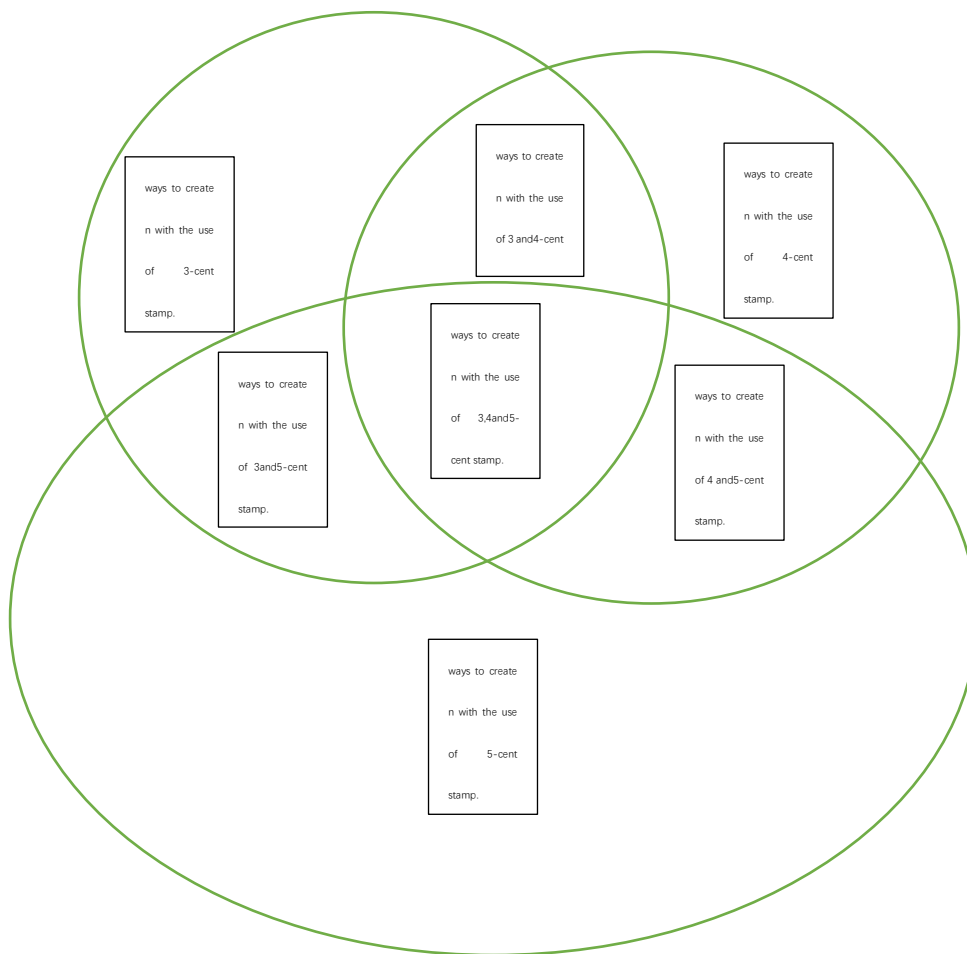
$p(n-9) = \#$ of ways to create n with the use of 5-cent stamp and 4-cent stamp,

$p(n-12) = \#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp and 4-cent stamp and 5-cent stamp.

Since $n > 12$, all of $p(n-4), p(n-5), p(n-7), p(n-8), p(n-9), p(n-12)$ make sense.

And we know that

$\#$ of ways to create $n = \#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp + $\#$ of ways to create n with the use of 4-cent stamp + $\#$ of ways to create n with the use of 5-cent stamp - $\#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp and 4-cent stamp - $\#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp and 5-cent stamp - $\#$ of ways to create n with the use of 5-cent stamp and 4-cent stamp + $\#$ of ways to create n with the use of 3-cent stamp and 4-cent stamp and 5-cent stamp.



(we use a picture to explain this)

Hence when $n > 12$, $p(n) = p(n-3) + p(n-4) + p(n-5) - p(n-7) - p(n-8) - p(n-9) + p(n-12)$.

Hence

$$p(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ or } 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 0, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 8, 9, 10, 11 \\ 3 & \text{if } n = 12 \\ p(n-3) + p(n-4) + p(n-5) - p(n-7) - p(n-8) - p(n-9) + p(n-12) & \text{if } n > 12. \end{cases}$$

(b)

WTS: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $p(n)$ is monotonic nondecreasing

Proof:

We are going to prove that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $p(n)$ is monotonic nondecreasing. That is to prove that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $n > 1 \Rightarrow p(n) \geq p(n-1)$. That is $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $n > 1 \Rightarrow p(n) - p(n-1) \geq 0$.

Define $q(n) := p(n) - p(n-1) \geq 0$. So we are going to prove that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $n > 1 \Rightarrow q(n)$

I am going to prove this by complete induction.

Inductive step:

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, assume $n >$

1, assume $H(n): \bigwedge_{i=2}^{n-1} q(i)$. we will prove $q(n)$ follows, that is $p(n) - p(n-1) \geq 0$.

- Base case $n=2$: $p(2) - p(1) = 0 - 0 = 0 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.

