

Review Activity 7

Algorithmic Analysis

1) When a recursive function creates a very large call tree that is not collapsed over time, and that eventually crashes the program due to the lack of memory, this situation is referred to as:

- a. Super stack
- b. Stack magnification
- c. State explosion
- d. Heap exploitation
- e. None of the above

→ Stack Overflow

2) Suppose that the runtime efficiency of an algorithm is defined as the function $T(n)$, which is given below. Determine the algorithm's order of growth in terms of the Big-O notation by simplifying the expression. You do not have to provide a formal proof using the Big-O definition. You may find the following formula useful:

$$\text{useful: } \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{(n-1)n}{2}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (i+j) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (i+j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left[i \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} j \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left[i(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \right] \\ &= (n-1) \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i + \frac{n}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 1 \right] \\ &= (n-1) \left[\frac{(n-1)n}{2} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right] \\ &= (n-1)^2 n \\ &= n^3 - 2n^2 + n \\ &= O(n^3) \end{aligned}$$

3) If $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $g(n) = O(h(n))$ then it must hold that $f(n) = O(h(n))$.

True | False

$f(n) = O(g(n)) \rightarrow$ equal or slower than $g(n)$
 $g(n) = O(h(n)) \rightarrow$ equal or slower than $h(n)$

completing
 $h(n) \downarrow$
 $g(n) \downarrow$
 $f(n)$
 TRUE

- 4) Solve the given recurrence relationship for the runtime efficiency function $T(n)$ by unrolling the recurrence (use back substitution), and give $T(n)$'s order of growth in terms of the Big-O notation as a function of n .

$$T(1) = 4$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n-1), \text{ for } n > 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= 2T(n-1) \\
 &= 2(2T(n-1)) \\
 &= 2(2(2T(n-1))) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &= 2^i T(n-i) \\
 \text{let } i &= c, \text{ when } n-i = 1, \therefore c = n-1 \\
 &= 2^{n-1} T(1) \\
 &= 2^{n-1} \cdot 4 \\
 &= O(2^n)
 \end{aligned}$$

- 5) Suppose that the runtime efficiency of an algorithm is defined as $T(n)$, which is given below. Determine the algorithm's order of growth in terms of Big-O by simplifying the expression. You do not have to provide a formal proof using the Big-O definition, but you need to simplify the given expression and show simplification steps. You may find the following formula useful:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i = \frac{(n-1)n}{2}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} ij + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} 4 =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)n}{2} + 4n \\
 &= \frac{(n-1)n}{4} + 4n \\
 &= (n^2 - 2n + 1)n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 4n \\
 &= \frac{1}{4}n^4 - \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{4}n^2 + 4n \\
 &= O(n^4)
 \end{aligned}$$