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Lab 2 continued

## # 1 Answer

Proof by Induction : We need to prove that for all  $n > 4$ , the Fibonacci sequence satisfies:

$$F_n > (\gamma_3)^n$$

Base case ( $n = 5, 6$ )

From the given table :

$$F_5 = 5 \text{ and } (\gamma_3)^5 \approx 4.21 \rightarrow 5 > 4.21 \text{ (Holds)}$$

$$F_6 = 8 \text{ and } (\gamma_3)^6 \approx 5.62 \rightarrow 8 > 5.62 \text{ (Holds)}$$

Since the inequality holds for  $n=5, 6$  we proceed with induction

### Hypothesis

Assume the inequality holds for some  $k \geq 6$ :

$$F_k > (\gamma_3)^k, \quad F_{k-1} > (\gamma_3)^{k-1}$$

### Inductive step

We need to prove

$$F_{k+1} = F_k + F_{k-1} > (\gamma_3)^{k+1}$$

By the induction hypothesis:

$$F_k + F_{k-1} > (\gamma_3)^k + (\gamma_3)^{k-1}$$

Factor out  $(\gamma_{13})^{k-1}$ :

$$F_{k+1} > (\gamma_{13})^{k-1} \times (\gamma_{13} + 1)$$

Since  $\gamma_{13} + 1 = \gamma_3$  we get:

$$F_{k+1} > (\gamma_{13})^{k-1} \times (\gamma_3)$$

Compare this with  $(\gamma_{13})^{k+1}$ :

$$(\gamma_{13})^{k+1} = (\gamma_3)^k \times (\gamma_{13})$$

Since  $\gamma_3 > \gamma_{13}$  it follows that:

$$F_{k+1} > (\gamma_{13})^{k+1}$$

Thus by induction, the statement holds for all  $n > 4$ .

→ The recursive Fibonacci algorithm follows the relation:

$$F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$$

which means that each call spawns two new recursive calls.  
The total number of recursive calls grows roughly as  $O(F_n)$

Since we just proved that

$$F_n > (\gamma_{13})^n$$

We conclude that the recursive Fibonacci function has exponential time complexity, roughly  $O(2^n)$ .

## # Reason why Recursive Algorithm is slow

Exponential Growth: The number of function calls doubles at each step, making the computation infeasible for large  $n$ .

Redundant Computation: Many Fibonacci numbers get recomputed multiple times, leading to wasted effort.

## # Alternatives: Best practices

Memoization (Top Down DP): Store previously computed values to avoid redundant work, reducing time complexity to  $O(n)$ .

Bottom up DP: Compute Fibonacci iteratively, storing only the last two values also achieving  $O(n)$  time complexity.

Let's analyze and

2) ~~Analyzing~~. Consider each statement using asymptotic notation and limits

a) True or False :  $4^n$  is  $O(2^n)$ ?  $\Rightarrow$  False

We need to check if :

$$4^n = O(2^n)$$

Using the formal definition of Big-O :

$\exists c > 0, n_0$  such that  $4^n \leq c \cdot 2^n$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Rewriting  $4^n$  in terms of base 2 :

$$4^n = (2^2)^n = 2^{2n}$$

Thus we need to check if :

$$2^{2n} \leq c \cdot 2^n$$

Dividing both sides by  $2^n$  :

$$2^n \leq c$$

Since  $2^n$  grows unbounded as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  this inequality is false for any constant  $c$ . Therefore  $4^n$  is not  $O(2^n)$ .

b) True or False :  $\log n \in \Theta(\log_3 n)$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  True

We need to check if :

$$\log n = \Theta(\log_3 n)$$

using the definition of  $\Theta$  we need to show :

$$c_1 \cdot \log_3 n \leq \log n \leq c_2 \cdot \log_3 n$$

for some positive constants  $c_1, c_2$  and sufficiently large  $n$ .

Using the logarithm change of base formula :

$$\log_3 n = \frac{\log n}{\log 3}$$

$$\text{so, } \log n = (\log 3) \cdot \log_3 n$$

This shows :  $\frac{1}{\log 3} \cdot \log n \leq \log_3 n \leq \log 3 \cdot \log n$

since  $\log 3$  is a positive constant, we can take ( $c_1 = \frac{1}{\log 3}$ ) and  $c_2 = \log 3$  proving the asymptotic equivalence.

c) True or false  $\gamma_2 \log \gamma_2$  is  $\Theta(n \log n)$ ?  $\Rightarrow$  True

We need to check if :

$$\gamma_2 \log \gamma_2 = \Theta(n \log n)$$

Expanding :  $\gamma_2 \log \gamma_2 = \gamma_2 (\log n - \log 2)$

$$= \gamma_2 \log n - \gamma_2 \log 2$$

For Big-Theta, lower and upper bounds should be proportional to  $n \log n$ .