- Base case $n=3$: $p(3)-p(2)=1-0=1 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=4$: $p(4)-p(3)=1-1=0 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=5$: $p(5)-p(4)=1-1=0 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=6$: $p(6)-p(5)=1-1=0 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=7$: $p(7)-p(6)=1-1=0 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=8$: $p(8)-p(7)=2-1=1 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=9$: $p(9)-p(8)=2-2=0 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=10$: $p(10)-p(9)=2-2=0 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=11$: $p(11)-p(10)=2-2=0 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=12$: $p(12)-p(11)=3-2=1 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=13$: $p(13)-p(12)=3-3=0 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=14$: $p(14)-p(13)=3-3=0 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Base case $n=15$: $p(15)-p(14)=4-3=1 \geq 0$, so $q(n)$ follows in this case.
- Case $n>15$:

Since $n>15$, $n-1>14$, according to the definition of the function,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(n) - p(n-1) &= p(n-3) + p(n-4) + p(n-5) - p(n-7) - p(n-8) - p(n-9) \\
 &\quad + p(n-12) - p(n-4) - p(n-5) - p(n-6) + p(n-8) + \\
 &\quad p(n-9) + p(n-10) - p(n-13) \\
 &= p(n-3) - p(n-7) + p(n-12) - p(n-6) + p(n-10) - \\
 &\quad p(n-13) \\
 &= p(n-3) - p(n-6) - p(n-7) + p(n-10) + p(n-12) - \\
 &\quad p(n-13)
 \end{aligned}$$

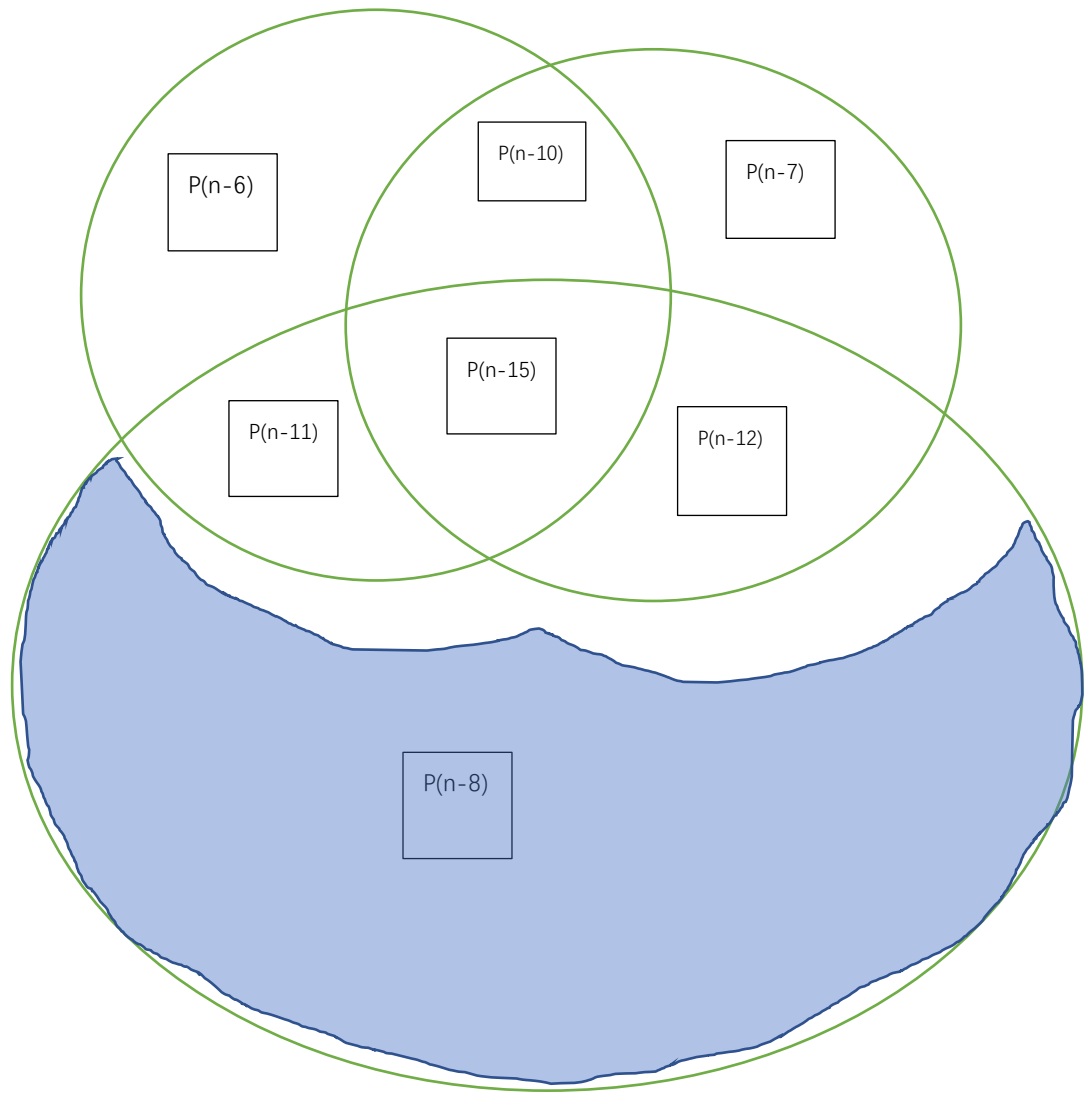
Since $n>15$, $2 < n-12 < n$, hence by inductive hypothesis we know that $q(n-12)$ is true, that is $p(n-12)-p(n-13) \geq 0$

