

Some solutions to Practice Questions. If the solution is not provided here, it is likely in the lecture slides or Midterm Review questions.

Algorithm Design (iterative and recursive)

Design algorithms for the following problems and represent them with flowcharts and pseudocode...

1. Design an algorithm that will search a list for a given number. The algorithm should takes a list of numbers, the length and the number you are looking for. If the number is found, the index it was found at should be returned, otherwise it will return a -1. Design both an iterative and recursive solution. Compare the runtime efficiency of the two.

Examples:

in list [1, 3, 5, 2] looking for 3 would return 1 since 3 is at index 1 of the list

in list [1, 3, 5, 2] looking for 7 would return -1 since 7 is not found in the list

iterative solution in lecture slides and midterm practice

recursive solution ($O(n)$):

```
find(array, length, val)
    if (length == 0)
        return -1
    else
        if (val == array[length-1])
            return length-1
        else
            return find(array, length-1, val)
```

2. Design an algorithm that takes a list of numbers and the length of that list as input. The algorithm should count the number of values in that list that are odd. The algorithm should return the number of odd values in the list. Design both an iterative and recursive solution. Compare the runtime efficiency of the two.

NOTE: You can assume there is function called **odd** that take a number and returns true if the number is odd and false if it isn't. You may call this function in your algorithm.

iterative solution ($O(n)$):

```
sumOdd (array, length)
    count = 0
    totalOdds = 0
    while (count < length)
        if (odd? (array[count]))
            totalOdds = totalOdds + 1
        count = count+1
    return totalOdds
```

recursive solution ($O(n)$):

```
sumOdd(array, length)
    if (length == 0)
        return 0
    else
        if (odd (array[length-1]))
            return 1 + sumOdd(length-1)
        else
            return sumOdd(length-1)
```

3. Design an algorithm that takes a number between 1 and 6 as input and rolls a dice over and over until the number rolled is the same as the input number. The algorithm should count and return the number of dice rolls it took to roll the input number.

NOTE: You can assume there is a function called rollDice that doesn't take any input but returns a random number between 1 and 6. You may call this function in your algorithm.

4. Design an algorithm that takes a list of numbers and the length of that list as input. The algorithm should find and return the biggest number in the list. Design both an iterative and recursive solution. Compare the runtime efficiency of the two.

NOTE: You can assume the list has at least one number in it.

iterative solution ($O(n)$):

```
biggest (array, length)
    biggest = array[0]
    count = 1
    while(count < length)
        if (array[count] > biggest)
            biggest = array[count]
        count = count + 1
    return biggest
```

recursive solution ($O(n)$):

```
biggest (array, length)
    if (length == 0)
        return the smallest possible number
    else
        biggestInRestOfList = biggest (length-1)
        if (array[length-1]) > biggestInRestOfList
            return array[length-1]
        else
            return biggestInRestOfList
```

5. Design a recursive algorithm that takes a binary tree and doubles every value in the tree.

```
doubleValues (tree)
    if (tree is empty)
        return
    else
        tree's node value = 2 * tree's node value
        doubleValues (tree's left)
        doubleValues (tree's right)
        return
```

6. Design a recursive algorithm that takes a binary tree and a number (n) and counts the number of nodes in the tree with values greater than n .

```
countGreater (tree, n)
    if (tree is empty)
        return 0
    else
        if (tree's node value > n)
            return ( 1 + doubleValues (tree's left)
                    + doubleValues (tree's right) )
        else
            return ( doubleValues (tree's left)
                    + doubleValues (tree's right) )
```