The dominant term is  $\gamma_2 \log n$ , which is clearly  $\Theta(n \log n)$ .  
Since  $\gamma_2$  is a constant, we also have  $\Omega(n \log n)$ .

Thus,

$$\gamma_2 \log \gamma_2 = \Theta(n \log n).$$

### Algorithm

```

public class Factorial {
    public static long recursiveFactorial (int n) {
        if (n==0 || n==1) { return 1; }
        return n * recursiveFactorial (n-1);
    }
}

```

### A) Worst-case Asymptotic Running Time (Using Guessing Method)

Recurrence Relation :

Let  $T(n)$  be the time complexity of recursiveFactorial(n)

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + O(1)$$

Expanding recursively :

$$T(n) = T(n-2) + O(1) + O(1)$$

$$T(n) = T(n-3) + O(1) + O(1) + O(1)$$

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$$T(n) = T(1) + O(n)$$

Since  $T(1)$  is constant  $O(1)$  we get :

$$T(n) = O(n)$$

Thus the worst case time complexity is  $O(n)$ .

### B) Proof of correctness (mathematical induction)

#### Base case

For  $n=0$  or  $n=1$ , the algorithm returns 1, which is correct because  $0! = 1! = 1$

#### Induction step:

Assume the algorithm correctly computes  $k!$  i.e recursive Factorial ( $k$ ) =  $k!$

For  $n = k+1$ :

$$\text{recursive Factorial } (k+1) = (k+1) \times \text{recursive Factorial } (k)$$

By the induction hypothesis

$$\text{recursive Factorial } (k) = k!$$

Thus,

$$\text{recursive Factorial } (k+1) = (k+1) \times k! = (k+1)!!$$

which matches the definition of factorial.

Since, both the base case and inductive step hold, the algorithm is correct by induction.

## Algorithm

```
public class Fibonacci {  
    public static long iterativeFibonacci (int n) {  
        if (n <= 1) { return n; }  
  
        long prev = 0, curr = 1;  
        for (int i = 2; i <= n; i++) {  
            long next = prev + curr;  
            prev = curr;  
            curr = next;  
        }  
        return curr;  
    }  
}
```

## Time complexity Analysis

The function iterates once from 2 to n, performing constant time operations inside the loop.

Loop Iterations =  $O(n)$

Operations per Iteration  $O(1)$

Overall Time complexity  $O(n)$  linear time

Unlike the recursive approach  $\Theta(2^n)$  this method is efficient and avoids redundant computations.



proof of correctness (mathematical induction)

Base cases:

For  $n = 0$ , the function returns 0, which is correct.  
For  $n = 1$ , the function returns 1, which is also correct.

Inductive step:

Assume for some  $k$ , the function correctly computes  $F_k$  and

$$F_{k-1}$$

For  $k+1$ :

$$F_{k+1} = F_k + F_{k-1}$$

since the loop maintains two variables tracking  $F_k$  and  $F_{k-1}$ ,  
at each step the computed value for  $F_{k+1}$  is correct.

Thus by induction the algorithm correctly computes Fibonacci  
numbers.

5) Let's use Master Theorem to solve the recurrence:

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

Step 1: Identify parameters in the Masters theorem

The recurrence follows the form,

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

where :

$a = 1$  (number of recursive calls)

$b = 2$  (subproblem size reduction factor)

$f(n) = O(n)$  additional work done outside recursion

$f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a})$

$\Rightarrow$  Step 2 : compare ( $f(n)$ ) with  $O(n^{\log_b a})$

The master theorem cases depend on the comparison between  $f(n)$  and  $O(n^{\log_b a})$ :

$$\log_2(2) = 0 \Rightarrow n^{\log_2 2} = O(n^0) = O(1)$$

Comparing  $f(n) = O(n)$  with  $O(n^0)$ :

$O(n)$  grows faster than  $O(1)$

$\Rightarrow$  Step 3 : Apply master theorem (case 2)

since  $f(n) = O(n)$  dominates  $O(n^{\log_b a})$  and satisfies the regularity condition  $aT(n/b) \leq cT(n)$  for some  $c < 1$ , we apply Case 2 of the Master Theorem

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n)$$

Thus

$$T(n) = \Theta(n)$$

the asymptotic running time is linear,  $O(n)$ ,

6) Binary search

Since the array is sorted, we can find the first occurrence of 1 using binary search in  $O(\log n)$ , instead of scanning the entire array.

```
public class CountZerosOnes {  
    public static int[] countZerosOnes (int [] A) {  
        n = A.length, left = 0, right = n-1;  
        while (left <= right) {  
            int mid = left + (right - left)/2;  
            if (A[mid] == 1) right = mid - 1;  
            else left = mid + 1;  
        }  
        return new int [] {left, n-left};  
    }  
}
```

Complexity

Time :  $O(\log n)$  binary search

Space :  $O(1)$  constant extra space

Since, the array is sorted the only necessary operation is locating the first 1. Binary search is the optimal way to do this in  $O(\log n)$ .