Hence, we only need to show that $p(n-3) - p(n-6) - p(n-7) + p(n-10) \geq 0$

Since $n>15$, $n-3>12$, according to the definition of the function,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(n-3) &= p(n-6) + p(n-7) + p(n-8) - p(n-10) - p(n-11) - p(n-12) \\
 &\quad + p(n-15)
 \end{aligned}$$

hence $p(n-3) - p(n-6) - p(n-7) + p(n-10) = p(n-8) - p(n-11) - p(n-12) + p(n-15)$, and I can prove that $p(n-8) - p(n-11) - p(n-12) + p(n-15) \geq 0$ with the following picture:



We can see that $p(n-8) - p(n-11) - p(n-12) + p(n-15)$ is actually the blue space, with $p(n-6) + p(n-7) - p(n-10)$ be the white space, and the combination of them is $p(n-3)$.

Since the blue space must have non-negative ways hence $p(n-8) - p(n-11) - p(n-12) + p(n-15)$ must be non-negative, that is $p(n-8) - p(n-11) - p(n-12) + p(n-15) \geq 0$ That is $p(n-3) - p(n-6) - p(n-7) + p(n-10) \geq 0$

Hence $p(n-3) - p(n-6) - p(n-7) + p(n-10) + p(n-12) - p(n-13) \geq 0$

So $q(n)$ follows in this case.

Hence we have proved that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $p(n)$ is monotonic nondecreasing. ■

3.

(a)

Proof:

Define

$$P(n): \bigwedge_{m=1}^{m=n} T(m) \leq T(n)$$

I will prove that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+, P(n)$ using complete induction.

I will assume, without proof, that for any integer $n > 1$, $n > \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \geq 1$. (by lemma 3.3 from the course notes)

Inductive step:

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, assume $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{i=n-1} P(i)$.

I will show that $P(n)$ follows.

Base case $n \leq 2$:

$T(1) = c'$, which is no smaller than the value of T on any smaller positive natural number, since there are no smaller natural numbers. So $P(1)$ holds.

$T(2) = 1 + T(1) = 1 + c' \geq c' = T(1)$, so $P(2)$ holds since 1 is the only positive natural number less than 2.

Case $n \geq 3$:

Since $n > 2$, $n > n - 1 > 1$.

So $P(n - 1)$ holds (by inductive hypothesis) and (by transitivity of \leq) we need only show that $T(n - 1) \leq T(n)$.

Since $n - 1 > 1$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n - 1) &= 1 + T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor\right) && \# \text{ by definition of } T, \text{ since } n - 1 > 1 \\ &\leq 1 + T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) && \# \text{ by } P\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) \text{ since } n > \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor \geq 1 \\ &= T(n) \end{aligned}$$

From the above, I've proven that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+, P(n)$.

Therefore, T is nondecreasing.

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(b)

Proof:

Define

$$P(k): T(2^k) = k + c'$$

Note that when $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n = 2^k$, this is equivalent to $T(n) = \lg(n) + c'$

I will prove that $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, $P(k)$ using simple induction on k .

Base case:

$$T(2^0) = T(1) = c' = 0 + c'$$

So $P(0)$ holds

Inductive step:

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Assume $P(k)$, that is $T(2^k) = k + c'$.

I will show that $P(k+1)$ follows, that is $T(2^{k+1}) = k+1 + c'$.

Since $k+1 > 0$, $2^{k+1} > 1$, so by definition of T :

$$\begin{aligned} T(2^{k+1}) &= 1 + T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{2^{k+1}}{2} \right\rfloor\right) \quad \# \text{ by definition of } T, \text{ since } 2^{k+1} > 1 \\ &= 1 + T(2^k) \\ &= 1 + T(2^k) \quad \# \text{ since } 2^k \text{ is an integer} \\ &= 1 + k + c' \quad \# \text{ by inductive hypothesis, } P(k) \\ &\quad \text{holds, that is } T(2^k) = k + c' \end{aligned}$$

From the above, I've proven that $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, $P(k)$.

Therefore, $\forall k, n \in \mathbb{N}, n = 2^k \Rightarrow T(n) = \lg(n) + c'$.

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(c)

Proof:

Wants to show: $T \in \Theta(\lg(n))$

Define $n^* = 2^{\lceil \lg(n) \rceil}$

Then

$$\lceil \lg(n) \rceil - 1 < \lg(n) \leq \lceil \lg(n) \rceil \Rightarrow \frac{n^*}{2} < n \leq n^*$$

From part (a) we know: T is nondecreasing

From part (b) we know: $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, T(2^k) = k + c'$

Show that $T \in O(\lg(n))$:

Let $d = 2$. Then $d \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

Let $B = 2$. Then $B \in \mathbb{N}^+$.

Let n be an arbitrary natural number no smaller than B .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq T(n^*) \quad \# \text{ since } T \text{ is nondecreasing and } n \leq n^* \\ &= \lg(n^*) + c' \quad \# \text{ since } \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, T(2^k) = k + c' \\ &< \lg(2n) + c' \quad \# \frac{n^*}{2} < n \Rightarrow n^* < 2n \\ &= \lg(n) + 1 + c' \\ &\leq \lg(n) + \lg(n) + c' \quad \# n \geq B = 2 \Rightarrow \lg(n) \geq 1 \\ &= 2 \lg(n) + c' \\ &= d \lg(n) + c' \quad \# \text{ since } d = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Since c' is the time cost for some operations, c' must be a constant no smaller than 0.

Therefore, $T \in O(\lg(n))$ since $d \lg(n) + c'$ differs from $d \lg(n)$ by adding a constant c' .

Show that $T \in \Omega(\lg(n))$:

Let $d = \frac{1}{2}$. Then $d \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

Let $B = 4$. Then $B \in \mathbb{N}^+$.

Let n be an arbitrary natural number no smaller than B .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\geq T\left(\frac{n^*}{2}\right) \quad \# \text{ since } T \text{ is nondecreasing and } n > \frac{n^*}{2} \\
 &= \lg\left(\frac{n^*}{2}\right) + c' \quad \# \text{ since } \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, T(2^k) = k + c' \\
 &\geq \lg\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c' \quad \# n^* \geq n \Rightarrow \frac{n^*}{2} \geq \frac{n}{2} \\
 &= \lg(n) - 1 + c' \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}\lg(n) + \frac{1}{2}\lg(n) - 1 + c' \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{2}\lg(n) + c' \quad \# n \geq B = 4 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\lg(n) \geq 1 \\
 &= d \lg(n) + c' \quad \# \text{ since } d = \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since c' is the time cost for some operations, c' must be a constant no smaller than 0.

Therefore, $T \in \Omega(\lg(n))$ since $d \lg(n) + c'$ differs from $d \lg(n)$ by adding a constant c' .

From the above, I've proven that $T \in O(\lg(n))$ and $T \in \Omega(\lg(n))$.

Therefore, $T \in \Theta(\lg(n))$.

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4.

(a) I will prove that its precondition plus execution implies its postcondition. The proof is the following:

Proof:

Define $c(j)$: $0 \leq i \leq \text{len}(s1)$ and $j \leq \text{len}(s2)$

\Rightarrow returns numbers of times $s1[:i]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j]$

I will use complete induction to prove $\forall j \in \mathbb{N}, c(j)$.

Inductive step:

Let $j \in \mathbb{N}$, assume $H(j)$: $\bigwedge_{i=0}^{j-1} c(i)$. we will prove $c(j)$ follows, assume $0 \leq i \leq$

$\text{len}(s1)$ and $j \leq$

$\text{len}(s2)$ and we will prove the code returns numbers of times $s1[:i]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j]$

- Base case: $j=0$, and we can divide this situation in to 2 cases
 1. $i=0=j$, then according to the code, it will return 1, since numbers of times "" occurs as a subsequence of "" is 1, hence the result is right.
 2. $i>0=j$, then according to the code, it will return 0, since numbers of times "... " occurs as a subsequence of "" is 0, hence the result is right.So $c(j)$ follows in this case
- Case: $j>0$, and we can divide this situation in to 4 cases.
 1. $i=0$, then according to the code, it will return 1, since numbers of times "" occurs as a subsequence of "... " is 1, hence the result is right.
 2. $i>j$, then according to the code, it will return 0, since numbers of times ".... "(larger length) occurs as a subsequence of "... "(smaller length) is 0, hence the result is right.
 3. $0 < i \leq j$ and $s1[i-1] \neq s2[j-1]$, then according to the code, it will return $\text{count_subsequence}(s1, s2, i, j-1)$, since $j>0$, $0 \leq j-1 < j$, hence according to the inductive hypothesis, since $0 \leq i \leq \text{len}(s1)$ and $j \leq \text{len}(s2)$, hence $0 \leq i \leq \text{len}(s1)$ and $j-1 \leq \text{len}(s2)$, hence the code returns numbers of times $s1[:i]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j-1]$.
Since $s1[i-1] \neq s2[j-1]$ and $s2[j-1]$ is the last term of $s2[:j]$, $s1[i-1]$ is the last term of $s1[:i]$, hence any subsequence that use $s2[j-1]$ (if it uses then $s2[j-1]$ must be the last term) will not be $s1[:i]$, in other word, we only need to consider about $s2[:j-1]$, hence the numbers of times $s1[:i]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j-1]$ is equal to the numbers of times $s1[:i]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j]$, hence the result is right.
 4. $0 < i \leq j$ and $s1[i-1] = s2[j-1]$, then according to the code, it will return $\text{count_subsequence}(s1, s2, i, j-1) + \text{count_subsequence}(s1, s2, i-1, j-1)$, since $j>0$, $0 \leq j-1 < j$, hence according to the inductive hypothesis, since $0 < i \leq \text{len}(s1)$ and $j \leq \text{len}(s2)$, hence $0 \leq i \leq \text{len}(s1)$ and $j-1 \leq \text{len}(s2)$ and $0 \leq i-1 \leq \text{len}(s1)$, hence the code returns numbers of times $s1[:i]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j-1] +$ numbers of times $s1[:i-1]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j-1]$. Since $s1[i-1] = s2[j-1]$ and $s2[j-1]$ is the last term of $s2[:j]$, $s1[i-1]$ is the last term of $s1[:i]$, hence we can consider the subsequence into 2 situation. One situation is I will use $s2[j-1]$ as a term of the subsequence, since the last term of the sequence has been defined and is of course equal to the last term of $s1[:i]$, hence we only need to consider the numbers of *times $s1[:i-1]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j-1]$* . Hence in this situation the number is equal to the numbers of *times $s1[:i-1]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j-1]$* . In the other situation, I will not use $s2[j-1]$ as a term of the subsequence, hence we only need to consider about the numbers of *times $s1[:i]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j-1]$* , hence in this situation the number is equal to the numbers of *times $s1[:i]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j-1]$* . So we combine the 2 situation together and the total number is

*numbers of times $s1[:i]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j-1]$ +
 numbers of times $s1[:i-1]$ occurs as a subsequence of $s2[:j-1]$*
 hence the result is right.

So $c(j)$ follows in this case

Hence we have proved that $\forall j \in \mathbb{N}, c(j)$, that is its precondition plus execution implies its postcondition. ■

5.

I am going to show that my function is right, the proof is the following:

Proof:

Assume the precondition that is `colour_list` is a `List[str]` from `{"b", "g", "r"}`.

Let $blue_i$ be blue after the i th iteration. Let $green_i$ be green after the i th iteration.

Let red_i be red after the i th iteration.

Define $p(i)$: after the i th iteration of the loop (if it occurs), $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i \leq red_i \leq len(colour_list)$ and `colour_list[0: $green_i$] + colour_list[red_i :]` same colours as before and

$all([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[0: blue_i]])$ and $all([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[blue_i: green_i]])$ and $all([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[red_i:]])$

I am going to prove $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}, p(i)$ using simple induction on i .

Base case: $blue_0 = 0, green_0 = 0, red_0 = len(colour_list)$ (by initialization),

Since $0 \leq 0 \leq 0 \leq len(colour_list) \leq len(colour_list)$, hence $0 \leq blue_0 \leq green_0 \leq red_0 \leq len(colour_list)$.

`colour_list[0: $green_0$] + colour_list[red_0 :] = colour_list[0: 0] + colour_list[$len(colour_list)$:] = []` and it has the same colours as before since it is the 0th iteration.

$all([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[0: blue_0]]) = all([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[0: 0]]) = all([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } []])$ must always be true.

$all([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[blue_0: green_0]]) = all([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[0: 0]]) = all([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } []])$ must always be true.

$all([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[red_0:]]) = all([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[$len(colour_list)$:]]) = all([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } []])$ must always be true.

So $p(0)$ follows.

Inductive step:

Let $i \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume $p(i)$. Show that $p(i+1)$ follows. (If there is an $(i+1)$ th loop iteration)

Since $i+1 > 0$ hence we will excute the while loop.

According to the code I will divide the proof into 7 cases.

● Case1: `colour_list[$red_i - 1$] = "r"` and `colour_list[$green_i$] = "g"`.

According to the code $red_{i+1} = red_i - 1$ and $green_{i+1} = green_i + 1$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i$.

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i \leq red_i \leq len(colour_list)$

And since we have the $i+1$ iteration, $green_i < red_i$

Hence $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i < red_i \leq len(colour_list)$

Hence $red_{i+1} < red_i \leq len(colour_list)$, that is $red_{i+1} \leq len(colour_list)$

Also $0 \leq blue_i = blue_{i+1} \leq green_i < green_{i+1}$, hence $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1}$

And since we have $\text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i - 1] = "r"$ and $\text{colour_list}[\text{green}_i] = "g"$ and they are not equal to each other, hence $\text{red}_i - 1 > \text{green}_i$ that is $\text{red}_i - 1 \geq \text{green}_i + 1$ that is $\text{red}_{i+1} \geq \text{green}_{i+1}$

Combining the above, we have $0 \leq \text{blue}_{i+1} \leq \text{green}_{i+1} \leq \text{red}_{i+1} \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{colour_list}[0:\text{green}_i] + \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i:]$ same colours as before. Since we didn't change any element of the list in this case, $\text{colour_list}[0:\text{green}_{i+1}] + \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_{i+1}:]$ same colours as last iteration as before

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[0:\text{blue}_i]])$ and $\text{blue}_{i+1} = \text{blue}_i$ hence $\text{all}([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[0:\text{blue}_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_i:\text{green}_i]])$ and $\text{green}_{i+1} = \text{green}_i + 1$ and $\text{blue}_{i+1} = \text{blue}_i$ and $\text{colour_list}[\text{green}_i] = "g"$, hence $\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_{i+1}:\text{green}_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i:]])$ and $\text{red}_{i+1} = \text{red}_i - 1$ and $\text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i - 1] = "r"$, hence $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_{i+1}:]])$.

So $p(i+1)$ follows in this case.

- Case2: $\text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i - 1] = "r"$ and $\text{colour_list}[\text{green}_i] = "r"$.

According to the code $\text{red}_{i+1} = \text{red}_i - 1$ and $\text{green}_{i+1} = \text{green}_i$ and $\text{blue}_{i+1} = \text{blue}_i$.

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $0 \leq \text{blue}_i \leq \text{green}_i \leq \text{red}_i \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

And since we have the $i+1$ iteration, $\text{green}_i < \text{red}_i$

Hence $0 \leq \text{blue}_i \leq \text{green}_i < \text{red}_i \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

Hence $\text{red}_{i+1} < \text{red}_i \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$, that is $\text{red}_{i+1} \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

Also $0 \leq \text{blue}_i = \text{blue}_{i+1} \leq \text{green}_i = \text{green}_{i+1}$, hence $0 \leq \text{blue}_{i+1} \leq \text{green}_{i+1}$

And since $\text{red}_i > \text{green}_i$ that is $\text{red}_i - 1 \geq \text{green}_i$ that is $\text{red}_{i+1} \geq \text{green}_{i+1}$

Combining the above, we have $0 \leq \text{blue}_{i+1} \leq \text{green}_{i+1} \leq \text{red}_{i+1} \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{colour_list}[0:\text{green}_i] + \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i:]$ same colours as before. Since we didn't change any element of the list in this case, $\text{colour_list}[0:\text{green}_{i+1}] + \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_{i+1}:]$ same colours as last iteration as before

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[0:\text{blue}_i]])$ and $\text{blue}_{i+1} = \text{blue}_i$ hence $\text{all}([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[0:\text{blue}_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_i:\text{green}_i]])$ and $\text{green}_{i+1} = \text{green}_i$ and $\text{blue}_{i+1} = \text{blue}_i$, hence $\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_{i+1}:\text{green}_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i:]])$ and $\text{red}_{i+1} = \text{red}_i - 1$ and $\text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i - 1] = "r"$, hence $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_{i+1}:]])$.

So $p(i+1)$ follows in this case.

- Case3: $\text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i - 1] = "r"$ and $\text{colour_list}[\text{green}_i] = "b"$.

According to the code $\text{red}_{i+1} = \text{red}_i - 1$ and $\text{green}_{i+1} = \text{green}_i + 1$ and $\text{blue}_{i+1} = \text{blue}_i + 1$.

And $\text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_i]$, $\text{colour_list}[\text{green}_i] = \text{colour_list}[\text{green}_i]$, $\text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_i]$ that is the element on blue_i and green_i change to each other.

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i \leq red_i \leq len(colour_list)$

And since we have the $i+1$ iteration, $green_i < red_i$

Hence $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i < red_i \leq len(colour_list)$

Hence $red_{i+1} < red_i \leq len(colour_list)$, that is $red_{i+1} \leq len(colour_list)$

Also $0 \leq blue_i < blue_{i+1} = blue_i + 1 \leq green_i + 1 = green_{i+1}$, hence $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1}$

And since we have $colour_list[red_i - 1] = "r"$ and $colour_list[green_i] = "b"$ and they are not equal to each other, hence $red_i - 1 > green_i$ that is $red_i - 1 \geq green_i + 1$ that is $red_{i+1} \geq green_{i+1}$

Combining the above, we have $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1} \leq red_{i+1} \leq len(colour_list)$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $colour_list[0: green_i] + colour_list[red_i:]$ same colours as before. Since we only change the element on $blue_i$ and $green_i$ to each other and they are all in $colour_list[0: green_{i+1}]$ hence $colour_list[0: green_{i+1}] + colour_list[red_{i+1}:]$ same colours as the last iteration as before

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $all([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[0: blue_i]])$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i +$

1 and we've changed $colour_list[blue_i]$ to $colour_list[green_i]$ which equals "b" hence $all([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[0: blue_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $all([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[blue_i: green_i]])$ and $green_{i+1} = green_i + 1$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i + 1$ and $colour_list[green_i] = "g"$ since we have changed it with $colour_list[blue_i]$ which is "g" according to inductive hypothesis, hence $all([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[blue_{i+1}: green_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $all([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[red_i:]])$ and $red_{i+1} = red_i - 1$ and $colour_list[red_i - 1] = "r"$, hence $all([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[red_{i+1}:]])$.

So $p(i+1)$ follows in this case.

● Case4: $colour_list[red_i - 1] = "b"$ or "g" and $colour_list[green_i] = "g"$.

According to the code $red_{i+1} = red_i$ and $green_{i+1} = green_i + 1$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i$.

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i \leq red_i \leq len(colour_list)$

And since we have the $i+1$ iteration, $green_i < red_i$

Hence $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i < red_i \leq len(colour_list)$

Hence $red_{i+1} = red_i \leq len(colour_list)$, that is $red_{i+1} \leq len(colour_list)$

Also $0 \leq blue_i = blue_{i+1} \leq green_i < green_{i+1}$, hence $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1}$

And since $red_i > green_i$ that is $red_i \geq green_i + 1$ that is $red_{i+1} \geq green_{i+1}$

Combining the above, we have $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1} \leq red_{i+1} \leq len(colour_list)$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $colour_list[0: green_i] + colour_list[red_i:]$ same colours as before, Since we didn't change any element of the list in this case, $colour_list[0: green_{i+1}] + colour_list[red_{i+1}:]$ same colours as the last iteration as before

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $all([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[0: blue_i]])$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i$ hence $all([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[0: blue_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $all([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[blue_i: green_i]])$ and $green_{i+1} = green_i + 1$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i$ and $colour_list[green_i] = "g"$, hence

$\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in colour_list}[blue_{i+1}: green_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in colour_list}[red_i:]])$ and $red_{i+1} = red_i$, hence $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in colour_list}[red_{i+1}:]])$.

So $p(i+1)$ follows in this case.

- Case5: $\text{colour_list}[red_i - 1] = "b"$ or $"g"$ and $\text{colour_list}[green_i] = "b"$.

According to the code $red_{i+1} = red_i$ and $green_{i+1} = green_i + 1$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i + 1$. And $\text{colour_list}[blue_i]$, $\text{colour_list}[green_i] = \text{colour_list}[green_i]$, $\text{colour_list}[blue_i]$ that is the element on $blue_i$ and $green_i$ change to each other.

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i \leq red_i \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

And since we have the $i+1$ iteration, $green_i < red_i$

Hence $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i < red_i \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

Hence $red_{i+1} = red_i \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$, that is $red_{i+1} \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

Also $0 \leq blue_i < blue_{i+1} = blue_i + 1 \leq green_i + 1 = green_{i+1}$, hence $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1}$

And since $red_i > green_i$ that is $red_i \geq green_i + 1$ that is $red_{i+1} \geq green_{i+1}$

Combining the above, we have $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1} \leq red_{i+1} \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{colour_list}[0: green_i] + \text{colour_list}[red_i:]$ same colours as before. Since we only change the element on $blue_i$ and $green_i$ to each other and they are all in $\text{colour_list}[0: green_{i+1}]$ hence $\text{colour_list}[0: green_{i+1}] + \text{colour_list}[red_{i+1}:]$ same colours as the last iteration as before

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in colour_list}[0: blue_i]])$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i + 1$

and we've changed $\text{colour_list}[blue_i]$ to $\text{colour_list}[green_i]$ which equals "b" hence $\text{all}([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in colour_list}[0: blue_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in colour_list}[blue_i: green_i]])$ and $green_{i+1} = green_i + 1$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i + 1$ and $\text{colour_list}[green_i] = "g"$ since we have changed it with $\text{colour_list}[blue_i]$ which is "g" according to inductive hypothesis, hence $\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in colour_list}[blue_{i+1}: green_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in colour_list}[red_i:]])$ and $red_{i+1} = red_i$, hence $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in colour_list}[red_{i+1}:]])$.

So $p(i+1)$ follows in this case.

- Case6: $\text{colour_list}[red_i - 1] = "g"$ and $\text{colour_list}[green_i] = "r"$.

According to the code $red_{i+1} = red_i - 1$ and $green_{i+1} = green_i + 1$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i$. And $\text{colour_list}[red_i - 1]$, $\text{colour_list}[green_i] = \text{colour_list}[green_i]$, $\text{colour_list}[red_i - 1]$ that is the element on $red_i - 1$ and $green_i$ change to each other.

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i \leq red_i \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

And since we have the $i+1$ iteration, $green_i < red_i$

Hence $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i < red_i \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

Hence $red_{i+1} < red_i \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$, that is $red_{i+1} \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$

Also $0 \leq blue_i = blue_{i+1} \leq green_i + 1 = green_{i+1}$, hence $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1}$

And since we have $\text{colour_list}[red_i - 1] = "g"$ and $\text{colour_list}[green_i] = "r"$ and they are not equal to each other, hence $red_i - 1 > green_i$ that is $red_i - 1 \geq green_i + 1$ that is $red_{i+1} \geq green_{i+1}$

Combining the above, we have $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1} \leq red_{i+1} \leq len(colour_list)$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $colour_list[0: green_i] + colour_list[red_i:]$ same colours as before. Since we only change the element on $red_i - 1$ and $green_i$ to each other and $colour_list[red_i - 1]$ in $colour_list[red_{i+1}:]$ before and now in $colour_list[0: green_{i+1}]$, And $colour_list[green_i]$ in $colour_list[0: green_{i+1}]$ before and now in $colour_list[red_{i+1}:]$ hence $colour_list[0: green_{i+1}] + colour_list[red_{i+1}:]$ same colours as the last iteration as before.

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $all([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[0: blue_i]])$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i$ hence $all([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[0: blue_{i+1}])]$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $all([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[blue_i: green_i]])$ and $green_{i+1} = green_i + 1$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i$ and $colour_list[green_i] = "g"$ since we have changed it with $colour_list[red_i - 1]$ which is "g", hence $all([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[blue_{i+1}: green_{i+1}])]$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $all([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[red_i:]])$ and $red_{i+1} = red_i - 1$ and $colour_list[red_i - 1] = "r"$ since we have changed it with $colour_list[green_i]$ which is "r", hence $all([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } colour_list[red_{i+1}:]])$.

So $p(i+1)$ follows in this case.

- Case7: $colour_list[red_i - 1] = "b"$ and $colour_list[green_i] = "r"$.

According to the code $red_{i+1} = red_i - 1$ and $green_{i+1} = green_i + 1$ and $blue_{i+1} = blue_i + 1$.

And $colour_list[red_i - 1]$, $colour_list[green_i] = colour_list[green_i]$, $colour_list[red_i - 1]$ that is the element on $red_i - 1$ and $green_i$ change to each other.

And then $colour_list[blue_i]$, $colour_list[green_i] = colour_list[green_i]$, $colour_list[blue_i]$ that is the element on $blue_i$ and $green_i$ change to each other.

That is $colour_list[red_i - 1]$ is the $colour_list[green_i]$ of the last list.

$colour_list[green_i]$ is the $colour_list[blue_i]$ of the last list.

$colour_list[blue_i]$ is the $colour_list[red_i - 1]$ of the last list.

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i \leq red_i \leq len(colour_list)$

And since we have the $i+1$ iteration, $green_i < red_i$

Hence $0 \leq blue_i \leq green_i < red_i \leq len(colour_list)$

Hence $red_{i+1} < red_i \leq len(colour_list)$, that is $red_{i+1} \leq len(colour_list)$

Also $0 \leq blue_i < blue_{i+1} = blue_i + 1 \leq green_i + 1 = green_{i+1}$, hence $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1}$

And since we have $colour_list[red_i - 1] = "b"$ and $colour_list[green_i] = "r"$ and they are not equal to each other, hence $red_i - 1 > green_i$ that is $red_i - 1 \geq green_i + 1$ that is $red_{i+1} \geq green_{i+1}$

Combining the above, we have $0 \leq blue_{i+1} \leq green_{i+1} \leq red_{i+1} \leq len(colour_list)$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $colour_list[0: green_i] + colour_list[red_i:]$ same colours as before. Since $colour_list[red_i - 1]$ is the $colour_list[green_i]$ of the last list. $colour_list[green_i]$ is the $colour_list[blue_i]$ of the last list. $colour_list[blue_i]$ is the $colour_list[red_i - 1]$ of the last list. And they are all in $colour_list[0: green_{i+1}] + colour_list[red_{i+1}:]$,

hence $colour_list[0: green_{i+1}] +$

colour_list[red_{i+1}:] same colours as the last iteration as before.

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[0: \text{blue}_i]])$ and $\text{blue}_{i+1} = \text{blue}_i + 1$ and $\text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_i]$ is the $\text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i - 1]$ of the last list which is "b" hence $\text{all}([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[0: \text{blue}_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_i: \text{green}_i]])$ and $\text{green}_{i+1} = \text{green}_i + 1$ and $\text{blue}_{i+1} = \text{blue}_i + 1$ and $\text{colour_list}[\text{green}_i] = "g"$ $\text{colour_list}[\text{green}_i]$ is the $\text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_i]$ of the last list, and by inductive hypothesis, the $\text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_i]$ of the last list is "g", hence $\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_{i+1}: \text{green}_{i+1}]])$

Since by inductive hypothesis we know that $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i:]])$ and $\text{red}_{i+1} = \text{red}_i - 1$ and $\text{colour_list}[\text{red}_i - 1] = "r"$ since we have changed it with $\text{colour_list}[\text{green}_i]$ which is "r", hence $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_{i+1}:]])$.

So $p(i+1)$ follows in this case.

Hence $p(i+1)$ follows.

Hence $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}, p(i)$.

If the loop terminates after, say, iteration f , then the following must be true:

- $0 \leq \text{blue}_f \leq \text{green}_f \leq \text{red}_f \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$ and $\text{colour_list}[0: \text{green}_f] + \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_f:]$ same colours as before and $\text{all}([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[0: \text{blue}_f]])$ and $\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_f: \text{green}_f]])$ and $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_f:]])$ #by $p(f)$
- $\text{green}_f \geq \text{red}_f$ #by loop condition.

Hence $0 \leq \text{blue}_f \leq \text{green}_f = \text{red}_f \leq \text{len}(\text{colour_list})$ and $\text{all}([c == "b" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[0: \text{blue}_f]])$ and $\text{all}([c == "g" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{blue}_f: \text{green}_f]])$ and $\text{all}([c == "r" \text{ for } c \text{ in } \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_f:]])$ and $\text{colour_list}[0: \text{green}_f] + \text{colour_list}[\text{red}_f:]$ same colours as before.

Hence we can conclude the postcondition that is colour_list has same strings as before, ordered "b" < "g" < "r".

In the end, we will prove termination:

Try the sequence $\langle \text{red}_i - \text{green}_i \rangle$, by initialization and the code, it is obviously that $\text{red}_i \in \mathbb{N}$, $\text{green}_i \in \mathbb{N}$. By the loop invariant $p(i)$, $\text{green}_i \leq \text{red}_i$. Hence $\text{red}_i - \text{green}_i$ is an integer, and $\text{green}_i \leq \text{red}_i \Rightarrow \text{red}_i - \text{green}_i \geq 0$, so each element of the sequence is $\in \mathbb{N}$.

It remains to show that the sequence is strictly decreasing. Suppose there is an $(i+1)$ th iteration of the loop. Then $\text{red}_{i+1} - \text{green}_{i+1} \leq \text{red}_i - \text{green}_i - 1 < \text{red}_i - \text{green}_i$ (since from the above case 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 we know that green_{i+1} will always equal to $\text{green}_i + 1$ while red_{i+1} will either remain the same as red_i or equal to $\text{red}_i - 1$. for case 2, however $\text{red}_{i+1} = \text{red}_i - 1$ while $\text{green}_{i+1} = \text{green}_i$ but it concludes the same that $\text{red}_{i+1} - \text{green}_{i+1} \leq \text{red}_i - \text{green}_i - 1$). So the sequence is strictly decreasing.

Thus the loop terminates.

Hence my function is right. ■